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OUR COMMUNITY SPONSORS

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Connect with YOUR Community

The Borough of Berwick encourages residents to stay connected with what is going on in your community. Please feel free to contact City Hall, 570-752-2723 with questions. You can also stay informed by checking out articles on our website at www.berwickborough.org. Here you will find helpful information about the Borough, the Fire Department, the Police Department, upcoming events, and learn more about the services we provide. You can also stay connected to Berwick Borough by following us on Facebook. Residents can also find out what is going on in the Borough by checking out, "Front Street Beat" every Wednesday in the Press Enterprise.

RIVERFEST October 14-15-16, 2016 NEWS

Volunteers Make It Happen

Riverfest is made possible by our gracious volunteers who dedicate their time to this wonderful community event. Without them this event would not exist. This committee of volunteers meets throughout the year leading up to the big weekend to discuss new ideas and raise money for the event. If you are interested in being part of the Riverfest Committee or would just like to volunteer at the event please contact Nancy at 570-752-2723 ext. 15. We are looking for volunteers of all ages to work at the information stand and help throughout the weekend. We are also looking for more Riverfest Committee members because as this event grows, so must our committee. We hope you can join us!

In October the Berwick Riverfest will be filling Test Track Park with families, fun, and food. This community event is brought to you by the Borough of Berwick and our sponsors. Without corporate and individual sponsors, Riverfest cannot function. Support from the community and businesses keep the event coming back each year. If you enjoy Riverfest and are interested in helping it grow, please consider becoming a sponsor. Sponsorship helps to pay for free entertainment, logistics of the event, and the fireworks. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor you can find out more information on our website www.berwickborough.org

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A SPONSOR

Below is a listing of the sponsorship levels:

Corporate Sponsors

Platinum $4,000.- +
Gold $1,000.-$3,999.
Silver $500.-$999.
Bronze $200.-499.

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Berwick Riverfest

2016 RIVERFEST ENTERTAINMENT

Friday October 14 (3-5pm) Grand Junction
Friday October 14 (6-8pm) The Shoreliners
Saturday October 15 (1-4pm) Totem Pole
Saturday October 15 (5-9pm) TBA
Saturday October 15 (9:30pm) "Fireworks"
Sunday October 16 (1-3pm) TBA
Sunday October 16 (4-6pm) Memory Lane
Schedule subject to change

BERWICK H&W HEALTH & WELLNESS F·U·N·D

Central Susquehanna Community Foundation

CORPORATE/PROFESSIONAL SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name of Business: _____

Name & Phone #of Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Website Address: _____ Email Address: _____

Amount of Donation: _____

- **Platinum** sponsors will receive a 2X14 one sided banner with company name & logo (if provided) attached to the stage. In addition, the sponsor will be listed on the www.Berwickborough.org scroll box. If your donation is received by July1, 2016 your sponsorship will be listed on the Riverfest posters that are distributed all over the area. If your donation is received before August 1, 2016 your sponsorship will be listed in the Borough Newsletter that is distributed to every household in the borough.
- **Gold** sponsors will receive a 2X6 one sided banner with the company name & logo (if provided) attached to the stage. In addition, the sponsor will be listed on the www.Berwickborough.org sponsor page.
- **Silver** sponsors will receive a 2X4 one sided banner with company name & logo (if provided) attached to the stage or another building. In addition, the sponsor will be listed on the www.Berwickborough.org sponsor page.
- **Bronze** sponsors will receive a 2X2 one sided banner with company name & logo (if provided) attached to the stage or another building. In addition, the sponsor will be listed on the www.Berwickborough.org sponsor page.

☐ Platinum ($4,000- +) ☐ Silver ($500-$999)

☐ Gold ($1,000-$3,999) ☐ Bronze ($200-$499)

Thank you for your support. Any donation is greatly appreciated!
Please make check payable to the "Borough of Berwick" and mail to:
Berwick Borough
1800 N. Market St.
Berwick, PA 18603

RIVERFEST *Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; Working together is success. ~Henry Ford*

Berwick Borough • **phone:** 570-752-2723 ext. 15 • **www.berwickboro**

Berwick Borough
Council Members

Alvin Hill, Council President
Scott Bower, Council Vice President

In alphabetical Order:

Joanne Huntington
Jay Jarrett
Jim Meighan
Travis Petty
Andrew Shecktor
Our Mayor: Tim Burke
Borough Manager: Debra Force

