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**BELLEFONTE**

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## The "Belle Fountain" Newsletter

### 2020 Census

The Belle Fountain  
Spring 2020

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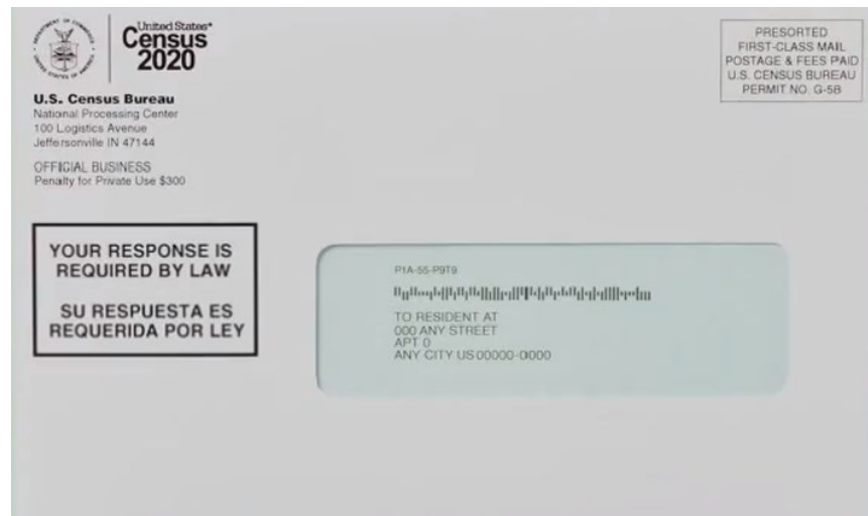
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Once every ten years, the United States counts every person residing in the country. This is the year! Census 2020 is here! The census includes every household in Bellefonte.

Throughout the country, April 1 is the designated day on which every person residing with you, even if only temporarily, is to be counted. This includes all newborn babies and children and anyone else who resides with you that day – including people (like foster kids or your parents) who might be temporarily residing with you.

Why is the census so important? The results are used to determine how much funding local communities, including Bellefonte, receive for key public services. Funding for such things as our roads, our police and fire departments, and our schools and hospitals are based on the Census. It also determines how many seats each state gets in Congress. State and local officials also use census counts to draw boundaries for congressional, state legislative, and school districts.

On or about March 15, every household should receive a postcard inviting you to fill out the Census on-line, by phone, or you can request a paper version. This postcard will contain a unique number so that the Census only counts people at your address one time only. So, don't lose the card! Getting a complete and accurate census count is critically important. If you do not respond to the postcard, the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up in person to collect your response.



No matter how you respond, your personal information is confidential. The Census Bureau is required by law to protect your answers. Your responses are used only to produce statistics. The Census Bureau does not disclose any personal information and it can never be used to identify you.

If you need assistance in filling out your Census form, Bellefonte Borough, the Centre County Library, and the YMCA have set up drop-in times to help you out.

- Bellefonte Borough Office, 236 W. Lamb Street, 8 am - 4 pm, M-F between March 15 and May 1
- Bellefonte YMCA, 125 W High Street, 8 am—noon, Thursdays & Fridays between March 19 and April 30
- Centre County Library, 200 N Allegheny Street, Saturday, March 21 and April 4, 11, 18 and 25 from noon until 5 pm AND on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between March 17 and April 30 from 6-8 pm

Thank you for being a good neighbor and for filling out your Census 2020 form.

## 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:

- 210 Melissa McCullough, Admin Assistant
- 211 Barbi Watson, Utility Billing
- 212 Lori McGowan, Accounts Payable
- 214 Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
- 215 Don Holderman, Asst Borough Manager
- 217 Kathy Stanton, Admin Assistant
- 218 Tom Wilson, Mayor
- 220 or 221 Public Works



**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 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.

**These meetings are open to the public.**

## Community Phone Numbers

YMCA of Centre County-  
Bellefonte Branch: 355-5551

Bellefonte Post Office:  
355-2821

Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority: 238-7005, 238-6649 (Recycling) or 800-605-6649(Report Illegal Recycling)

