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SEWER ENGINEER: Entech Engineering

SOLICITOR: Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern and Lutz

Call the Borough Secretary if you have any legal, water, sewer, codes or engineering questions.

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| Borough Council Meetings | 1st Tuesday of the month | 7:00 p.m. | Borough Hall |
| Shade Tree Commission | 1st Thursday of 2 nd mo. in quarter | 7:00 p.m. | Borough Hall |

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Shawn A. Raup-Konsavage – Mayor
Danny Strunk Sr. President – Sewer & Water
Justin Kiebach VP- Streets
Gary Brown – Lights & Sanitation
Jim Gabel – Finance
Wesley Raup-Konsavage – Planning & Zoning
Lucas Schaeffer – Parks & Recreation
Gene Weatherholtz Sr. – Buildings & Equipment

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Brenda Strunk - Secretary, Treasurer, Open Records Official

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Jacob Shultz, Thomas Vanzin

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Steve Faust, Mary Himmelberger, Jeremy Lutz

All borough residences to receive a new trash receptacle in April. See page 2 for details.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE IN DATES:

Garbage collection for the holiday week of May 27th will be collected on Thursday, May 30th, and not as indicated on your Bernville trash collection calendar.

BORO NEWS TO KNOW

- Street Sweeping in April. Watch for signs on your street.
- Enhanced Borough Website – see bernvillemborough.org
- Planning Commission Dissolved
- Come W(h)ine with Your Mayor, April 13th at the library.
- Easter Egg Hunt, April 20th in Umbenhauer Park, 1 p.m.
- Arbor Day, May 4th, Umbenhauer Park.
- Primary Election May 21st (Polls open from 7 a.m.– 8 p.m.)
- Memorial Day Parade, May 27th, 2 p.m.
- Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27th, after the parade, in Umbenhauer Park.
- Bernville Pool opens, check the pool's Facebook page.
- Community Yard Sale, June 1st, 7 a.m., rain or shine.
- Spring Clean-Up: large item trash collection, June 8th
- Community Day, Aug. 3rd. In need of crafters, vendors, runners, and talent show entrants. See page 4.

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Mayor's Report

Come Whine with your Mayor!

Do you have an idea or a talent you would like to lend to your community?

Do you have a concern or question about your community?

The Mayor of Bernville invites you to join him for a glass of wine* and appetizers on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bernville Area Community Library to share with him your ideas, talents, and thoughts.



*You must be at least 21 years of age to drink. Bottled water and soda will also be provided. This event is paid for and sponsored by Shawn Raup-Konsavage, using private funding.

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In Memoriam

Robert "Bully" Lyon
Dec 17, 1943 – March 14, 2019
Mayor of Bernville, 2004 – 2008

The borough extends sincere condolences to Bully's family and gratefully acknowledges his service.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will take place in April. No parking is permitted on the street on street sweeping day. Signs will be posted listing the dates and streets covered on that day.



Planning Commission Dissolved

At the February council meeting, council members voted to abolish the Bernville Borough Planning Commission by adopting Ordinance No. 345. Planning-related responsibilities formerly performed by the Planning Commission will now become the responsibility of Borough Council to administer.

Among other reasons, this action was taken to reduce costs and to eliminate concerns over difficulty obtaining consistent quorums. The Planning Commission was established in 1963; thanks are extended to all borough residents who have served on the commission at any point during the past fifty-six years.

Enhanced Borough Website

The borough's website has been greatly enhanced and now contains the following links: 2019 monthly meeting minutes, the mayor's report, and the police report. Residents will also find practical information such as permit applications and a place to pay borough bills online. Other links include photos of officials, community events, a calendar, and more. Be sure to check it out.

Many thanks to the mayor for all of his efforts to ensure that borough residents have online access to this valuable information; additional thanks go to the borough secretary for her assistance.

Residents to Receive New Trash Cans

All borough residences and businesses with borough trash service will be receiving a 95 gallon trash receptacle on wheels in early April at no charge. These will be delivered door-to-door and left at the property. (Residents are encouraged to use the new receptacles.)

The new receptacles are the property of Bernville Borough and must remain at the property when the property is sold and/or if a resident moves. (If a resident takes the receptacle with them when they move, the resident who has moved will be billed for the receptacle as part of the house closing process.)

