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The "Belle Fountain" Newsletter



Borough Projects Scheduled for 2018

The Belle Fountain
 Spring 2018

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Talleyrand Park

During the next nine to twelve months, Talleyrand Park will be experiencing a number of project upgrades. In 2017, Bellefonte Borough received a C2P2 grant from the PA Department of Community and Natural Resources (DCNR). In conjunction with the Talleyrand Park Committee (a group of volunteers who committed \$21,000 in grant match money), the Borough committed to three projects: 1) the addition of 400' of stream-bank stabilization or in other words, the construction of a muddsill. If you have been to Talleyrand Park and you have seen the stream-bank near the playground, the exact same concept will be applied to the opposite side of Spring Creek from the suspension bridge to the railroad bridge; 2) the pergola, which sits at the end of the raceway on the brick pathway, will also undergo a makeover. The original pergola was originally constructed in the late 70's and is in need of repair; and 3) the Borough is also planning to add an ADA-accessible entrance path off of High Street across from Wine and Café on the Park. We anticipate the completion of these three projects by the Fall. Another project that the public will be seeing is an extension of the Train Station Platform and the construction of a walkway across the railroad bridge connecting both sides of Talleyrand Park. This work will include additional fencing along the railroad tracks and some guiderail along Potter Street. The Borough is working in conjunction with SEDA-COG Railroad on this project. We anticipate this project to begin sometime by mid-to-late summer with completion by early 2019.

Parking Lots A and H

Bellefonte Borough has been working with the ELA Group (Engineering Firm) to develop a new design for two of our municipal parking lots in the Borough. After advertising for bids, the Borough selected John Nastase Construction to complete the parking lot upgrades in Municipal Lot A (behind First National Bank) and Municipal Lot H (near CVS). The construction in Parking Lot A should begin in April with a completion date before June 10. Parking Lot H will begin later in the summer with a completion date of early Fall. Both lots will be repaved and the parking meters will be removed and replaced with kiosks. We are asking for public patience with the parking situation as it will create some inconvenience for a short period of time. Both lots are in desperate need of repair, and we are fortunate that we can proceed to make the lots more spacious, safe, and convenient for residents and all other users.

Spring Has Sprung! Learn How to Green Your Property for Clean Water

Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center to host free stormwater workshop in Bellefonte.

Student interns from the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center will host a free workshop for homeowners on **Tuesday, April 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm** at the **American Philatelic Society**, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA near Big Spring Spirits. **The event is free and refreshments will be provided.** Attendees will learn about stormwater runoff and how to implement simple, green practices on their own properties to better manage runoff while cultivating their yards. Landscaping with native plants will be emphasized, and practices like rain gardens, rain barrels, native meadows and riparian buffers will be discussed. "This is a great time to think about your spring landscaping plans," said Matt Royer, director of the AEC. "Our student interns will share tips and ideas about managing water on a property and how the use of native plants in landscaping can improve water quality, wildlife habitat, and beautify your home at the same time."

All attendees will receive a free Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater and learn how to use the guide to develop a plan for their own land. The workshop is co-sponsored by Borough of Bellefonte, Penn State Sustainability Institute, Clearwater Conservancy, Spring Creek Trout Unlimited, Spring Creek Watershed Commission, and the American Philatelic Society. There is no cost to attend, but registration is requested. To register, visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StormwaterWorkshop_4-18

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:

- 210 Helen Khodabandeh, Receptionist
- 211 Barbi Watson, Utility Billing
- 212 Lori Walker, Accounts Payable
- 214 Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
- 215 Don Holderman, Asst Borough Manager
- 216 Shannon Wright, Zoning/Planning/HARB
- 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 and are open to the public.