Centre County Can Help:  
800-643-5432

Centre County Library: 355-1516

Bellefonte Area School District Administration Office: 355-4814

Centre Tax Agency: 278-4709

Deb Burger, Tax Collector:  
353-0126

## Events Calendar

DATE (2019)	EVENT	LOCATION
April 4, May 2, June 13, July 11, August 1	Logan Fire Co Chicken BBQ	Logan Fire Hall (\$8 for Chicken Halves/ \$10 for a meal. Starts at 10AM until sold out)
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt	Talleyrand Park
April 24-25	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event	Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority, Transfer Road
May 2	Annual Watershed Cleanup Day	Contact Clearwater Conservancy @ 814-237-0400
May 15 & 16	Borough Yard Sale	Borough-wide
May 18-22	Bulk Waste Collection	On your regularly scheduled refuse pickup day
June 6	Children's Fair	Corner of E Curtin/Armor
June 13, June 27., July 11, July 25, August 8	Movies in the Park	Talleyrand Park (Gazebo Area)
June 7	Outdoor Adventure Expo	Talleyrand Park
June 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 18, 26; August 2 & 9	Concerts in the Park	Talleyrand Park (Gazebo Area)
June 19 & 20	Bellefonte Cruise	Downtown Allegheny/High St
July 12	Croquet Tournament	Talleyrand Park (Expanded Area)
July 31 & August 1	Arts & Crafts Festival	Downtown Allegheny/High St
September 12	Logan Firemen's Sesquicentennial Parade	High School to Howard @ N Allegheny St
October 31	Halloween Parade/Fall Festival	Starts at Elementary School to Courthouse (line up at 12:30 p.m.)
October 31	Trick-or-Treat at Downtown Businesses	Downtown Businesses (w/jack-o-lantern decoration on windows) Noon - 4:00 p.m.
October 31	Trick-or-Treat Night	Borough-wide 6pm to 8pm
November 26—January 1	Holiday Parking	Downtown
December 11 & 12	Victorian Christmas	Downtown

## 'DO NOT DISTURB' List

Borough § 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. 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.



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

## 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.*

## Utility Billing

The Bellefonte Borough has the capability to **email your utility bill** to you. If you are interested, please email Barbi Watson at the following address: [bwatson@bellefontepa.gov](mailto:bwatson@bellefontepa.gov) or call the Borough office at 355-1501 and ask for Barbi.

If you see this stamped in red on your water bill, please call the Borough Office immediately. Usually, this means your water meter is not working properly and needs maintenance. Please call to avoid receiving a bill that may be overestimated.

**PROBLEM WITH ACCOUNT  
CALL WITHIN 10-DAYS  
TO AVOID DISRUPTION  
OF SERVICE**

Utility bill payments may be made using a credit card on: [www.bellefonte.net](http://www.bellefonte.net). When using your credit card, there is a \$3 charge per every \$100 or portion thereof (i.e. if bill is \$125, a \$6 charge will be added to your credit card).

## Park Information

**Governor's Park:** Open Sunrise to 11 pm. The pavilions are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Family reunions, birthday celebrations, etc., enjoy the atmosphere of Governor's Park. Rental fees range from \$30.00 to \$45.00. For reservations, call the Borough office at 355-1501.

**Talleyrand Park:** Open 24/7. 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](http://www.bellefonte.net)). Talleyrand Park is non-smoking in cooperation with Young Lungs at Play.