The receptacles were purchased as a way to reduce an excess in funds in the trash account, which can only be used for trash-related initiatives.



Primary Election is May 21



Borough residents can vote at Borough Hall on Tuesday, May 21st, Primary Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You must be registered to vote. Contact Berks County Election Services at 610-478-6490 for more information or visit their website at countyofberks.com. Once there, go to Departments and click on Election Services.

Take Care to Avoid Stumps in Park

Approximately 70 ash trees have been removed from Umbenhauer Park over the past two years because of an infestation of the Emerald Ash borer. (See photo.)



Consequently, numerous tree stumps are located throughout the park. As the borough reviews options on how best to remove the stumps, please be alert and careful when in the park so as to avoid the stumps.

Spring Clean-Up/Bulk Item Curbside Pickup

Bernville Borough's annual Spring Clean-Up/Bulk Item Pick-Up will be on Saturday, June 8th. Acceptable bulk items include: furniture, mattress & box spring, carpet (rolled and tied, maximum length 48"), washers, dryers, dishwashers, and other items too large for the regular weekly collection. Special-handling items such as refrigerators, freezers, and other appliances containing Freon (or other refrigerant) require special handling; please separate these items physically from your other spring cleanup items which are being set out.

Unacceptable bulk items which will not be picked up include: liquids, paints and stains, chemicals, household hazardous waste, tires on rims, and construction and demolition wastes.

Any item set out for Spring Clean-Up may not weigh more than 75 pounds.

Note: Tree and shrub trimmings, as per Ordinance #258 and amended by Ordinance #301, must be taken to the compost pile that is behind the borough garage in Umbenhauer Park.

Join Us for Tree-Related Spring Activities



April 6 – Bernville's Shade Tree Commission members invite you to limber up your joints and join us as we plant many trees/shrubs in Umbenhauer Park. Your volunteer efforts to help us plant about 90 trees/shrubs will contribute greatly to maintaining tree diversity in the park. A tree or shrub may take anywhere from 10 minutes to 1 hour to plant, depending upon its size. We encourage anyone wishing to stretch their winter-weary muscles to come to the park for an hour or two, or for the day. Planting starts at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, in Umbenhauer Park. Please bring work gloves and a shovel, if you have one (or two).

Planting material was acquired through a combination of funds provided by the Bernville Grange and an award of a riparian tree grant obtained by the Shade Tree Commission.

May 4 – Arbor Day at Umbenhauer Park – Come celebrate the importance of trees in the community and environment by participating in this year's annual Arbor Day scheduled to start at 9 a.m. in Umbenhauer Park. Trees will be mulched and pruned, mulch beds prepared, flowers planted, and more. A formal Arbor Day ceremony will start at 11:00 a.m. which will include the planting of this year's Arbor Day tree. Everyone is welcome to participate; please bring a pair of work gloves if joining us for the work session.

Shade Tree Commission members thank all of the volunteers who participated in the March 23 spring clean-up at Stanton Clay Park. Special thanks to Jacob and Luke Shultz for conducting a training session on proper tree pruning and mulching.

There is a vacancy on the Bernville Borough Shade Tree Commission. If you are interested in participating, please contact borough hall; no prior tree-related knowledge is required. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 2, at borough hall.

Bernville Beautification Committee

Spring is here and after this long winter it is time to get back outside and enjoying nature. If you are interested in gardening, making an impact on your community, or simply looking to meet some new people, the Bernville Beautification Committee might be what you are looking for. We are low-key, easy going group of community gardeners that are looking to add beauty to our borough, through the planting of gardens in our parks. Last year we planted over 100 plants in a new pollinator garden at Stanton Clay Park and are looking to add a few more gardens and elements to the park this year.

To raise funds for these gardens, we organize and coordinate the vendor fair at Community Day, and if you would like to help or participate in the vendor fair, we would greatly appreciate it.

If you have an interest in gardening, are looking to get involved in the community, or simply would like to come out and socialize, please join us; for more information and the date and time of the next get-together, please check-out bernvilleborough.org.