2016 Council Meetings:
Regular Council meetings are the third Monday of each month @ City Hall 7:00PM

APRIL 18TH
MAY 16TH
JUNE 20TH
JULY 18TH
AUGUST 15TH
SEPTEMBER 19TH
OCTOBER 17TH
NOVEMBER 21ST
DECEMBER 19TH

Council Workshops
every 2nd Monday at 6:00pm

APRIL 11TH
MAY 9TH
JUNE 13TH
JULY 11TH
AUGUST 8TH
SEPTEMBER 12TH
OCTOBER 10TH
NOVEMBER 14TH
DECEMBER 12TH

MONTHLY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETINGS in COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PERSONNEL, 1ST MONDAY 4:30PM
LEGAL & FINANCE, 1ST MONDAY 5PM
CODES & RECYCLING, 2ND MONDAY 5PM
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS, 2ND TUESDAY 9AM
SAFETY, 1ST WEDNESDAY 8:30AM
PARKS & RECREATION, 1ST WEDNESDAY 5PM
POLICE, 2ND WEDNESDAY 4PM
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS NEEDED FOR DRILLS
FIRE & WATER, LAST THURSDAY 7:30PM AS NEEDED

For a complete listing visit our web site at www.berwickborough.org or phone City Hall at 570-752-2723

The **Berwick Beautification Committee** extends a warm welcoming message to all the residents within the Borough. Please feel free to assist in the maintenance of flowers in the various beds. We now have very few people on our committee. There are not enough to cover all the beds. However, we really want to continue this worthwhile project.
If you can help keep Berwick beautiful during the spring, summer, and fall months, please select a bed or a partial bed to maintain. It is not necessary to contact us or even become a member of the committee. When you see a need to weed or water, you may do so with our grateful thanks.
We will plant some Cannas this year, but we are shortening several of the beds. After the flower head on a Canna has finished blooming, remove the stalk with scissors or pruners. The plant will look much nicer and will bloom again.
If you have any questions at all, please call Karen at 570-759-2332, or Kay at 570-759-2810. Thank you in advance for your participation.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE FOR 2016

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH 7PM
DJ JOE LAPCHACK

THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND 7PM
BERWICK HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND
MODERNAIRS
BERWICK COMMUNITY CHOIR

THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH 7PM
MIKE LEWIS

THURSDAY JUNE 16TH KIDS NIGHT 6-8PM
DJ TOM ROOD

THURSDAY, JUNE 23RD 7PM
THE SHORELINERS

THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH 7PM
STANKY & THE COAL MINERS

MONDAY, JULY 4TH 7PM
RUTHY STOCK

THURSDAY, JULY 7TH 7PM
THE BENNETT BROTHERS

THURSDAY, JULY 14TH 7PM
CAR SHOW
LEDGENS OLDIES BAND

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST 7PM
SWING MASTERS

THURSDAY, JULY 28TH 7PM
JEFF BROWN & SONS OF A SAILOR

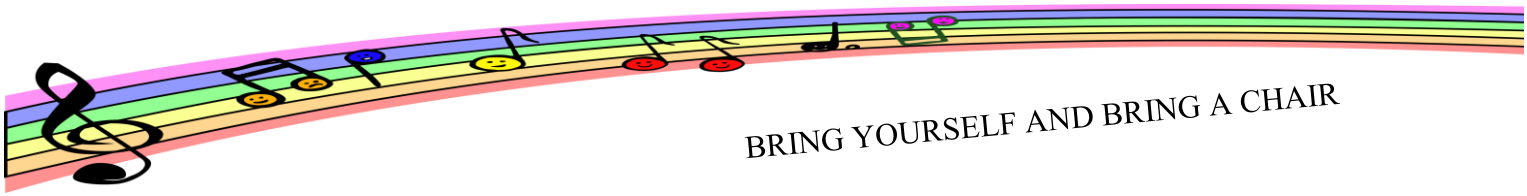
THURSDAY AUGUST 4TH 7PM
TBA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH 7PM
AUTUMS OLDIES BAND

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH 7PM
GIFT, TROUTMAN & GIFT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH 7PM
IREM STRING BAND

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST 7PM
MEMORY LANE
CAKE & ICE CREAM NIGHT



WWII ENCAMPMENT
JULY 8-9-10
AT TEST TRACK PARK

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION VIA
WWW.BERWICKBOROUGH.ORG
BERWICK.BOROUGH ON FACEBOOK

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday May 29th starting 11:45am at the Nescopeck Fire Hall, it should reach the bridge around 12:30pm then move on to the Pine Grove Cemetery. Refreshments at the Nescopeck AMVETS after the ceremony.

Cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s, silver salutes and other illegal fireworks are all extremely dangerous.

In addition, fireworks constructed from mail order kits are illegal and dangerous to assemble or use. Never attempt to make your own fireworks or tamper with fireworks.

