



BERWICK BOROUGH NEWSLETTER: SPRING 2010

The Spring newsletter has a lot of information that will assist you in knowing the happenings in the Borough. We encourage you to take advantage of these events and services.

2010 Dumpster Day Saturday, May 22, 2010 8AM – 1PM

It's back. Because of the tremendous demand in 2008 and 2009, the Borough is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Dumpster Day on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 8am to 1pm at Test Track Park. Start thinking about some of the things you might want to dispose of. There will be certain limitation on what we will accept. For example, we **will not accept** food waste for this event. We **will not accept** any hazardous chemicals, vehicle fluids, or wet paint. (We will accept dried paint). There will be a small charge for certain items. Tires will cost \$2 each. Anything with Freon in will cost \$15. Vehicle batteries will cost \$2. There will be no charge for all other items. You must have your identification with you. **We will only accept items from residences within the Borough limits. You must use the entrance on S. Eaton Street by Kmart to enter the park. We will not allow you to use the Warren Street entrance!** More details will be released on our website and the Press Enterprise as the time nears. If you don't hear anything, don't be afraid to call Andrew at City Hall and ask questions!

The Borough is Offering a Free Texting and Email Alert Service:

Despite advertising the snow removal alert in the Press Enterprise, on WNEP TV, on WYLN TV, on WHLM, and on the Borough website, a number of residents complained that they were not aware that the alert was in effect. Therefore, we have researched another useful tool to help inform our residents of

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alerts, emergencies, and announcements regarding the Borough.

The Borough is now enrolled in a program called Nixle. It is a program that will allow people to receive cell phone texts and emails when there are alerts in the Borough. Therefore, when the snow removal ordinance is in effect, residents that are signed up will receive an alert. We will also use this service to make announcements such as upcoming events, concerts, emergencies, road closures, and other alerts. The program is free. It simply requires that you sign up for it online. If you do not have a computer, feel free to stop at City Hall. We will help you set up your account. Here's how to enroll in the program. Remember, other than the cost of standard texting, this is FREE!

1. Go to www.nixle.com. Click on "Residents Sign Up Now".
 2. Enter a username, password, your full name, email address, and your cell phone number. Click continue to go to the next screen.
- *Very soon, you will receive a text on your cell phone from a number 888777. You need to hit reply to the text, and type "Yes" and send it back. This will set up your cell phone. If you don't do this, you won't receive texts.*
3. Enter your address and click continue
 4. On the next screen, you could refer this to your friends or simply click "Skip & Finish".
 5. Enter your age, gender, household number, and occupation. (This data is not important, but required for their program). Click on "Go to Nixle"
 6. On the next screen, towards the bottom right side, click on "Search for Agencies, Community Groups, & Neighbors"
 7. On the next screen, type in "Borough of Berwick" and click Go!
 8. On the last screen, click the box that says "Subscribe to Borough of Berwick, PA."

Spring Brush Drop-Off, Pick-Up, Fall Brush and Leaf Pick-Up, Drop-Off, and Christmas Trees: Keep These Dates in Mind!

- **Spring Brush Pick-Up: April 26th – 29th:** Brush MUST be at CURBSIDE in front of your home. Limbs cannot be larger than 8" in diameter. The 1st Ward will be Monday, the 2nd Ward on Tuesday, the 3rd Ward on Wednesday, and the 4th Ward on Thursday. All brush must be out no later than 7am the day of pick-up. If you miss the pick-up, you can drop off at Test Track Park on Tuesdays.
- **Brush, Leaf, Grass Clipping, and Recycling Drop-Off:** We have expanded our times and months for brush drop-off!
- From April – October, you can drop off recyclables, yard waste, and brush from 1:00PM – 7:00PM every Tuesday at the site at Test Track Park. You can **ONLY** drop off in that location on those days. If you dump in any other location, we will have you arrested, as this seems to be an ongoing issue in the Borough. The site will also be open on the 1st Saturday of the month during the months of June, August, September, October, and November from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. We will only accept yard waste and brush at that time. Recycling can only be dropped off on Tuesdays.
- From November – March, the site will be open every Tuesday from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM for recycling, brush, and yard waste drop-off.
- **Fall Brush Pick-Up: October 25th – 28th:** Brush MUST be at CURBSIDE in front of your home. Limbs cannot be larger than 8" in diameter. The 1st Ward will be Monday, the 2nd Ward on Tuesday, the 3rd Ward on Wednesday, and the 4th Ward on Thursday.
- **Fall Leaf Pick-Up: November 8th – 19th:** The Borough will be picking up bagged leaves at curbside during these dates. Leaves can also be raked out into the curb as well.
- All leaves must be in front of your home no later than 7am. Pick-up will be in the 1st Ward on Monday, 2nd Ward on Tuesday, 3rd Ward on

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Wednesday, and 4th Ward on Thursday.