Events Calendar

DATE (2017)	EVENT	LOCATION
April 21	Annual Watershed Cleanup Day	Contact Clearwater Conservancy @ 814-237-0400
April 27-28	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event	Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority, Transfer Road
May 5	Gun Drawing	Undine Fire Co.
May 5, June 9 & August 4	Logan Fire Co. Chicken BBQ	Logan Fire Hall (\$6 for Chicken Halves/\$8 for a meal. Starts at 10AM until sold out)
May 19	Big Spring Festival	Talleyrand Park
May 18 & 19	Borough Yard Sale	Borough-wide
May 18-19	Relay for Life	Governors Park
May 21-25	Riff Raff Week	On your regularly scheduled refuse pickup day
June 2 (rain date June 3)	Children's Fair	Corner of E Curtin/Armor
June 8 & 9	Old House Fair	Match Factory
June 15 & 16	Bellefonte Cruise	Downtown Allegheny/High St
June 16	Dubois All American Race	Curtin St to Howard St on Allegheny St (Noon until 6:00 p.m.)
July 29 (rain date Aug 5)	Croquet Tournament	Expanded area of Talleyrand Park
August 10 & 11	Arts & Crafts Festival	Talleyrand Park
October 27	Halloween Parade	Starts at Elementary School to Court-house (line up at 12:30 p.m.)
October 27	Trick-or-Treat at Downtown Businesses	Downtown Businesses (w/jack-o-lantern decoration on windows) 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
October 31	Trick-or-Treat Night	Borough-wide
November 22-January 1	Holiday Parking	Downtown
December 7-8	Victorian Christmas	Downtown

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

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 or call the Borough office at 355-1501 and ask for Barbi or Kathy.

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

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

and needs maintenance. Please call to avoid receiving a bill that may be overestimated.

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

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.

Reminder from the Fire Department



Test the smoke alarms in your home once a month. Replace the batteries once a year.

A home fire can happen at any time. The following can help you be prepared:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement and outside all sleeping areas. This simple step cuts your family's risk of dying in a fire nearly in half. Test smoke alarms monthly, and change the batteries once a year or when the alarm chirps. Don't disable smoke alarms, even for a short time. Ask your local fire department for tips on where to place smoke alarms in your home. Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years. Consider using voice smoke alarms. These alarms allow you to substitute your own voice for the alarm sound. They are helpful because many children don't wake up to the sound of a regular smoke alarm.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas. Be aware that carbon monoxide is a byproduct of smoke that can be deadly. It's a gas that you can't see, smell, or taste. Consider buying a combination smoke alarm/carbon monoxide detector.
- Keep fire extinguishers in the home in accessible locations, especially in the kitchen. Check usage dates to make sure they are not expired. Use fire extinguishers only when the fire is in a contained area and is not spreading (otherwise, you should focus on getting out of

the home). Train adults to use fire extinguishers. (Children should focus on getting out of the home during a fire.) If you live in an apartment, talk to your landlord about where smoke alarms are and how often they are tested. Also, ask about fire extinguisher locations and emergency exit routes.

Note from Police Department

The Bellefonte Borough Police Department has been the recipient of so many acts of kindness in the 2017 year and again so far in 2018. We are extremely grateful. The generosity and kindness are by no means taken for granted or overlooked. With the generous donations our department has been able to upgrade some much needed equipment, thus freeing up our budget allotments for other areas. We have been able to purchase educational and public relations items for children, flashlights for our officers, night vision sites, sturdy cases for equipment, additional and replacement AED's for our cruisers, and many other items.

Our main goal is to ensure a safe and healthy community in which to live, visit, and work.

While the donations and monetary assistance has enhanced our equipment greatly, the support from the local businesses, clubs, agencies and citizens, and the backing we have from our community, is what is most gratifying and meaningful to our department. Again, we say a very heartfelt THANK YOU.

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: Located on Reynolds Avenue.

Waterfront: Located along Spring Creek between W Lamb St. and W High St.

Krauss Park: Located on W Lamb St.

All Borough parks are dog-friendly. Please remember to clean up after your pet.

Bellefonte EMS

Bellefonte EMS Annual Ambulance Subscription for 2018 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](tel:8143552907). 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 our 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.

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

REFUSE/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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 are also drop-off locations for recycling between Burger King and M&T Bank on Bishop Street and 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.



For more information go to www.centrecountyrecycles.com. If you have any questions about recycling, or need a bin, call the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority at 238-6649 or 238-7005.

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.

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	Printer	\$20.00
Sink	\$20.00		



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) and sign up there.