**Masullo Park:** Open 24/7. Located on Reynolds Avenue.

**Waterfront:** Open 24/7. Located along Spring Creek between W Lamb St. and W High St.

**Krauss Park:** Open 24/7. Located on W Lamb St.

**All Borough parks are dog-friendly. Please remember to clean up**

## Forthcoming Downtown Parking Changes

As residents are aware, the Borough completed renovations in 2018 and 2019 to Municipal Lots A & H. In the year 2020, the Borough's plans are to perform some minor renovations to Municipal Lot D (Waffle Shop lot) by removing the single-space meters and adding three (3) KIOSKS similar to Lots A and H. Moreover, we plan to do some additional work along S Spring Street, such as curbing and sidewalk replacement, to provide a safer and aesthetically pleasing lot entrance. In addition to the Lot D renovation, we plan to replace and upgrade all of the single-space parking meters in downtown (with the exception of the "red" long-term meters). The reason for the parking meter upgrade is due to the current meters no longer being supported by the manufacturer and thus, you cannot purchase replacement parts. All of the new meters will accept credit cards with the exception of 15-minute parking, which will be coin-only. Some things to know that will be impacted by the meter changes: 1) All meters will accept quarters only; 2) all meters (except 15-minute meters) will accept credit cards; 3) All parking meters (except 15-minute meters) will be programmed for a two-hour maximum. If you use a credit card, there will be a one-hour minimum purchase for \$1 or \$2 for two hours. You will also be able to use quarters in 15-minute increments for up to two hours (using anywhere from one quarter (15-minutes) to eight quarters (two-hours)). We anticipate the meter installation to be completed by the end of April pending no further delays in shipment due to the coronavirus. The Lot D renovation will likely not be totally completed until September. The Borough is also planning to revisit the long-term parking (red meter heads) single-spaces later this year.

## Residential Utility Rates

(as of January 1, 2020)

- Water Consumption: \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons
- Water Flat: \$20 per quarter
- Sewer Flat: \$134.50 per unit per quarter
- Garbage Flat: \$60.80 per unit per quarter (times # of trash cans)
- Recycling: \$14.70 per unit per quarter

## 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.

## Residential Water Meter Replacement Project

The Bellefonte Borough Authority, the entity setting policy and rates for the water system, is replacing all residential water meters as they are past their useful life. Future upgrades will allow for improved leak detection and customer monitoring of water usage. There is no additional cost to each customer. Please call the borough office at 355-1501 to schedule a meter replacement appointment.

## Roads—Keep Them Clear!

Regardless of the time of year, please keep our roads clear of—your mowed grass, your raked leaves, your extra snow from your sidewalk and driveway, and your trash and recycling containers. These added extras can create hazardous driving conditions and can clog storm drains, causing damage to the roadway and/or private property. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Downtown Bellefonte Inc.

Downtown Bellefonte Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the economic growth of Bellefonte Borough's downtown. Most well-known for its signature events like Bellefonte Under the Lights, the Winter Market and the Outdoor Adventure Expo, DBI works to create activities and generate buzz within the community that directly affect business recruitment and growth. To join a committee, get involved with an event, or to help make an impact in some way, contact Downtown Bellefonte Inc. at [info@downtownbellefonteinc.com](mailto:info@downtownbellefonteinc.com).

## Recreational Fires

In the 2009 International Fire Code (Section 02.1) **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](http://ftp://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/ibr/icc.ifc.2009.pdf).

## Bellefonte Composting Site

Residents may know the Borough secured a \$350,000 grant in 2019 from DEP's Act 902 Recycling grant program. The Borough purchased a new leaf collection truck that will be utilized this fall. The truck was delivered at the end of December. Also, the Borough had an asphalt pad laid at the Musser Lane facility last August where we are now able to operate the windrow turner which will help in breaking down the compost more quickly. The final phase of this grant is to install a new electronic entrance gate. We are currently working with a local vendor and hope to have the installation completed by May 2020. At this point, we do not foresee any changes to the process other than possibly residents of Bellefonte Borough, Spring Township, and Benner Township picking up a card key rather than a lock-key from their respective municipal buildings. We hope to make this as smooth a transition for all as possible. The remaining funds will be used for surveillance cameras to ensure the site is being used ONLY for grass, brush, leaves, as well as tree trimmings and some trees that are cut up into reasonable sections.