- If the truck is running behind, do not call City Hall. They will get to you. If you rake your leaves to the curb, be aware of your surroundings. If there is a car near the leaves, the sweeper cannot pick them up. If there is a tree overhead, the sweeper cannot pick them up. They need to be raked to an area that is free of trees and vehicles.
- All bagged leaves must weigh 50lbs or less. If your bags weigh more than 50lbs, we will not pick them up. If you miss the truck, you can drop off your leaves at the Test Track on Tuesdays.
- **Christmas Tree Pick-Up: January 10th – 13th:** The Public Works Department will pick up Christmas Trees this week. They will pick up in the 1st Ward on Monday, 2nd Ward on Tuesday, 3rd Ward on Wednesday, and 3th Ward on Thursday. If you miss the pick-up, you can drop your tree off at Test Track Park on Tuesdays. Additionally, there will be a \$50 fee for anyone who leaves nails or any other debris in the trees that may be harmful to the borough's chipping equipment.

Street Sweeping Hours are in Effect:

Be sure to follow the street sweeper hours posted on your street. Some streets do not have posted hours and will be swept as time allows. We will do our best to advertise ahead of time for these streets. However, parking restrictions will be enforced on marked streets with signage posted. Street Sweeping takes effect on April 5th.

What is going on in the Borough?

It has been an exciting time in the Borough. There are a number of large expansions in the Borough, with the addition of a new bank, the Chestnut Street additions, the Briar Manor additions, the YMCA expansion, and the Good Avenue houses being constructed. The Borough is also in the middle of several large projects. The 100 block of Mulberry Street will be

reconstructed in the next few weeks. There will be an **Open House at the new City Hall on May 1st**. On the same day, there will be an Open House at the Jackson Mansion as well as a concert on the lawn at the Jackson Mansion to celebrate the new City Hall and the developments towards transforming the mansion into a museum. Look in the events section for more details. The Borough is also in the planning stages of further developing Test Track Park, is playing host to the **1st Annual Bass Tournament and Festival** at Test Track Park this year, the **2nd Annual Civil War Reenactment** at Test Track Park and is working very closely with the Blue Print Community to help revitalize the LaSalle Street Neighborhood area. In addition, the Borough has been working closely with BAJSA and PennDot in preparation for a major stormwater separation and street reconstruction of Front and Second Streets from borough line to Borough line, which is scheduled to take place in the Summer of 2011.

Here is a list of events coming up in the Borough this Spring and Summer:

- April 17th: YMCA Healthy Kids Day at Ber Vaughn Park. United Way Day of Caring at Ber Vaughn Park. Opening Day of Little League at Ber Vaughn Park.
- May 1st: New City Hall Open House: 1pm. Jackson Mansion Open House: 3pm. Concert by DYN (formerly Black Creek) on the Jackson Mansion lawn: 5pm.
- May 15th: Family Fishing Day at PPL Lake. Look at our website for registration details.
- May 22nd: 8am – 1pm: Dumpster Day – Test Track Park
- July 12th – 13th: Columbia County Bass Tournament and Festival, which includes crafts, a concert, food, and other vendors – Test Track Park. Check the website for details. Don't miss this event!
- June 26th – 27th: 2nd Annual Civil War Reenactment – Test Track Park: crafts and food will be available. Don't miss this wonderful event depicting our American history! Check out our website for details.
- July 4th: Celebration at 10:30am at Jackson Mansion. Concert at 7pm and Fireworks at dusk!

