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The Borough of Bellefonte Newsletter ■ Spring 2022

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Historical Architectural Review Board

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

The Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) was established to review the alteration of buildings in the Historic District. They are an advisory board and make recommendations, based on the Secretary of the Interior Standards, to Borough Council for approval on any exterior changes. By encouraging appropriate alterations and new construction that fits in with existing

buildings, design review in a local Historic District helps protect and enhance property values. In addition to being a locally designated and regulated Historic District, Bellefonte's Historic District is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This designation assists in preserving historic properties by recognizing their significance and providing honor to the community. HARB reviews exterior changes visible from any public right of way on all properties in the Historic District, even if the property is vacant or contains buildings that are not historical. Changes to property features include signs, awnings, fences, walls, decks, pools, sidewalks and all other built features of the property, as well as changes to the building itself. For more information please visit the Borough's Website at www.Bellefonte.net or by calling Gina Thompson HARB Administrator at (814)355-1501 ext. 216 or email gthompson@bellefontepa.gov.

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.

Community Phone #'s

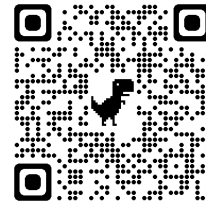
- YMCA of Centre County- Bellefonte Branch: (814)355-5551
- Bellefonte Post Office: (814)355-2821
- Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority: (814)238-7005 or Recycling: (814)238-6649
- Centre County Can Help: 800-643-5432
- Bellefonte Police Department: (814)353-2320
- Centre County Library: (814)355-1516
- Bellefonte Area School District Admin Office: (814)355-4814
- Centre Tax Agency: (814)278-4709
- Deb Burger, Tax Collector: (814)353-0126

How to Contact Us

Bellefonte Boroughs address is 236 W. Lamb Street
Bellefonte, PA 16823. Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM.

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

- 210 Melissa McCullough, Administrative Assistant
- 211 Barbi Watson, Utility Billing
- 212 Lori McGowan, Accounts Payable
- 214 Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager
- 215 Don Holderman, Assistant Borough Manager
- 216 Gina Thompson, Planning/ Zoning HARB Administrator
- 217 Alyssa Doherty, Assistant to the Borough Manager
- 218 Buddy Johnson, Mayor
- 220 or 221 Public Works



Events Calendar

DATE (2022)	EVENT	LOCATION
April 16	Easter Egg Hunt	Talleyrand Park
April 29 & 30	Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event	Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority, Transfer Road (by appt only)
April 30	DBI Fling in the 'Fonte	Downtown
May 13 & 14	Borough Yard Sale	Borough-wide
May 16-20	Bulk Waste Collection	On your regularly scheduled refuse pickup day
June 4	Children's Fair	E. Curtin & Armor St
May 27, June 24, July 29, Sept. 30, Oct. 28	DBI Friday in the 'Fonte	Talleyrand Park
June 17-18	Bellefonte Cruise	Downtown Allegheny/High St
July 2	Logan Fire Company Parade	Downtown and Talleyrand Park
August 5 & 6	Bellefonte Arts & Craft Fair	Downtown
September 2 & 3	DBI Bellefonte Under the Lights	Talleyrand Park or Waterfront (Ticketed Event)
October 2	DBI Outdoor Adventure Expo	Talleyrand Extended Area
October 31	Trick-or-Treat Night	Borough-wide 6pm to 8pm
Nov. 24-Jan. 1	Holiday Parking	Downtown
November 26	DBI Shop Small Crawl	Downtown
December 9 & 10	Victorian Christmas	Downtown
December 11	DBI Winter Market	Talleyrand Park

C-NET: Part of a Great Community

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, web streamed live and made available for citizens to view online on-demand.

The work sessions and regular meetings of the Bellefonte Borough Council are streamed LIVE on C-NET's Youtube

Channel: [CNETCentreCounty](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNETCentreCounty). The recorded meetings are televised on C-NET Channel 7 at the following times during the six days following a meeting:

Wednesday at 9:30 PM
Thursday at 2:00 AM
Saturday at 8:00 AM
Sunday at 4:00 PM

All C-NET programs are also available to view online, on-demand at www.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 also provides coverage of a variety of meetings of interest to Bellefonte Borough residents including the Bellefonte Area School Board and the Centre County Commissioners. In addition to meetings, C-NET is proud to cover a wide variety of local events including BASD concerts and sporting events, military history lectures, and local community festivals.

