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The "Belle Fountain" Newsletter

Borough Projects Scheduled for 2019

The Belle Fountain
Spring 2019

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Compost Facility at Musser Lane

In March 2019, Bellefonte Borough received a \$350,000 grant from DEP for its recycling efforts. The grant will assist the Borough with the purchase of a new leaf collection truck, the addition of an asphalt pad at the composting site at Musser Lane to allow the Borough to place the compost in wind-rows, and to add some security features, including a new entrance gate at Musser Lane. Residents should be aware of the fact these efforts will be underway this summer and to anticipate and account for possible changes to dropping off your brush and grass. Please make sure to look for directional signage if you see any construction or gate installation. If scheduling goes accordingly, we hope to have the upgrades completed by the end of September. We do not

anticipate the new leaf collection truck to be delivered until after the season, so you will not see it until the fall of 2020.

Parking Lot D and Metered Parking Downtown

The Borough may finish its parking meter upgrades this summer. This will include the removal of all the parking meters in Parking Lot D (Waffle Shop parking area) and replaced with three parking kiosks. In addition, the Borough is looking into replacing all of the on-street parking meters with new parking meter heads. Once completed, all of the parking meters in downtown will accommodate credit cards. The need to update our parking meters is in part due to the current parking meters being so outdated that parts are not manufactured for them anymore.

Single-family Homes' and Rental Homes' Porches

Please note Bellefonte Borough's Code Officials will be more diligent this spring and from here on regarding single-family homes' and rental homes' porches not being used for storage. If you are currently using your front porch for storage of material typically found in a garage, basement, or attic, you have thirty (30) days to remove it, otherwise, you will be receiving a letter from Centre Region Code Services mandating you remove the material. Please note we are not talking about porch chairs, etc. This ordinance is directed at 5-10 homes whose porches are used as storage, would be considered unreasonable, and are an eyesore to a neighborhood.

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.
- ⇒ In 2019 there will be designated areas for waste.
- ⇒ 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.

Have You Thought About a Cat House?

It's probably not what you think. Think of a home that would take in stray cats and while they are waiting for adoption, cat lovers could stop in and visit with the cats and if local codes allow, have coffee or tea with them. The idea supposedly started in the Asian countries and is now in a handful of U.S. cities. Maybe the idea could be expanded to a cat-lovers bed and breakfast? The operation is funded through day, week, month and year-long memberships. Local cat lovers stop in, as well as those who are in the area, for a visit. Let's face it, there are a lot of people who love cats. Stray cats can be a problem for any community and this might be a way for a non-profit or cat-loving homeowner to provide a valuable service and have some positive cash flow. Is a cat house in your future? If you think you might be interested, contact the Borough office at 355-1501.

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 Melissa McCullough, Admin Assistant
- 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.

These meetings are open to the public.



Events Calendar

DATE (2019)	EVENT	LOCATION
April 6, May 4, June 1, August 3	Logan Fire Co Chicken BBQ	Logan Fire Hall (\$6 for Chicken Halves/\$8 for a meal. Starts at 10AM until sold out)
April 20	Annual Watershed Cleanup Day	Contact Clearwater Conservancy @ 814-237-0400
April 20	Easter Egg Hunt	Talleyrand Park
April 26-27	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event	Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority, Transfer Road
May 11	Big Spring Festival	Talleyrand Park
May 17 & 18	Borough Yard Sale	Borough-wide
May 20-24	Bulk Waste Collection	On your regularly scheduled refuse pickup day
June 1	Children's Fair	Corner of E Curtin/Armor
June 1, 15, 29; July 13, 27; Aug 10; Sept 7	Movies in the Park	Talleyrand Park (Gazebo Area)
June 9	Outdoor Adventure Expo	Talleyrand Park
June 9, 16 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11	Concerts in the Park	Talleyrand Park (Gazebo Area)
June 14 & 15	Bellefonte Cruise	Downtown Allegheny/High St
July 6	Logan Firemen's Parade	High School to Talleyrand Park
July 21 (rain date July 28)	Croquet Tournament	Talleyrand Park (Expanded Area)
August 2 & 3	Arts & Crafts Festival	Downtown Allegheny/High St
October 26	Halloween Parade/Fall Festival	Starts at Elementary School to Courthouse (line up at 12:30 p.m.)
October 26	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 22-January 1	Holiday Parking	Downtown
December 6-7	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 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 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.

Fire Drills - Be Prepared!

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Even young children (3 and older) can begin to learn what to do in case of a fire.

- Install at least 1 smoke alarm on every level of your home.
- Have an escape plan and practice it with your family. This will help you and your family reach safety when it counts. When a fire occurs, there will be no time for planning an escape.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Discuss with your family 2 ways to exit every room. Make sure everyone knows how to get out and that doors and windows can be easily opened to permit escape. If you live in an apartment building, never use an elevator during a fire. Use the stairs!