## 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

Washing Machine	\$30.00	Mattress or Box Spring	\$20.00
Water Heater	\$30.00	Table	\$20.00
Dishwasher	\$20.00	TVs	\$20.00
Refrigerator	\$30.00	Microwave	\$20.00
Freezer (Freon must be drained)	\$30.00	Air Conditioner	\$20.00
Sofa/Couch	\$25.00	Bed Frame	\$20.00
Carpet Wet 9' x 12"	\$20.00	Door	\$20.00
Overstuffed Chair	\$20.00	Computer Tower or Monitor	\$20.00
Stove	\$30.00	Any desk	\$20.00
Dryer	\$30.00	Grill	\$20.00
Dresser	\$20.00	Dehumidifier	\$20.00
Toilet	\$20.00	Desktop Printer	\$20.00
Sink	\$20.00		

## Compost Facility (Musser Lane)

- ⇒ Residents and Commercial Haulers **can take** to the facility the following: Grass, Brush (3-4 foot lengths), leaves and wood chips.
- ⇒ Residents **only** can take the following to the facility: Cut up tree (3-4 foot lengths).
- ⇒ Residents and Commercial Haulers **cannot take** the following to the facility: railroad ties, concrete, stone.
- ⇒ Residents are allowed to take the following from the facility: pine mulch, regular mulch.
- ⇒ Commercial Haulers **must** go to the Bellefonte Borough office to pay tipping fees if taking trees to the facility. Tipping fees are: \$50 for single axle; \$75 for double axle.
- ⇒ There are designated areas for compost materials. Please follow the signage.
- ⇒ The new pad and security locks on the gate will be in place this summer.

*FYI: University Area Joint Authority (UAJA) will take trees directly as long as they are not pine trees.*

## Annual Bulk Waste Collection

Once a year the Borough holds a bulk waste collection week. It has been the week after the Bellefonte yard sales (May 15 & 16 this year). During this week, Borough customers are permitted to place bulk waste at the **CURB only** for pickup by Borough staff.

There will be no charge for this extra pickup service. The bulk waste 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 people to handle, construction material, paint cans and hazardous waste cannot be picked up during bulk waste collection. 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.

Consider donating home improvement items, building materials and supplies to ReStore, 1155 Zion Road, Bellefonte, PA.

**This year Bulk Waste Collection is May 18-22.**

## Ash Collection

As of January 1, 2018, ash is being collected with your trash. Please be sure that the ashes are **cold and fully extinguished** before placing them in your trash can. If you have any questions, please call the Borough office at 355-1501.

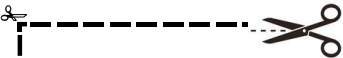
## Leaf Collection

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. Leaf collection ends the 2nd Friday in December, weather permitting.

## List of Acceptable Electronics for Recycling

- \* Desktop, Laptop & Server Computers
- \* Cell Phones/PDAs
- \* TVs & Monitors (CRT/LCD/LED/Plasma/ Flat Screen)
- \* Desktop Printers
- \* Desktop Copiers
- \* UPS Systems/Battery Backups
- \* Computer Peripherals (Keyboards, Mice, Speakers, etc.)
- \* PC Peripherals & Components (External/Internal Drivers/PC Cards/Hubs)
- \* Cables/Wiring

If your electronic item is not on the list above, it cannot be accepted for recycling and should be placed in your trash can.



CLIP AND SAVE!  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

HOLIDAY	NORMAL DATE FOR TRASH COLLECTION	ALTERNATE TRASH COLLECTION
Good Friday	Friday, April 10	Wednesday, April 8
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25	Wednesday, May 27
Independence Day	Friday, July 3	Wednesday, July 1
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 7	Wednesday, September 9
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11	Friday, November 13
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26	Wednesday, November 25
Christmas Holiday	Thursday, December 24	Tuesday, December 22
	Friday, December 25	Wednesday, December 23
New Years Day	Friday, January 1	Wednesday, December 30

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Collection will begin at 5AM on the Alternate 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. The only exception would be the first day of deer season if it is a Monday.

Brush and grass containers will **not** be collected on the Wednesday during a holiday week. Those Wednesdays include: April 8, May 27, July 1, September 9, and November 11.

The composting facility, located at 264 Musser Lane, is open on Saturdays April 4 through November 21. The hours are 8AM-11:45AM. The composting facility is available to all Borough residents for the disposal of leaves, grass or brush only (no concrete, stones, clean fill). A key is available at the Borough office Monday-Friday (a \$10 deposit is required).