For residents who would like to receive 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.

For more information about C-NET's programming schedule, or other services to Bellefonte Borough, please visit cnet1.org, call the C-NET office at (814)238-5031, or email cnet@cnet1.org. It continues to be a pleasure to serve the elected officials, staff and residents of Bellefonte Borough.

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 (814)355-1501, Ext. 215.

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When the Borough offices are going to be closed or 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.

'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.

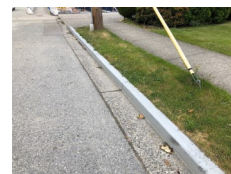


Bellefonte EMS

Bellefonte EMS 2022 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 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.

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.



CLIP AND SAVE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

HOLIDAY	NORMAL DATE FOR TRASH COLLECTION	ALTERNATE TRASH COLLECTION
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Good Friday	Friday, April 15	Wednesday, April 13
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30	Wednesday, June 1
Independence Day	Monday, July 4	Wednesday, July 6
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 5	Wednesday, September 7
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11	Wednesday, November 9
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24	Wednesday, November 23
Christmas Holiday	Friday, December 23 Monday, December 26	Wednesday, December 21 Wednesday, December 28
New Years Day	Monday, January 1	Wednesday, December 29

Collection will begin at 5:00 AM on the Alternate Days. To avoid being missed, refuse must be out the night before after 6:00 PM.

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.

Refuse Containers

The refuse crew will not collect trash in any can other than the Borough-issued cans. Extra garbage cans may be purchased for \$60. Your trash billing will reflect however many trash cans you have x \$60.80 (the cost for refuse pickup of one can). If you do not have a Borough-issued garbage can, please contact the Borough office. When you move, the refuse container is to stay with the property. If your container is missing or stolen, there will be a replacement charge of \$60.00 per can.

PLEASE remove your refuse container from the front of your residence and out of sight of the thoroughfare that fronts your property by 7:00 PM 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 (814)355-1501.

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.

Thank YOU For Recycling



Anything that can be recycled should be put in the red bin provided by the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority. 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, call the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority at (814)238-6649 or (814)238-7005.

Annual Bulk Waste Collection

Once a year the Borough holds a bulk waste collection week. 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 16-20.

Ash/ Leaf Collection

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 (814)355-1501.

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.

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Brush/Grass Containers

Yard Waste pickup for the season will begin April 6, 2022, and will end on November 16, 2022.

If you wish to have grass and/or brush collection this season and already have a container, please mail or drop off the payment in the drop-off box at the main entrance door of the Bellefonte Borough no later than March 31, 2022. If payment is not received, the borough will assume pickup is not necessary this season.



The Brush/Grass will “not” be picked up the following Wednesdays, due to Holidays: April 13, June 1, July 6, September 7, and November 9.

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 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.

If you currently do not have a Yard Waste container please contact the Borough office at (814)355-1501 to be added to the Wait List. No payment is necessary to be added to the Wait List at this time.

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 (814)355-1501 between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. If items are not individually priced, the base rate is \$36.00 for the first eight minutes and \$4.50 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. For a complete list of items and fees please visit our website at www.bellefonte.net.

Downtown Bellefonte Inc.

Downtown Bellefonte Inc. (DBI) is 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.



Part of an economic development initiative through Downtown Bellefonte Inc., SpringBoard aims to encourage entrepreneurship and the start of new businesses while fostering collaboration with community members. SpringBoard provides low or no cost resources, support and workshops to the business community. Whether you're starting a new business and just want to speak with a consultant, or want to learn the ins and outs of your business finances, SpringBoard work with you to provide a helpful solution. For business owners, remote workers or freelancers that need a quiet and professional space to get some work done, SpringBoard offers coworking options.

For information on the latest happenings, follow Downtown Bellefonte Inc. on Instagram and Facebook, @downtownbellefonte @bellefontespringboard.

Park Information

Governor's Park: Open Sunrise to 11:00 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 \$35.00 to \$50.00. For reservations, call the Borough office at (814)355-1501.

