

The "Belle Fountain" Newsletter



The Belle Fountain Spring 2021

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Parking Update

As many residents are aware, Bellefonte Borough has been in a phased upgrade of its downtown parking. The first phase was Municipal Lots North, South, and West where we had some construction upgrades completed and kiosks added. We still have unfinished work to do in the South Lot that will likely not occur until 2022. This will include new sidewalks on S. Spring St. and W. Bishop St. and curbing along Cherry Lane next to the Municipal Lot. Also, we upgraded the on-street parking meters to allow for the use of credit cards. We are working on finding a phone app that will allow for touchless payment with the goal of implementing that phase by early summer 2021.

Finally, we have eliminated the long-term "red-meters" and have replaced them with permit parking effective March 1, 2021.

There are three types of permits: 1) Residential (R); 2) Commuter (C); and 3) Resident-Commuter (RC). These permits can be purchased on the Borough's website at www.bellefonte.net or at the office. Online purchases must be made on a monthly basis but you can set it up to be a recurring payment. The online purchases do have an additional fee of \$2.50 per transaction but it is there as an option for your convenience. If you purchase at the Borough Office, you may purchase up to a yearly permit. Residents and visitors may still park in these spaces for free for up to an hour. If you have any questions, please contact the Borough at 355-1501.

LARGE VEHICLE/RV ORDINANCE

Borough Council recently modified its Large Vehicle/RV (Recreational Vehicles, Trailers etc.). Effectively immediately, there shall be no parking these vehicles anywhere on the Borough's on-street parking areas. For parking RV's, trailers, boats, etc. on personal property, that is permissible as long as the home-owner complies with the Borough's zoning regulations. For current residents, that for whatever reason, cannot physically meet the zoning requirements, you shall be grandfathered from this change. Your current Large Vehicle/RV or a replacement vehicle of the same or smaller footprint-size can be grandfathered in as long as you live in your current residence if you owned this vehicle <u>prior</u> to January 1, 2021. The changes specifically relate to complying with set-backs. Any resident considering the purchase of a large recreational vehicle, please make sure that you will be able to meet the zoning guidelines or you will have to store your vehicle somewhere other than on your property. If you have any questions pertaining to this ordinance, please contact the Borough's Zoning Officer at 355-1501.

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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

216 Planning/Zoning HARB Administrator

217 Alyssa Doherty, 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.



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 (2021)	EVENT	LOCATION
April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, September 16, October 16, November 20*, December 11* *Weather Permitting	Undines Fire Co Chicken BBQ	Undines Fire Hall (\$7 for Chicken Halves/ \$10 for a meal. Starts at 10AM until sold out) May 1 Gun Drawing
May 1, June 5, July 10, August 14 & September 4	Logan Fire Co Chicken BBQ	Logan Fire Hall (\$8 Chicken Halves/\$10 for a meal. Starts at 10AM until Sold out)
April 24	Annual Watershed Cleanup Day	Contact Clearwater Conservancy @ 814-237-0400
April 30 & May 1	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event	Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority, Transfer Road
May 14 & 15	Borough Yard Sale	Borough-wide
May 17-21	Bulk Waste Collection	On your regularly scheduled refuse pickup day
June 5	Children's Fair	Talleyrand Park
June-August	Movies in the Park	Talleyrand Park (Gazebo Area) Saturday Evenings
June 18 & 19	Bellefonte Cruise	Downtown Allegheny/High St
August 8 Rain date August 15	Croquet Tournament	Talleyrand Park (Expanded Area)
September 3	Bellefonte Under the Lights	Talleyrand Park or Waterfront
October 3	Outdoor Adventure Expo	Talleyrand Extended Area
October 30	Halloween Parade/Fall Festival	Starts at Elementary School to Courthouse (line up at 12:30 p.m.)
October 30	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 25-January 1	Holiday Parking	Downtown
December 10 & 11	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

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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.

Downtown Bellefonte Inc.

Downtown Bellefonte Inc. is an organization that cares about improving the quality of life in Bellefonte. We care about our local community and work to promote the importance of investment on the local level to grow our economy and make Bellefonte be a place that people want to come to do business, patronize and live. Your support makes that all possible! Interested in how you can get involved or become a business or neighborhood supporter? Reach out to jennilyn@downtownbellefonteinc.com

Please visit https://downtownbellefonteinc.com for up to date event information.

Friday in the 'Fonte Summer Series:

There will be free music and activities for the entire family!