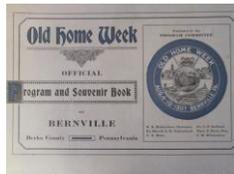


Enjoy Learning about Bernville's History

Interested in learning about Bernville's history? Four books (one pictured) may be reviewed in the History Center of the Bernville Area Community Library. Placed there by the Bernville Heritage & Cultural Society or Bernville residents, the following books are recommended: the *1907 Old Home Week Official Program and Souvenir Book of Bernville*; the *1951 Bernville Centennial* book, the *1976 Bernville Pennsylvania 1851-1976* book, and the *Self-Guided Walking Tour of Main Street*.

Because the 1907 and 1951 original booklets are rare and delicate, both have been copied for library patrons to read. Enjoy some time reviewing one or more of the books to learn about the borough's rich history. Additional book references will be provided in upcoming Newsletters.

The next meeting of the Heritage & Cultural Society is planned for April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at borough hall, with another meeting on June 18. Anyone interested in participating is welcomed to attend.



Junior Council Person (JCP)



As a way to improve our community for the youth, engage young adults in local government, and instill a sense of community pride, Bernville Borough passed a resolution in February 2019 to start a Junior Council Person (JCP)

program in the borough. Young people are an essential part of our community that we do not hear from often enough. An important goal of the Junior Council Person program is to reduce this gap. Through this program, the JCP will be able to explain to his/her peers the importance of local government and how the decisions are made within the borough. Additionally, the JCP will help the borough council better understand what can be done to improve the community for its adolescent and young adult citizens.

The Junior Council Person Program was started in 1999 in Wesleyville Borough in Erie County. Since 2000, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs has been committed to the success of the program and numerous boroughs throughout the state have established JCP programs.

The Junior Council Person has the right to attend all borough council meetings, including committee meetings and working session, and to participate fully in these meetings including voicing his/her concerns on matters discussed. The JCP will not be able to vote or to attend executive council sessions.

Qualifications:

- Resident of Bernville Borough
- Either a current high school sophomore or junior
- Available to attend meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Willing to serve a one-year term (starting in August)

To apply, interested students should submit an application online at bernvilleborough.org by selecting the Junior Council Person Program option under the Borough Officials and Support Services tab.

2019 Bernville Borough Hospitality Book

The 19th edition of the Bernville Hospitality Booklet was delivered to residents in March. This booklet provides information on the borough government, local elected officials, the library, schools, taxes, ordinances, local businesses, and youth activities, among other items. Additional copies are available at borough hall and the library.

Memorial Day Parade



This year our annual Memorial Day parade will be Monday, May 27, starting at 2 p.m. The parade honors all those who served our country and those currently serving. We want to make this event a celebration of our patriotic values and principles. The parade begins at the Penn-Bernville Elementary and at 2 p.m. progresses down Main Street, ending with a Memorial Service at Umbenhauer Park. Please help us show our civic pride by filling the sidewalks up and down Main Street in honor of all who have made these United States of America a wonderful place to live.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please let us know your organization's plans on or before May 1, 2019. Participants are asked to arrive at the Penn-Bernville Elementary School by 1:00 p.m. The Memorial Day Parade is funded by the community. Donation checks can be made payable to The Bernville Parade Committee and mailed to P.O. Box 40, Bernville, PA 19506. Parade donations are always appreciated. More information can be found at bernvilleborough.org or by calling 570.573.5677. See Newsletter insert.



Community Yard Sale on June 1

Bernville Borough's Community Yard Sale is Saturday, June 1, starting at 7:00 a.m., rain or shine.



Community Day 2019



This year's Bernville Community Day will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, in Umbenhauer Park. We are excited that this year's event will have some additions, as we continue to grow this event, along with cherished time-honored activities & organizations. Some of these new additions may include a talent show and more activities for kids.

The event will again kick off this year with a 5K race through the borough. The race starts at 9 a.m. and registration is \$25 with a shirt until July 15, after that it is \$30 with a shirt while supplies last. The fun run/walk is \$15. Volunteers are needed to direct runners, staff water stations, and much more. Contact Alicea Rodig at 610-488-1302 or email baclstaff@berks.lib.pa.us to volunteer or with questions.

We will again be holding a Craft & Vendor fair from 11 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the park. We are looking for local crafters, tradesmen, and direct sales vendors to participate. If you are interested, please visit bernvillelibrary.com and click on the community day link. All set-up fee proceeds from the Craft & Vendor fair benefit the Bernville Area Community Library and the Bernville Beautification Committee.