- August 14th: Defenders Hose Company Summer Fest. Watch our website and the newspaper for details.
- Every Wednesday: Bingo at Eagles Hose
- Every Thursday: Bingo at Defenders

Summer Concerts Schedule:

Concerts will be played at the Jackson Mansion every Thursday beginning at 7pm, unless otherwise noted. There will be no concert the week prior to July 4th, as the concert will be on July 4th.

- May 1: DYN (formerly Black Creek): classic rock: 5pm
- May 27: The Shoreliners: wide variety / polka
- June 3: Berwick High School Jazz Band, Swing Choir, and Modernairs
- June 10: Elks Pet & Toy Parade / Kid's Night: carnival night: 6pm
- June 12: *Test Track Park* 5:30pm: Like Father Like Son: Blue Grass
- June 17: Gift, Troutman, & Gift
- June 24: It Take Two: sounds from the Mudflaps
- July 4: RUTHY STOCK and Fireworks at dusk. In addition, at 10am, the annual July 4th celebration will occur at the Jackson Mansion.
- July 8: The Legends: 50's and 60's Oldies
- July 15: Stanky and the Coal Miners: polka
- July 22: Joe Lapchak: singing DJ
- July 29: Stained Grass Window: blue grass
- August 5: Summer Cooperative Musical Ministry and J.I.G.S.: gospel: 6pm
- Aug 12: Covert Action: a dynamic mix
- Aug 19: Country Memories: country
- Aug 26: The Sounds of Music: big band
- Sept 2: Ice Cream and Cake Festival: 6pm. Brian Martin: Elvis impersonator: 7pm

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN THE BOROUGH OF BERWICK. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO GET UPDATES AND NEWS:

www.berwickborough.org

ALSO, CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK ON THE "BERWICK BOROUGH'S OFFICIAL PAGE" AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER.

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Property Maintenance

It is that time of the year when you need to mow the grass on a consistent basis. Please remember, grass may not exceed 8 inches in height. Additionally, properties are to be kept in a clean, orderly, and sanitary condition. Failure to follow these guidelines set forth in the Property Maintenance Code will result in a citation. If you have questions, please contact the Codes Office. If you see a property that is not maintained, please contact the Codes Office. Dumpster Day is the perfect opportunity to dispose of any junk that may get you into trouble in the future.

Our Website is Finished!

The Borough website, www.berwickborough.org, is completely finished. Among the new highlights include a new Fire Department page as well as a Police Department page. In each page, you will see different fire and crime prevention tips, as well as other important information. In the Police page, you can check out the active warrant list of people that are wanted by the police for one reason or other. There is a contact section where you can send an anonymous email with crime tips or location tips of the whereabouts of people on the warrant list.

The Recycling Corner



WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling in the Borough of Berwick is the law and like other laws carries penalties when violated. We are **mandated** to recycle through PA Act 101 of 1988.

In the Borough of Berwick, **it is required that residents recycle at least three items.** What you use the most is what you

should recycle. We have attached a list of exactly what you can recycle at curbside later in this newsletter.

Recycling recovers valuable resources, lessens greenhouse gas emissions, and reduces our reliance on landfills and resource recovery plants. It conserves energy and our natural resources because it reduces the need for raw materials.

Recycling means reusing items we might normally put in the trash—things like aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass jars and paper. By recycling these materials, you are helping to remove them from the “waste stream” and converting them into new, reusable products. Also the Borough gets awarded a grant every year based on how much is recycled. This money helps the Borough keep taxes low and continue to offer services such as brush collection.

Businesses in the Borough of Berwick are required to recycle at least three as well: at the very least, cardboard, office paper, and newspapers. Again, we greatly encourage you to recycle everything you can.

If you have questions regarding Recycling, contact:

Andrew Holter
Recycling Coordinator
andrew@berwick-pa.com
570-752-2723 ext. 16

WHAT ARE THE RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS IN BERWICK?

Our Recycling Contract with J.A.W.S., which is available on our website, includes both curbside pick-up and drop-off. Residents can drop off recycling at the Test Track Recycling and Compost site as detailed earlier in this newsletter. The site is **open THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!** You must show picture ID at the site. Additionally, there are charges for more than one load of brush, just like previous years.