State law prohibits the use of Consumer and Display Fireworks in Pennsylvania without a permit.
Items defined as "ground and hand-held sparkling devices", "novelties" and "toy caps" in American Pyrotechnics Association (APA) Standard 87-1 are not currently regulated by State Law; therefore, their sale and use are permissible. These "non-fireworks" are the only types allowed to be sold from tents, stands, convenience stores, retail establishments and other various outlets not licensed by the Department of Agriculture.

MAYOR TIM BURKE

JULY 4th Celebration

The annual July 4th celebration kicks -off Monday July 4th at 10:30 am at the Jackson Mansion with patriotic music, introduction of officials, presentation of colors, the Invocation, The National Anthem, reading of the July 4Th Ordinance, followed by a guest speaker and the Benediction.
After these activities conclude a delicious free lunch that will be served to the community by Council members and includes pizza, soda, and ice cream treats.
The July 4th Celebration continues into the night with Ruthy Stock performing at 7 pm at the Jackson Mansion and **at 9:30pm a dynamic fireworks display** will take off from Crispin Field.
You will not want to miss this celebration of our country and our community!

BERWICK'S SECOND ANNUAL
KAYAK POKER PADDLE
AUGUST 13TH

Berwick Buzz *News You Can Use*

Do you ever wonder what "ward" you live in?
Well we have a simple way to help you figure it out!

First remember that the Borough of Berwick is broken up into four wards. The 1st ward is from the eastern point of the Borough (Salem Township) to the east side of Market Street. The 2nd Ward is from the west side of Market Street to Oak Street. The 3rd Ward is from west of Oak Street to Warren Street. The 4th Ward is west of Warren Street to the Borough line.

1ST WARD
(1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

2016 WEDNESDAY APRIL 6
2016 WEDNESDAY MAY 4
2016 WEDNESDAY JUNE 1
2016 WEDNESDAY JULY 6
2016 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 3
2016 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7
2016 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5
2016 WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2
2016 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7
2017 WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4
2017 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1
2017 WEDNESDAY MARCH 1
2017 WEDNESDAY APRIL 5
2017 WEDNESDAY MAY 3

2nd WARD
(2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

2016 WEDNESDAY APRIL 13
2016 WEDNESDAY MAY 11
2016 WEDNESDAY JUNE 8
2016 WEDNESDAY JULY 13
2016 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10
2016 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14
2016 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12
2016 WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9
2016 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14
2017 WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11
2017 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8
2017 WEDNESDAY MARCH 8
2017 WEDNESDAY APRIL 12
2017 WEDNESDAY MAY 10

3rd WARD
(3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

2016 WEDNESDAY APRIL 20
2016 WEDNESDAY MAY 18
2016 WEDNESDAY JUNE 15
2016 WEDNESDAY JULY 20
2016 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17
2016 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21
2016 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19
2016 WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16
2016 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21
2017 WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18
2017 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15
2017 WEDNESDAY MARCH 15
2017 WEDNESDAY APRIL 19
2017 WEDNESDAY MAY 17

4th WARD
(4th WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

2016 WEDNESDAY APRIL 27
2016 WEDNESDAY MAY 25
2016 WEDNESDAY JUNE 22
2016 WEDNESDAY JULY 27
2016 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 24
2016 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28
2016 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28
2016 WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23
2016 WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28
2017 WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25
2017 WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22
2017 WEDNESDAY MARCH 22
2017 WEDNESDAY APRIL 26
2017 WEDNESDAY MAY 24

SPRING BRUSH PICK UP

The Borough of Berwick will pick up brush at curbside on the below dates:

1st WARD Monday, May 2

2nd WARD Tuesday, May 3

3rd WARD Wednesday, May 4

4th WARD Thursday, May 5

- Limbs cannot be larger than 8" in diameter.
- The Borough will only pick up brush on these days.
- Brush must be at curbside no later than 7am on the day of pick-up.
- Residents may also drop off brush and leaves at the Test Track Recycling Compost site on Tuesdays from 1pm - 7pm.
- **Failure to follow the above provisions shall result in no collection at your home.**

NO BURNING IN THE BOROUGH

RECYCLING/BRUSH DROP-OFF AT TEST TRACK PARK

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY THROUGH THE YEAR
HOURS THE FACILITY IS OPEN:
April through October 1:00PM – 7:00PM
November through March 1:00PM – 5:00PM

SATURDAY DATES IN 2016, 8:00AM - NOON
Saturday May 7, Saturday June 4, Saturday August 6, Saturday September 3, Saturday October 1, Saturday November 5

DUMPSTER DAY SATURDAY MAY 7th

You must have your identification with you!
There will be certain limits on what we will accept and borough employees have to right to refuse any and all items/loads.
Items that we **will NOT accept** are food waste, hazardous chemicals,
vehicle fluids, batteries and wet paint containers (we will accept dried paint containers)