### Brush/Grass Containers

### 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. Your trash billing will reflect however many trash cans you have x \$60.80 (the cost for refuse pickup of one can). 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.



The Borough offers grass/brush containers (for grass, brush, garden waste, and small sticks) for \$60.00. This fee must be paid before we drop off a container to your property. **Beginning January 1, 2020, there will be a \$10 fee charged each year per can for picking up grass/brush. Please come to the Borough office to pay this charge before the season begins and to get on the grass/brush list. The pick-up day is Wednesdays beginning April 1 and continuing through November 18.** Please contact the Borough if you would like a container. We will take the grass and brush to our compost facility and convert it into compost.

The Borough will continue 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.

**PLEASE remove your refuse container from the front of your residence and out of sight of the thoroughfare that 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). Pursuant to the Refuse Ordinance, the Borough can levy fines 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.

If you do not have a brush container, but do have brush that needs collected, please be sure to bundle it in **four 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.



When the Borough offices are going to be closed and there is a change in the refuse, brush and/or grass 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, brush and/or grass pickup schedule, and you want to begin to receive these calls, please contact the Borough office to be placed on this list., or go to our website ([www.bellefonte.net](http://www.bellefonte.net)) and sign up there.

## STEPS FOR SUCCESS THROUGHOUT THE HARB (HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD) PROCESS

1. Obtain a copy of the HARB Application at the Borough office (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM - except for designated holidays) at 236 W Lamb St. or at [www.bellefonte.net](http://www.bellefonte.net).
2. Talk with your architect or contractor about how the project should meet HARB requirements. If needed, call the Borough at 814-355-1501 to discuss or to schedule a preliminary review with HARB.
3. Review the checklist in the application. Determine what materials you will need to submit with the application. Drawings and photographs are always recommended.
4. Submit one copy of the completed application form and supporting documentation to the Borough. There is no fee for the application.
5. Attend the HARB meeting. The building owner or a designated representative must attend the meeting to present the application. The Historical Architectural Review Board will discuss the application and details of the work. They may recommend approval as presented, approval with conditions or denial, or they may table the application. Subsequent changes or additions to the application must be submitted for review at a future HARB meeting.
6. HARB's recommendation is forwarded to Borough Council for their next scheduled meeting. Council meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday of every month in the Borough Council Chambers.
7. Upon approval by Borough Council, a Certificate of Appropriateness will be issued, provided all required conditions have been met. A building permit may be obtained from the Centre Region Code Administration if the applicant has complied with all other pertinent Borough codes.
8. Inspections of the work may take place as per any applicable Building Codes and to verify compliance with the Certificate of Appropriateness.

### What is Subject to HARB's Review?

Only exterior changes visible from any public right of way fall under HARB's jurisdiction. Borough Council approval, via the HARB review process, is required for:

- New construction,
- Additions to, or alterations, restoration, renovation and rehabilitation of,
- Repairs to, & replacement of building components; e.g., roofs, windows, doors, exterior light fixtures, historic landscaping, and fencing
- New or revised signs or awnings,
- Relocation, demolition or razing.

**A HARB review may be required even if a Building Permit is not required under current building codes and Borough ordinances.** If in doubt, contact the Borough.

### What HARB Does Not Review

Interior changes are not reviewed. **A building permit may be required for work not subject to HARB review.** If in doubt, contact Centre Region Code Administration at 814-231-3056 for additional information.

### Submission Schedule

**Due Date:** Applications are due at least eight (8) calendar days prior to the next scheduled HARB meeting. The meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 8:30 AM and held in the Borough Council Chambers at 236 W Lamb St, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

**Timing:** HARB recommendations are forwarded to the next scheduled Borough Council meeting for a final decision. A Certificate of Appropriateness is required prior to the issuance of a building permit. For information on building permits, visit the Centre Region Code Administration website at [www.centreregioncode.org](http://www.centreregioncode.org).

### COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Q: What is the difference between an addition, alteration, repair or replacement-in-kind?