Accepted Materials at the Recycling Drop-Off Site:

- Clear, brown, & green glass
- Aluminum cans
- PETE # 1 plastic bottles (soda bottles, water bottles, and juice bottles ONLY. Caps are not recyclable and must be removed)
- HDPE # 2 plastic bottles (milk bottles and detergent bottles ONLY. Caps are not recyclable and must be removed)
- Steel food cans
- Office paper
- Corrugated paper / Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Glossy Magazines
- Chip Board

Accepted Materials at Curbside Pick-Up:

The list below includes the **ONLY** items that will be collected at the curb. Please note that not all # 1 or # 2 plastics are recyclable. They will not take #s 3, 5, 7 or any other plastic either. Cardboard will NOT be picked up at curbside. You must stick to the list below.

- **Clear Glass** – Any clear glass bottles and food jars.
- **Brown Glass** – Any brown glass bottles
- **Green Glass** – Any green glass bottles
- **# 1 Plastic** – soda bottles, water bottles, and juice bottles only. Caps must be removed.
- **# 2 Plastic** – milk bottles and detergent bottles only. Caps must be removed.
- **Steel Cans** – Any metal food cans
- **Aluminum Cans** – Any soda or beer cans
- **Newspaper** – Bundled and tied or put in paper or plastic bags
- **Magazines** – Bundled and tied or put in bags.

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OTHER RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS:

- All Recycling must be placed curbside no later than 8am the day of recycling.
- **All items must be kept separate.** Please have lids removed from all plastic and glass bottles and jars. Labels do not have to be removed. By separating, we mean that #1 plastic must be in a different container than #2 plastic, which has to be in a separate container from paper or glass, etc. Do not mix clear and brown glass in the same container. This means that you should have at least **three** containers. If you do not, the **Borough has large containers available at the drop-off site.**
- Recycling must be kept separate in order to keep the cost to our residents as low as possible. By separating recyclables ourselves, the company we hire to pick up the product does not charge us as much, thus keeping the cost to the taxpayer as low as possible. They will reject material not separated. Remember, the J.A.W.S. bid was more than \$100,000 cheaper than the nearest competitor. Please also remember that DEP has mandated this program, and we are forced to follow their rules according to Pennsylvania Act 101.
- If your recycling is not picked up by 2pm, please contact Andrew at City Hall.
- Plastics #3 - #7, containers such as cool whip tubs, butter tubs, oil or anti-freeze bottles, Styrofoam, plastic bags, travel mugs, Tupperware, T.V. Dinner trays, yogurt containers, and some other # 2 plastics are NOT recyclable per our contract. Please stick to the list above!

When does my Recycling get picked up?

A good rule of thumb to follow is that the 1st Ward gets picked up the 1st Monday of the month, the 2nd Ward gets picked up the 2nd Monday of the month, the 3rd Ward gets picked up the 3rd Monday of the month, and the 4th Ward gets picked up the 4th Monday of the month. This is the same from year to year. For 2010, below are the dates that are scheduled for each ward.

The 2010 Recycling Schedule is as follows:

1st Ward Recycling: (Includes all streets from the even side of Market Street and Heights Road east to the Salem Township line. Includes all of the east numbered streets.

- January 4
- February 1
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7
- July 5
- August 2
- August 30 (CHANGE FROM LABOR DAY)
- October 4
- November 1
- December 6

2nd Ward Recycling for 2010: (Includes all streets east of Oak Street including Oak to the odd side of Market Street. Includes streets such as Vine, Mulberry, and Martzville.)

- January 11
- February 8
- March 8
- April 12
- May 10
- June 14
- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- October 11
- November 8

- December 13

3rd Ward Recycling for 2010:

(Includes all streets between LaSalle Street and Warren Street. Includes streets such as Monroe, Washington, Iron, and Ida.)

- January 18
- February 15
- March 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21
- July 19
- August 16
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20

4th Ward Recycling for 2010:

(Includes all streets from the Briar Creek Borough line to Warren Street. Include streets such as Poplar, Eaton, Fairview, Brittain, and Park Place Village).

- January 25
- February 22
- March 22
- April 26
- May 24
- June 28
- July 26
- August 23
- September 27
- October 25
- November 22
- December 27

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!

- Thank you to all Residents who helped the Borough set a new record with residential recycling last year. Residents recycled 246 tons of material in 2009 breaking our previous records.