THERE WILL BE A CHARGE FOR CERTAIN ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:

TIRES (RIMS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL TIRES)
CAR TIRES $5.00,
TIRES LARGER THAN A CAR TIRE $8.00,
FREON appliances $15.00 each
TV's, computers, monitors, and all electronics $10.00 each
There will be no charge for all other items

FOR EVERYONES ENJOYMENT THE FOUNTAIN AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK IS NOW UP AND RUNNING

CODES CORNER

THIS IS A SMALL SAMPLING OF QUESTIONS THAT COME INTO CITY HALL REGARDING PERMITS, RECYCLING, AND BRUSH PICK UP. IT DOES NOT ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. IT IS BEST TO CALL CITY HALL AT 570-752-2723 AND ASK QUESTIONS BEOFRE YOU START WORK ON YOUR PROPERTY.

- **What WARD am I in?** The Borough of Berwick is broken up into four wards. The 1st ward is from the eastern point of the Borough (Salem Township) to the east side of Market Street. The 2nd Ward is from the west side of Market Street to Oak Street. The 3rd Ward is from west of Oak Street to Warren Street. The 4th Ward is west of Warren Street to the Borough line. See page 6 of this newsletter for dates.
- **I don't have a truck can the Borough crew pick up my brush pile?** The Borough provides a spring and a fall brush pick up. The spring pick up is listed on page 7 of this newsletter. We also place a block ad in the Press Enterprise, put a reminder on the Borough web site www.berwickborough.org and the Berwick.Borough Facebook page.
- **My neighbor sets off illegal fireworks; I am worried that the live ash will start a fire what can I do?** Cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s, silver salutes and other illegal fireworks are all extremely dangerous. If you know that someone in the Borough is setting off illegal fireworks, please call 570-752-3677 to report it.
- **My neighbor parks a tractor trailer on our street and lets it running for a long time, what can I do?** Berwick Noise Ordinance 99-3 Section C.(2) states: No person shall operate or permit the operation of any motor vehicle or any auxiliary equipment attached to such a vehicle, for a period of time longer than fifteen (15) minutes in any hour while the vehicle is stationary, for reasons other than traffic congestion, anywhere within one hundred and fifty (150) feet of any residence in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance across a residential property line (boundary). Call 570-752-3677 to report it.
- **What are the times for the Noise Ordinance?** No noise between the hours of 11PM – 7AM.
- **Do I need a permit to have a small swimming pool for my kids?** Yes, Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code requires that all pools with a depth of two (2) feet or more (or the possibility to be filled to a depth of 2 feet or more), or a pool that has a pump are required to be inspected. Especially keep this in mind when you purchase the small blue INTEX pools or the inflatable pools. You can contact City Hall at 570-752-2723 or go to our web site at www.berwickborough.org and click on ordinances and downloads on the left for a fee listing.
- **Temporary NO PARKING signs are posted on our street today. What are they for?** Please obey posted NO PARKING signs. Berwick has a Parking Enforcement Officer that does patrol the borough. Temporary NO PARKING signs are usually up due to an event or in the summer time most likely mean the street sweeper will be coming through. Tickets will not be rescinded (canceled) by City Hall. If you feel you have received the ticket unfairly you may dispute the ticket through the District Magistrate's office.
- **Why does the Borough have to inspect my apartment?** The Borough inspection of rental properties protects both the tenant and the landlord by alerting them to potential hazardous problems, it is the law in the borough.
- **I see some yards in the Borough do not mow their grass or garbage is over flowing, isn't that a violation of Borough Code?** Both of these issues are a violation of Borough Code. You may report this to our Codes Officers by calling City Hall at 570-752-2723 or go on line at www.berwickborough.org and click on "Report It Yourself" and fill out the on line form. Either way you do not have to leave your name. But we will need the address of the property you are reporting. Please know when you report this it does not mean that your neighbor will act right away to correct the reported problem. Law requires our Codes Officers must follow a set procedure that allows the property owner time to comply. It can be a lengthy process especially if property owner does not work with us to correct issues.
- **Do I need a permit to have an electrical outlet installed in my house?** If you are installing a new outlet by running new wiring than yes, you do. If you are changing out an existing outlet, no you do not. As with any home improvements please check with City Hall before starting any work. Our code Officers will be happy to answer any questions you many have.
- **How do I rent a pavilion at Ber-Vaughn?** Call City Hall at (570) 752-2723 for a Saturday or Sunday reservation, the cost is $10.00 a pavilion for the whole day.

THIS IS ONLY A SMALL SAMPLING OF SOME QUESTIONS WE GET AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE. BEFORE YOU START ANY JOB CALL AND ASK QUESTIONS.

(570) 752-2723.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!