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 cause clogged storm drains and can make for hazardous driving conditions. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Annual Riff Raff Week

Once a year the Borough holds a riff-raff week. It has been the week after the Bellefonte yard sales (May 18 & 19 this year). During this week, Borough customers are permitted to place "riff raff" at the **CURB only** for pickup by Borough staff. 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 21-25.

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.

Reminder

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.



CLIP AND SAVE!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

HOLIDAY	NORMAL DATE FOR TRASH COLLECTION	ALTERNATE TRASH COLLECTION
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28	Wednesday, May 30
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4	Thursday, July 5
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 3	Wednesday, September 5
Veterans Day	Monday, November 12	Wednesday, November 14
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 22	Wednesday, November 21
Christmas Holiday	Monday, December 24	Wednesday, December 26
	Tuesday, December 25	Thursday, December 27
New Years Day	Tuesday, January 1	Wednesday, January 2

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 except Monday, November 26, when they are closed and we are not.

Brush and grass containers will not be collected on the Wednesday during a holiday week. Those Wednesdays include: May 30, July 4, September 5 and November 14.

The composting facility, located at 264 Musser Lane, is open on Saturdays April 7 through November 17. 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).

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 \$67.75 (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.



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

Brush/Grass Containers

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. **There will be no additional fee for picking up grass/brush and the pick-up day will be Wednesdays beginning April 4 and continuing through November 14.** 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.

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.

C-NET: Connecting You and Your Local Government



When it comes to receiving information, advances in technology, especially in the “media landscape” affect us all. Most people are getting their news and information from a wide variety of sources now, including print, TV, online, and through social media. The constant flow of information about national politics can be overwhelming, but reliable information about your local government may be harder to find.

That is one reason why C-NET coverage is so important to local communities. Our coverage of Bellefonte Borough Council and the Bellefonte Area School Board of Directors is “gavel to gavel,” providing residents with complete information about legislation, developments, and initiatives affecting them where they live. There is no substitute for being able to watch full and complete deliberations, and C-NET’s mission is to provide citizens with the information they need to fully participate in their local government.

Beginning with the meeting of March 19, 2018, C-NET will be providing coverage of Bellefonte Borough Council Work Sessions in addition to the regular meeting coverage. Work Sessions are important because they often include special presentations about upcoming projects, as well as the opportunity for Council to have more in-depth discussions than in regular meetings. C-NET appreciates the Bellefonte Borough Council’s commitment to government transparency and to keeping citizens informed and engaged.

Bellefonte Borough Council meetings and Work Sessions are cablecast on C-NET Channel 7 at the following times during the six days following a Monday night meeting:

Wednesday at 10 pm
Thursday at 6 am and 1 pm

Friday at 6 pm
Sunday at 7 am

In addition to the televised airings, all C-NET programs are also available to view online, on-demand at cnet1.org. Online meetings are “bookmarked” by agenda items, so that viewers may click on an agenda item of interest to them and be taken directly to that point in the meeting. C-NET programs are also available to view via the Roku set-top box or streaming stick.

In addition to meetings, C-NET is pleased to cover a wide variety of local events in the community. Bellefonte School District concerts, military history lectures, public issues forums, high school sports, Penn State lectures, and other events are recorded, televised and web streamed by C-NET throughout the year.

For residents who would like to receive notice when programs are available to view online, C-NET is pleased to offer an “Email Notification Service.” Simply email Executive Director, Cynthia Hahn, at chahn@cnet1.org and indicate for which programs you would like to receive notice.

The program schedules for C-NET Channels 7 and 98 are posted on the Channel 7 and Channel 98 Bulletin Boards, as well as on cnet1.org. For more information about C-NET’s programming, or other services to Bellefonte Borough, visit cnet1.org, call the C-NET office at (814) 238-5031, or email cnet@cnet1.org.

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.

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.

Poll Workers

The Centre County Elections Office is in need of registered voters to serve as Election Officials in Precinct 4, Bellefonte Southeast, Faith United Methodist Church, for the May 15, 2018, General Primary. Training and compensation is provided.

For more information, please contact Jodi at 814-355-6703 or jlnedd@centrecountypa.gov.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)

Being an owner of a house or property in the Bellefonte Borough Historic District is an investment in both the past and the future. As a caretaker of the property, you are charged with maintaining its historic details and architectural features. The Bellefonte Historic District ordinance was adopted in 1970 to protect the district's distinctive historic character and feel. By encouraging maintenance, sensitive alterations, and appropriate new construction that maintains the feel of the district, design review in a local historic district helps protect and enhance property values.