Be sure to note the date on your calendar and plan to join us for a day-long celebration, as well as plenty of good food, a used book sale, a silent auction, an art bus for the kids, and more! The excitement of the day will end with a grand display of fireworks. Spread the word; everyone's welcome!

Look for the details & updates in the July-August-September Newsletter, the borough's Facebook page, or bernvilleborough.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS...

Bernville Area Community Library

4th Street at Fox Alley
2nd floor of Redner's Quick Shoppe
P.O. Box 580, Bernville, PA 19506
Phone: 610-488-1302
Fax: 1-270-479-1302

E-mail: bernvilleacl@berks.lib.pa.us
Website: <http://www.bernvillelibrary.com>



NEW LIBRARY HOURS:

Starting April 1, 2019 the library will be changing its hours.

M-Th 11 a.m.-8 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Sun 2-6 p.m.
Closed Fridays, Easter Sunday, and Memorial Day.

The first Sunday of each month we will be having a therapy dog available to read to.

On Mondays at 11:15 a.m. Around the World Story time, ideal for ages 3 and up.

Bernville Area Community Library cont.

Tuesday at 11 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. Mother Goose on the Loose Baby Story time. Ideal for Birth to 3.

Every Tuesday night from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. ESL class.

April

8 Lego club will reconvene with Miss Michelle in charge. Starts at 5:30 p.m.

13 Come Whine with the Mayor, 6 – 8 p.m.

15 American Girl Book Club will meet. We are also attempting to have a younger brothers' book club at the same time. Starts at 5:30 p.m.

18 Toxin Free Cleaning with Essential Oils at 6:30 p.m.

19 Family Movie Night from 6-9 p.m. Movie is free. Popcorn, cotton candy and drinks will be available for \$1 each.

25 Art Class for Homeschoolers at 11:30 a.m.

27-28 Spring Book Sale. Bag of books for \$3.

27 Tea Box crafts at 10:30 a.m., limited to the first 10 to sign up.

May

4 Comic book day come in for a free comic book while supplies last

9 Chalk N Sip at 6:30 p.m. \$30 charge all supplies provided and you take your project home. Limited space first 14 to sign up and pay.

13 Lego Club at 5:30 p.m.

15 Nosegay Flower Arranging \$25 per person BYOB. Limited to the first 15 to sign up and pay. Grab a friend and come join us.

17 Family Movie night at 6 p.m. Free, family-friendly movie; snacks and beverages available to purchase.

27 Library is closed

27 Memorial Day parade. Story time in the park, under the pavilion during the ceremony in Umbenhauer Park.

June 10 begins Summer Learning program "Be a book-a-neer." Join us for our pirate-themed summer reading program, ideal for pre-school and school-aged children.

Come celebrate our re-opening and National Library week in April. This year's National Library Week will be observed from April 7 – 13.

Science Camp

The Bernville Area Community Library will be hosting a Summer Science Camp this year on July 8-12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each night. This year's topic will be Cells & Molecules in biology. Participants will learn the basics of cellular & molecular biology as we explore the building blocks of life.



Participants will learn about cells and their components, the roles bacteria play in our environment, and how interactions between cells lead to multi-cellular organisms. They will also learn about the four basic types of molecules that are crucial for life: nucleic acids, proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids. The camp will consist of discussions, hands on experiments, and activities.

The camp will be taught by Dr. Wesley Raup-Konsavage, Ph.D. Dr. Raup-Konsavage teaches at Elizabethtown College and manages the Drug Discovery Facility at Penn State College of Medicine. He is also a member of the Bernville Borough Council.

Registration is limited to 25 participants and participants must be between the ages of 8-13. The registration fee is \$35 per participant. Registration is available online at bernvillelibrary.com.

Additionally, the library would like to make this program available to anyone who is interested in attending; therefore, we are asking members of the community if they are able to sponsor a child who may not be able to afford to attend by making a \$35 donation to the library.

Bernville Grange #1887

Meets every 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
37 Shartlesville Road
610-488-1381



Special Community Night, Tuesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. A representative from the Berks County Heritage Center will speak on "Covered Bridges: How and Why Covered Bridges Were Used and Constructed." Grange membership awards will also be presented. Everyone is welcome; please come in the lower entrance.