**A:** For purposes of this application, **Addition** is defined as new construction to the exterior of a building. **Alteration** involves making a change in the building's appearance which may affect its historical, architectural, or cultural significance. **Repair** is maintaining a building as it exists today by making it weather resistant and structurally sound. **Replacement-in-kind** reproduces, by new construction, the exact form and detail of a lost or deteriorated building part.

#### Q: How do I make sure that my project will get HARB approval?

**A:** HARB encourages any applicant to discuss his/her project, large or small, with the Review Board in the early stages of the design process—ideally before an architect or contractor is hired. HARB is available on an informal basis to provide feedback on projects. HARB encourages this kind of dialogue before substantial sums are paid drawing up plans and specifications. While this does not replace consultation with qualified architects or contractors, it can help to guide the work and make the historical architectural review process easier.

#### Q: When should I hire an outside professional?

**A:** The HARB Certificate of Appropriateness process does not require that you hire an outside professional to gain approval of your project. However, outside professionals can be helpful if your project is more than simple repairs or replacement of specific building elements with exact replacements.

#### Q: Is the architectural review process expensive and time consuming?

**A:** No. The key to a successful experience is preparation. Before spending money on architects or getting bids from contractors, review the application and informally discuss the project with the Review Board. If a contractor, architect, or sign professional is involved, be sure they have experience working in the historic district, and ask them to consult with HARB informally **before** beginning the design process or choosing new replacement materials such as doors, windows, roofing, or siding. Large projects may require more than one meeting.

#### Q: Who can help me?

**A:** HARB is willing to discuss the project informally. Please contact the Borough regarding your project ideas and to be placed on an upcoming meeting agenda.

#### Q: What documentation materials should be available for the HARB meeting?

**A:** Photographs of your building, as it exists, as well as any old photos that may be available to you will be immensely helpful. A site plan showing any expansions or additions and any drawings or sketches to help explain the proposed work, as well as samples of materials, if available, will assist HARB in reviewing your case properly.



Thinking About Taking on a Home Improvement Project Yourself?

**Let us help you get started with the Code permitting process.**

Centre Region Code Administration offers one-on-one meetings with homeowners who wish to perform home improvement projects without the assistance of a contractor. Please call or email to schedule an appointment: 814.231.3056 or

homeownermeetings@crcog.net

## Bellefonte EMS

Bellefonte EMS 2020 annual Ambulance Subscription 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. Non-emergency ambulance and Para-transit van transports are not covered under the subscription agreement. For more information, contact the EMS office.

## Trees

Trees that are between the sidewalk and the street and/or within the right of way are maintained by the property owner. These trees are regulated by Bellefonte Borough. If you would like a tree planted or cut down in this area, contact the Borough office at 355-1501, Ext. 215.

## 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

*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).

*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.

## C-NET



Bellefonte Borough Council Meetings and Work Sessions are cablecast on C-NET Channel 7 at the following times during the seven days following a meeting:

- Wednesday at 10 pm
- Saturday at 8 am
- Friday at 2 am and 6 pm
- Monday (of the week following a meeting) at 1 pm

In addition to the televised airings, all C-NET programs are also available to view online, on-demand at [cnet1.org](http://cnet1.org).

## Dog Ordinance

No person owning or having possession, care, custody or control of any dog within the Borough shall knowingly or unknowingly allow or permit any such dog to commit any nuisance and, more particularly and without limiting the generality thereof, allow any dog to excrete any feces upon any public property, including any sidewalk, street, road, lane or other public thoroughfare of the Borough, any public building or any public park or playground, or in or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of such property. Negligence of the owner or possessor of any such dog excreting feces upon any public property of the Borough or upon any private property within the Borough shall not constitute a defense to a violation of this section.

Any person owning, possessing or having the care, custody or control of a dog shall immediately remove all feces deposited by such dog and dispose of the same by any sanitary method. Disposal shall not be made on any public property of the Borough nor on any private property without the permission of the owner of such property. Disposal of any such feces in any public receptacle for trash or refuse upon the public property of the Borough is hereby expressly prohibited, unless such feces is enclosed in a sealed plastic bag. Further, any person owning, possessing or having the care, custody or control of any dog shall have a positive duty to take any reasonable and proper action to prevent any such dog from committing a nuisance in, on or upon any public property of the Borough or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of such property. Failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this section.