In an effort to help maintain the character and feel we have come to love, the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) and its consultant review exterior alterations visible from the public right-of-way. Prior to any project beginning, an application must be submitted to the HARB consultant for review. There are two levels of review and permitting, based on the nature of the project. Regular maintenance projects where the color, size, texture, shape, and composition of building materials remain unchanged and projects that will result in minimal changes to the property, typically only require administrative approval. However, larger projects which will result in noticeable change to a property will likely require review by the HARB board. HARB also reviews property features including signs, awnings, fences, walls, sheds, decks, pools, sidewalks, driveways, and all other built features of a property. In order to maintain accurate files and ensure proper review, an application always needs to be filed and reviewed for any exterior project visible from the public right-of-way.

We are happy to offer technical assistance, answer questions, and help you formulate the best way to preserve your historic property. The HARB consultant is available for consultations prior to submitting an application. Discussion items are also welcome at the board meeting to help with preliminary planning or offer solutions.

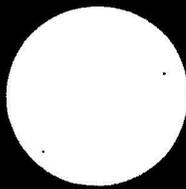
The board meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Borough building at 236 W. Lamb Street. To be placed on the agenda for an upcoming meeting, applications must be received, with all supplemental information included, by noon on the Wednesday before the meeting. For more information, go to www.bellefonte.net or contact Shannon Wright, the HARB consultant, at swright@bellefontepa.gov or 355-1501, extension 216.

Zoning

With the longer days and warmer weather of spring comes summer projects. Do not forget that many projects to the exterior of your property require a zoning permit. Zoning permits are required for, but not limited to, decks, sheds, fences, swimming pools, and signs. Construction cannot begin until the permit is received. To help with planning, the application fee is \$50 and permits can take up to a week to be issued. For more information, go to www.bellefonte.net or contact Shannon Wright at swright@bellefontepa.gov or 355-1501, extension 216.

BelleKey

The Bellefonte Keystone Community Development Association (BelleKey) is a non-profit organization that focuses on economic vitality in downtown Bellefonte. They are dedicated to helping business arrive and thrive in 21st Century Bellefonte while preserving, protecting, and utilizing Bellefonte's historic architecture and heritage, and organizing town-wide initiatives that invite residents and visitors alike to discover all that Bellefonte has to offer. BelleKey's facade grant program, business incubator SpringBoard, and First Sunday initiative are just a few of the ways they have worked to revitalize the community. Look for more initiatives in the coming months and if you would like to know more or get involved in the various committees, contact Shannon Wright, Keystone Community Coordinator, at swright@bellefontepa.gov or 355-1501, extension 216.



WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE

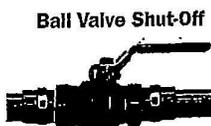
Hang this tag on your main water shut-off valve

In the event of an emergency, it might be necessary to turn off the main water valve in your home. It's 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 Shut-Off



Gate Valve Shut-Off

'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.



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Words from the Borough Manager

Don Holderman, the Assistant Borough Manager, and I had the opportunity to teach newly elected officials classes earlier this year for the PA State Association of Boroughs. What stands out and makes these classes great is the enthusiasm that each person brings to the class. Citizens who want to see their community become a better place decided to get involved. One older man told us his campaign slogan was "if I win, I win. If I lose, I win." It isn't easy to put yourself out there, to spend hours in meetings working through the development of a new policy, or to argue for maintaining services when costs continue to rise. Bellefonte is fortunate in that we have always had interested citizens who were willing to fill council seats and work to make Bellefonte the best place it can be. This is not the case in many boroughs across the state. Some boroughs have long-standing council seat vacancies and/or are working to reduce the number of seats on council.

If you have ever thought about getting involved in local government, please consider these points. No matter what walk of life you are from, you have experiences and insight that is valuable. Chances are you have the most important attributes – perseverance, enthusiasm, and integrity. The giving of your time will give you the return of making Bellefonte a better place.

Thank you,
Ralph Stewart

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