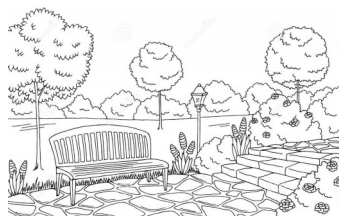
Talleyrand Park: Open 24/7. The park can be rented for weddings and other celebrations. For more information contact the Borough office At (814)355-1501 or go to our website (www.bellefonte.net).

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 after your pet and all parks are non-smoking.



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 12/31/2026.

For more information regarding each of these vacancies go to <https://bellefonte.net/government/authorities-boards-and-commissions/vacancies-authorities-boards-and-commissions/>.

Zoning Information

Spring and summer are prime time for house projects. Any project that includes an extension, alteration, or erection of any structure, or a change of use of a property requires zoning approval. Normal maintenance activities and minor repairs do not require a permit. You can obtain a zoning permit application at the borough office or online at bellefonte.net.

Common projects requiring a zoning permit:

- Installation of a fence
- House addition
- Accessory structure, such as a garage or shed
- Keeping of chickens
- Rental housing (including short-term rentals)
- Home occupation
- New business
- Installation of signs

Residents can review the Borough Zoning Ordinance online at the borough website or at <https://ecode360.com/14493756>.

If you are unsure if your project requires a zoning permit, call Gina Thompson, Zoning Administrator at (814)355-1501 ext. 216.



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

Centre Region Code Administration offers one-on-one meetings with homeowners who wish to perform home improvement projects without the assistance of a contractor. Please call or email to schedule an appointment: 814.231.3026 or homeownermeetings@crcog.net

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/>.

Memo from the Bellefonte Police Chief

When seconds count. Imagine a loved one in need of emergency medical or police assistance. You call 911, give the operator your information, address and the nature of the problem. The operator hangs up, dispatches the appropriate agencies for emergency response to your address. You are expecting a quick response. The officers head to your location but cannot find your location because there is no house number visibly attached to the dwelling. They eventually locate you, however they could have been there seconds before, which sadly in some cases can make the difference between life and death. Nothing can be more frustrating to everyone involved, than not being able to get to an emergency in a timely manner.

Please help first responders to help you! Make sure that your residence is identified by its house number. It is required by borough ordinance and can save a life!

Bellefonte Compost Facility

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

The upgraded security is now active. Currently the facility is open Monday through Thursday from 6:00 AM to 2:00 PM, on Fridays from 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and on Saturdays beginning April 2, 2022, from 8:00 AM until 11:45 AM.



Residential Utility Rates

(as of January 1, 2022)

Water Consumption:	\$5.75 per 1,000 gallons
Water Flat:	\$20 per quarter
Sewer Flat:	\$139.50 per unit per quarter (up to 27,000/gal)
Garbage Flat:	\$60.80 per unit per quarter (times # of trash cans)
Recycling:	\$15.75 per unit per quarter

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.

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 small processing fee. **ACH coming soon! Amount due can be automatically deducted from your bank account quarterly. Contact the Borough for more information.**

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 water meter is located and on top of the meter head there is a little red dial. If it is moving, it is indicating there is still water going through the meter, which usually indicates a water leak. If the red dial is not moving, all is well!
- Do you hear water running?

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



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Words from the Borough Manager

In life we face many storms. How do we make it through? We focus on the good things in life – our faith, family, friends, coworkers, and our community! We are blessed to have it all here in Bellefonte! We are on the verge of getting through the storm of COVID-19 and there are blue skies ahead!

There is positive activity in the works – special events, economic development, and growing interest in living, working, and visiting our healthy and walkable community. Behind the scenes, the borough staff keeps the public services operating – water running, wastewater treated, streets cleaned, etc. We strive to be as effective and efficient as we can with the resources we have. If you are experiencing a problem with a public service, please let me know. The best way to contact me is through email. I can be reached at rstewart@bellefontepa.gov. It is great to live and work here in Bellefonte! Thank you!

Ralph Stewart

Dog Ordinance Reminder

No person owning or having possession, care, custody or control of any dog within the Borough shall allow any dog to commit any nuisance and, more particularly and without limiting the generality thereof, allow any dog to excrete any feces upon any public or private property. 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 or 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 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 ordinance.

For more information please contact the Borough office at (814)355-1501 or visit <https://ecode360.com/14488670>.