- Agree on a meeting place. Choose a spot outside your home near a tree, street corner, or fence where everyone can meet after escaping. Teach your children that the sound of a smoke alarm means to go outside right away to the chosen place.
- Know how to call the fire department. The fire department should be called from outside using a portable phone or from a neighbor's home. Whether the number is 911 or a regular phone number, everyone in the family should know it by heart. Make sure your children know your home address, too. Teach your children that firefighters are friends and never to hide from them.
- Practice, practice, practice. Practice your exit drill at least twice a year. Remember that fire drills are not a race. Get out quickly, but calmly and carefully. Try practicing realistic situations. Pretend that some exits or doorways are blocked or that the lights are out. The more prepared your family is, the better your chances of surviving a fire.

Note: Parents of very young children or children with special needs should have a safety plan that fits their child's needs and abilities. For example, a child who is hard of hearing or deaf may need a smoke alarm with a flashing strobe-light feature. Parents with children younger than 5 years must plan on an adult rescuing them in the case of a house fire; they are too young to be able to reliably rescue themselves.

Notes from the Police Department

Phone numbers to access in order to get the proper and quick response needed:

- EMERGENCY—911
- NON-Emergency—1-800-479-0050 (for reporting incidents that are not life threatening in nature). This is the same dispatch center as 911 but this number does not tie up the emergency lines. PLEASE call this number to report an incident that will need police contact that is NOT an emergency.
- ADMINISTRATION—814-353-2320 (for the Bellefonte Borough Police Department administrative office). This is the number to call to leave a message for or speak with an Officer during regular business hours or to ask questions. This number goes to our office and not the dispatch center. After 4:30 p.m. and when the office is closed, this number rings over to the NON-emergency line.

**As a note, there is only one administrative assistant. When she is out of the office, the office MUST remain locked and closed. This is due to the placement of the drug drop-off box in the lobby. Emails and phone messages are monitored and returned as soon as possible.

Police Department Warming Tree: This year more people used the items on our Warming Tree than last year. We are glad to provide these items to those who are in need. However, we do not do this alone. So many talented and generous people kept the tree well-stocked. There were 1) children who worked with their Grandma to put together comfort packs for the homeless and supplied fleece throws, 2) talented women and men who knitted and crocheted so many hats, scarves and gloves, and many individuals who brought in hats, gloves, scarves, socks and throws that they purchased. We planted this tree, but all of you have helped it grow and have taken wonderful care of it. Our residents, business owners and civic organizations have always been supportive of and generous to our Police Department, and for that we are grateful. Bellefonte truly is a kind and caring community in which to live, work and visit. Our Department is "BELLEFONTE PROUD!"

Bellefonte EMS

Bellefonte EMS 2019 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 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 <http://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/ibr/icc.ifc.2009.pdf>.

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.

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 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.



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
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

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



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.

Residential Utility Rates

Water Consumption: \$5.70 per 1,000 gallons

Water Flat: \$20 per quarter

Sewer Flat: \$131.50 per unit per quarter

Garbage Flat: \$57.80 per unit per quarter (times # of trash cans)

Recycling: \$12.30 per unit per quarter

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 17 & 18 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.

This year Bulk Waste Collection is May 20-24.

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 27	Wednesday, May 29
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4	Wednesday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 2	Wednesday, September 4
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11	Wednesday, November 13
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28	Wednesday, November 27
Christmas Holiday	Tuesday, December 24	Thursday, December 26
	Wednesday, December 25	Friday, December 27
New Years Day	Wednesday, January 1	Thursday, 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. 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: May 29, July 3, September 4 and November 13.

The composting facility, located at 264 Musser Lane, is open on Saturdays April 6 through November 23. 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 \$57.80 (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.



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 3 and continuing through November 21.** 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: Part of a Great Community



The charms of the Borough of Bellefonte are appreciated daily by Borough residents. The beauty of Talleyrand Park, the Victorian architecture, the newly renovated waterfront, and the quaint and unique shops in Bellefonte's downtown. Bellefonte is a great community, and many people have worked hard in the past, and continue to work hard, to keep it that way. It takes years of thoughtful planning with devoted elected officials, an excellent professional staff, and engaged residents to imagine and support an excellent quality of life in their community. C-NET would like to believe that it is one of the organizations that contributes to the strength of the community, and we are grateful for the support that we receive from Bellefonte Borough.