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Open House Set for New City Hall, Police Station, and Jackson Mansion: May 1st

The Borough government has moved to its new home. We want you to see it for yourself. On Saturday, May 1st, we will be having an Open House at the new municipal building, located at 1800 North Market Street. The Open House will begin at 1pm. Refreshments will be available and tours will be given of the new City Hall and Police Station upon the conclusion of the dedication ceremony. At 3pm, there will be an Open House at the Jackson Mansion for citizens to view the progress already made by the Historical Society in our future museum. Finally, at 5pm, there will be a free concert on the Jackson Mansion lawn. The concert will be performed as a donation by Councilman Ben Mike's band, DYN (formerly known as Black Creek). Don't miss this exciting and historic day for our community.

1st Annual Bass Tournament and Family Festival – Test Track Park: June 12th – June 13th

The Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau along with the Columbia County Bass Masters and the Borough of Berwick will be holding a Bass Tournament and Family Fun Festival on June 12th and 13th at Test Track Park. You can enjoy a day of fun and education starting at 12 noon on both days. Children can cast a fishing line and it will come back with a prize, bounce on a Backyard Bounce, and see llamas and ducks as well as other animals. You may want sample some ice cream, Italian ice, frozen bananas, or maybe something coated in chocolate. A fresh fruit cup may hit the spot on a hot afternoon. French fries, funnel cakes, pierogies, or cheese fries may be more to your liking. If lunch is what you want, we will have hot dogs, hamburgers, bar-b-que and homemade pie served with a variety of drinks to quench your thirst. Moms and Dads can browse through the crafters booths and purchase anything from floral arrangements to hand painted gourds, American Indian hand crafts to personalized license plates, Americana and primitive crafts to handmade tie dye products. You surely will be able to find something of interest. If crafts are not something you are interested in, you can purchase Bar-Be-Que sauces, beef jerky, dishtowels and dish cloths from the America Cancer Society or a broom from the Berwick Lions Club. You may want to walk around and visit with the many individuals that will be set up to show you some of their collectables and chat with you about them. There will be hourly presentations under the "Big Tent" starting at noon each day and running till 5pm. These various presentations are sure to entertain as well as educate all those that attend. On Saturday evening at 6pm we will host a free bluegrass concert called 'Like Father...Like Son'. Don't forget to mark your calendars for June 12 and 13. You will not want to miss this first annual event. More details can be found on the Borough website.

2nd Annual Civil War Reenactment – Test Track Park: June 26th – June 27th

On June 26th and 27th the Borough will host its 2nd Annual Civil War Reenactment at Test Track Park. The fun-filled weekend will include live cannon shots (don't worry, there's no cannon ball), food vendors, craft vendors, a doctor's tent and demonstration, a blacksmith, a soap maker, camp set-ups, a small skirmish, and a number of other exciting attractions such as an historian telling old Civil War Stories. The event is led by local citizens Bob Yohey and Vern Slusser. Don't miss this exciting celebration of our history. Events begin at approximately 10am. Please check the Borough website for more details.

Kid's Night and Elks Pet & Toy Parade: June 10th

The annual Elks Pet & Toy Parade and Berwick Borough Kid's Night will be held on Thursday, June 10th beginning between 5pm and 6pm. The Elks Parade forms in the parking lot of the Berwick Elks along 3rd Street. It will march down Market Street and back again. Immediately following the parade, families are invited to bring their children to the Jackson Mansion (formerly City Hall) for an enjoyable Kid's Night, filled with games, food, snow cones, moon bounces, and a host of other fun. Don't miss this thrilling, free night of fun activities!

July 4th Celebration, Fireworks, and Summer Concerts

The annual July 4th Celebration will kick off at the Jackson Mansion at approximately 10am. The celebration will include patriotic music, the annual reading of the July 4th Ordinance, a fantastic speaker, and refreshments to follow. Then, at 7pm, Ruthy Stock will perform on the Jackson Mansion lawn with her medley of patriotic and gospel music. At dusk, a dynamic fireworks display will take off from Crispin Field. Don't miss our annual celebration!

Also, keep in mind that our Summer Concert Series is every Thursday throughout the Summer. These free concerts give us the opportunity to spend an evening with our friends and family while enjoying the region's best entertainment. There are several weeks when the concerts do not occur on a Thursday. Check out the schedule on page 2.