If the owner, possessor or person having the care, custody or control of any dog, which dog excretes feces on public property of the Borough or on any private property without permission of the owner, immediately removes and disposes of all feces so deposited by such dog in accordance with the above paragraph, such owner, possessor or person shall have an absolute defense to any violation charged under this paragraph.

## Bellefonte Borough "ABC" Vacancies

Below is a listing of Bellefonte Borough "ABC" vacancies. If interested in any of these vacancies, please go to our website for a volunteer application or come to the Borough office for one:

### Historical and Architectural Review Board (HARB):

There is currently one vacancy on this Board (preferably someone with architectural or historical preservation experience), with the term expiring on 12/31/2023.

### Civil Service Commission:

There is currently one alternate vacancy on this Commission.

### Housing Appeals Board:

There are currently two vacancies on this Board; both terms expire 12/31/24.

### Zoning Hearing Board:

There is currently one alternate vacancy on this Board, with the term expiring on 12/31/2021.

For more information regarding each of these vacancies go to <https://bellefonte.net/2020/bellefonte-borough-abc-vacancies/>.

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## Words from the Borough Manager

### Bellefonte – The Extraordinary Place

Extraordinary things are happening in Bellefonte! In November of 2019, Bellefonte came in fourth place as the safest place to live in Pennsylvania according to Homesnacks.net. In January of this year, Bellefonte came in second place for best places to live in Pennsylvania according to Patch.com. Plans are in the works to design and construct a visually attractive and PA Department of Environmental Protection-compliant cover over The Big Spring. Ribbon-cutting for an ADA-accessible fishing pier will take place on April 11 at Masullo Park. Construction of a new pedestrian walkway adjacent to Talleyrand Park's railroad bridge will start this summer. The first major commercial development in decades will soon be getting started along beautiful Spring Creek. The Gamble Mill has new life with renovations underway. New special events and improvements are being added to our public parks and downtown. All of the major public parking lots have electric vehicle charging stations. The public parking Lot D, better known as the Waffle Shop parking lot, will be upgraded later this year. All parking meters will soon be able to accept credit cards. Governors Park will soon have a new ADA-compliant restroom with others being planned. Financial resources are available for new playground equipment and the planning for implementation has begun. The compost facility at Musser Lane now has a blacktop pad for leaf material windrowing. Compost material will be available for residents. Residents are getting new water meters installed that will eventually allow each customer to monitor usage and be notified if there appears to be a leak.

Much of these efforts are provided by state grants, monies raised by community non-profits and in-house Borough employee labor. Additionally, a great deal of the planning, coordination and execution of these projects are done by volunteers! Much of what we have achieved is due to people who have given of their time and talents. I encourage everyone to take pride in saying you live, work, eat, shop, walk in Bellefonte!

Extraordinary things **are** happening in Bellefonte!



## Thank YOU For Recycling

Anything that can be recycled should be put in the red bin provided by the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority (located at 253 Transfer Road, Bellefonte). There is also a drop-off location for recycling in the Bellefonte Borough parking lot by CVS on High Street available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Items that are to be recycled 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.

**CCRA** CENTRE COUNTY RECYCLING & REFUSE AUTHORITY **RECYCLE**

**MIXED PAPER, PAPERBOARD, MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPER**  
*Must be bagged or bundled together or they will not be accepted. Bag shredded paper. Place inside bin.*

**PLASTIC - BOTTLES, JUGS & JARS**  
*Rinse containers. Lids and labels acceptable.*

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD**  
*Break down all cardboard boxes. Place beside bin.*

**GLASS - BOTTLES, JUGS & JARS**  
*Rinse containers. Lids and labels acceptable.*

**STEEL & ALUMINUM - CANS & FOIL**  
*Rinse and remove food residue. Labels acceptable.*

**NOT IN YOUR RED BIN**

- Batteries
- Styrofoam™
- Paper Plates/Cups
- Glassware/Ceramics
- Miscellaneous Plastics

**WHEN IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT**

814.238.7005  
www.centrecountyrecycles.org