The mission of C-NET is to support government transparency and an informed, engaged citizenry. Bellefonte Borough has embraced the spirit of transparent and open government by having the meetings and work sessions of the Bellefonte Borough Council recorded, televised and made available for citizens to view online. Meetings online are "book marked" by agenda item. Online viewers may simply click on an agenda item of interest to them and be taken directly to that point in the meeting.

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
Friday at 2 am and 6 pm

Saturday at 8 am
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. 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.

C-NET also provides coverage of a variety of meetings of interest to Bellefonte Borough residents including the Bellefonte Area Board of School Directors, the Centre County Board of Commissioners, and the Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization. In addition to meetings, C-NET is proud to cover a wide variety of local events in the community. Bellefonte School District concerts and sporting events, military history lectures, Penn State lectures, community forums, and other events are recorded, televised and web streamed by C-NET throughout the year.

For residents who would like to receive immediate notification when certain 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 the programs for which you would like to receive notification. You will then receive the direct link to those programs as soon as they are available to view online.

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.

Park Information

Governor's Park: 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: 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.

Historical 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 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. This year, HARB updated their application in an effort to streamline the process. While much of the process remains unchanged, one change you will notice is a new phased review process for new construction and large projects. This is a three-step process that considers the project through its development and allows developers and the HARB board to work closely together. The other two review levels remain unchanged. 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, normal 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. No matter the level of review your proposed project requires, an application always needs to be completed and reviewed prior to work beginning.

A few other changes were implemented in 2019 we want to make you aware of. The first change is that meeting packets are now presented at the meeting via PowerPoint. To aid in public awareness of the agenda items, that PowerPoint and agenda will be posted on our website one week in advance of a meeting. To assist with this, applications are now due by 4:00 p.m. twelve days before a meeting.

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 4:00 p.m. twelve days prior to 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 typically take a week to be issued, but may take up to 30 days. For more information, go to www.bellefonte.net or contact Shannon Wright at swright@bellefontepa.gov or 355-1501, extension 216.

DOWNTOWN BELLEFONTE, INC.

Downtown Bellefonte, Inc. (DBI) is the non-profit organization that administers the Borough's Main Street program. It primarily focuses on economic vitality in downtown Bellefonte. DBI is dedicated to helping business arrive and thrive in 21st Century Bellefonte while preserving, protecting, and utilizing Bellefonte's historic architecture and heritage, organizing town-wide initiatives that invite residents and visitors alike to discover all that Bellefonte has to offer. DBI's business incubator SpringBoard, Friday in the 'Fonte, Bellefonte Under the Lights events, and Chalk the Walk are just a few of the ways they have worked to revitalize the community this past year. 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

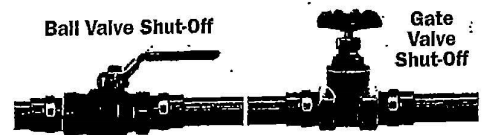
Hang this tag on your
main water shut-off valve

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.



'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

While many small towns across Pennsylvania are struggling to stay alive, Bellefonte has many signs of a vibrant and healthy life.

The Waterfront and Business Districts show incredible potential for new development with a hotel and mixed-use condominium building in the works. The new walkway along Spring Creek between High and Lamb Street will remain in Borough ownership for all to enjoy. The Gamble Mill has a sales agreement on it with another party waiting in the wings should something fall through. The former National Guard Armory property along Zion Road is zoned for commercial use and has great potential. For the Armory, Borough Council and the Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority are looking for the right development that can add value to the Borough's tax base and be unobtrusive to the neighborhood and entrance into the downtown. Compliance with historical covenants on this property is also a key factor in any future plans.

Our parks are seeing improvements with a new ADA walkway and fishing pier coming to Masullo Park and a renovated ADA accessible restroom coming to Governors Park. We are seeing more special events, festivals and weddings in our downtown and parks each year.

There continues to be a willingness to volunteer and serve by citizens. As long-time volunteers decide to reduce their volunteer hours for one reason or another, new volunteers are getting involved. This brings new energy, creativity, and enthusiasm. We still have challenges and it is great to see people work together to overcome them.

Thank you for anything you do to make Bellefonte a better place to live, work and play.

Ralph Stewart

Paving a Way for Talleyrand Park

Purchasing an engraved brick will help support the Park Committee's ongoing improvements. Your brick—personalized with the name and message selected for yourself or loved one—will be part of Talleyrand's ongoing history.



- Create a permanent place in the community for yourself, your children or grandchildren
- Promote your business and show community support
- Memorialize a lost loved one
- Honor a soldier or serviceperson

Funds raised during this event will be used to support future improvements to Talleyrand Park. Bricks to be installed near waterfall viewing area, behind the gazebo.

(Donations for bricks are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.)

Order online at talleyrandpark.org

Want to pay by check? Contact talleyrandpark@gmail.com or 814-852-8995.