- May 28th_ featured band, Hops & Vines
- June 25th_featured band, JT Thompson
- July 30th_featured band, Biscuit Jam Duo + Chalk the Walk Event
- Sept. 24th_featured band, Anchor & Arrow Duo

Bellefonte Under the Lights Waterfront Dinner (Sept. 3rd)

This is a night of communal outdoor dining, created to celebrate what DBI loves most about Bellefonte: our vibrant businesses, gorgeous waterfront and friendly neighborhood communities.

Outdoor Adventures Expo (Oct. 3rd)

This is a free-admission, regional event to promote naturebased tourism and commerce, with the added benefit of promoting health benefits of getting outside.

Bellefonte Gateway Cleanup with Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block Program (Oct. 15-Oct. 16)

Community clean-up of the Benner Pike entrance to Bellefonte and Spring Township.

Park Information

<u>Governor's Park</u>: 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.

<u>Talleyrand Park</u>: 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 (<u>www.bellefonte.net</u>). 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

Christmas Tree Donation

The Bellefonte Borough would like to thank Harry McClenahan and his late wife Alice McClenahan of Centre Hall for their generous donation of the Christmas Tree displayed in the diamond during the 2020 Christmas season.

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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.

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 Ext. 211.

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. 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).

Residential Utility Rates

(as of January 1, 2021)

Water Consumption: \$5.75 per 1,000 gallons

Water Flat: \$20 per quarter

Sewer Flat: \$139.50 per unit per quarter

Garbage Flat: \$60.80 per unit per quarter (times # of

trash cans)

Recycling: \$15.75 per unit per quarter

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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.

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Washing Machine	\$35.00
Water Heater	\$35.00
Dishwasher	\$25.00
Refrigerator	\$35.00
Freezer (Freon must be drained)	\$35.00
Sofa/Couch	\$30.00
Carpet Wet 9' x 12"	\$25.00
Overstuffed Chair	\$25.00
Stove	\$35.00
Dryer	\$35.00
Dresser	\$25.00
Toilet	\$25.00
Sink	\$20.00

Mattress or Box Spring	\$25.00
Table	\$25.00
TVs	\$35.00
Microwave	\$25.00
Air Conditioner	\$25.00
Bed Frame	\$20.00
Door	\$20.00
Computer Tower or Monitor	\$25.00
Any desk	\$25.00
Grill	\$25.00
Dehumidifier	\$25.00
Desktop Printer	\$25.00
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Compost Facility (Musser Lane)

- ⇒ Residents and Commercial Haulers <u>can take</u> 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 <u>cannot take</u> the following to the facility: railroad ties, concrete, stone.
- $\Rightarrow \;\;$ Residents are allowed to take the following from the facility: pine mulch, regular mulch.
- ⇒ Commercial Haulers <u>must</u> 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.
- \Rightarrow There are designated areas for compost materials. Please follow the signage.
- ⇒ The upgraded security is now active. Currently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic precautions, the facility is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, on Fridays from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and on Saturdays beginning April 3, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.

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 14 & 15) 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 17-21.

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.

HOLIDAY

NORMAL DATE FOR TRASH COLLECTION

ALTERNATE TRASH COLLECTION

Good Friday	Friday, April 2	Wednesday, March 31
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31	Wednesday, June 2
Independence Day	Monday, July 5	Wednesday, July 7
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 7	Wednesday, September 8
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11	Wednesday, November 10
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25	Wednesday, November 24
Christmas Holiday	Thursday , December 23	Wednesday, December 22
	Friday, December 24	Wednesday, December 22
New Years Day	Friday, December 31	Wednesday, December 29

Collection will begin at 5AM on the Alternate Days. To avoid being missed, refuse <u>must</u> 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: June 2, June 30, September 8, and November 10.

The composting facility, located at 264 Musser Lane, is open on Saturdays April 3 through November 20. 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 Borough offers grass/brush containers (for grass, brush, garde

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.

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.

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, 2021, there will be a \$15 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 7 and continuing through November 17. 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.



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.

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

- 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.
- 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 a \$25.00 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.
- 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.
- 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.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

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



homeownermeetings@crcog.net

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.

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.

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

Yourself?

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.

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:

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 12/31/2024.

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

The last year has been marked by uncertainty and in many cases loss. My heart goes out to all who experienced loss in any form – missed in-person visits, financial and the passing of loved ones. The Borough has worked to provide the core services such as police, water, sewer, refuse collection, street repair and snow removal with little or no interruption. We have tried to keep up with both taking your calls and inquiries while continuing to providing information to you. I am very proud of the front-line borough staff for their dedication and perseverance during this unprecedented time. We were a strong community before the pandemic and we will be even stronger after it is all over! Take care!

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.

Ralph Stewart