Bernville Grange #1887 cont.



The Grange is again making sandwiches. We make ham-on-roll, turkey-on-roll, and Italian sandwiches, all for \$5 each. The dates for our sales this spring are

April 10 and May 15. The sandwiches can be picked up at the Grange Hall between 7 and 9 a.m. on the day of the sale or other arrangements can be made. To order, call 610-488-1493 at least 5 days before the sale.

To rent the Grange Hall for parties or other gatherings. Call 610-488-7518. The lower floor has a kitchen and a large dining area with tables.



Bernville Community Fire Company

6701 Bernville Road
Engine House 610-488-6592
Fire Chief: 484-955-9021



Thank you for your continued support of the Bernville Community Fire Company.

We would like to introduce our Fire Chief, John Kissling. Chief Kissling was recently elected as Fire Chief and began his term in January. John has been serving within the Fire Company since 1982, when he joined at 16 years old. Since then he has served in various positions over the years. John looks forward to continuing to serve the community in his new role.

Easter Flower Sale: April 19th 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 20th 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pool Fills: If you need your pool filled this spring/summer, contact the fire company and leave a message; someone will get back to you within a day or two. Please include your location, size of pool, or how much water is needed.

Like us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/bernvillecommunityfirecompany

Bernville Pool

Bernville Pool

Operated by the Western Berks Swim Assoc.

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day

610-488-0624 (in season) bernvillepool@gmail.com

As the Bernville Pool looks ahead to another season, the WBSA is in need of volunteer board members to fill the seats of members who wish to, or who have already retired. This hidden gem needs the support of the community to continue to provide a fun summer for families, and employment opportunities for our youth.

We are also looking to add more lifeguards to our team. If you or your child age 15+ are interested in a fun summer job, classes have already begun and fill up quickly. If the pool is going to open, we NEED volunteers to help clean up leaves, scrub the pool, paint the pool, clean buildings, do paperwork, manage chemicals, buy supplies, staff snack bar, coordinate private parties, etc.



Please watch our Facebook page, Bernville Community Pool, for updates. Anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard or serving on our board can contact Karen Alton at 484-877-0228 or karenalton329@gmail.com.

Bernville Young at Heart

Meets every 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m.
At the Bernville Grange

Senior
Citizens

Meetings:

- April 17 – “Just Us”-Musical Group
- May 15 – Banquet & Marty’s One Man Band
- June 19 – will be announced

2019 Young at Heart Bus Trip Schedule:



- **Thursday, May 30th.** Rainbows Comedy Playhouse- “Nana Does Vegas”

Payment due 5/15/19 - \$67.00

Depart St. Thomas at 10:00 a.m. – Return at 4:15 p.m.

- **Thursday, June 20th.** Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – “Queens of Pure Country” Showcases music of artists such as Patsy Cline, Kitty Wells, Loretta Lynn, Reba McEntire, etc.

Payment due 5/15/19 - \$80.00

Depart St. Thomas at 9:30 a.m. – Return at 5:00 p.m.

Bernville Young at Heart cont.

• Wednesday, Sept. 18th Silver Birches – Italian Festival featuring Vincent Talarico

Coffee and apple streusel cake served upon arrival. Wine tasting demonstration. Family Style Italian Meal. Music & dancing. Lots of Italian songs sung by Talarico. Snack before leaving.

Payment due 8/14/19- \$75.00

Depart St. Thomas at 8:00 a.m. – Return at 6:00 p.m.

Trip Contact: Earl & Millie Graeff 610-488-6898

Cub Scout Pack 422

Cub Master: Dan Degler
484-332-1893 or dandegler@comcast.net



Flag Etiquette: When an American flag becomes discolored, weathered, torn, ripped, etc., then it is time to properly retire the flag. To honorably retire an old flag, contact the Cub Scouts. They will retire the flag for you – in the correct manner.

Boy Scout Troop 422

Meets every Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
in St. Thomas Church basement.
Scout Master: Brad Folk
Phone: 610-488-8058
E-mail:folkfamily548@comcast.net



April 4th is our yearly Chicken BBQ at St. Thomas Church from 3-6:00 p.m. Extras will be available.

The boy scouts are collecting aluminum cans. There are bins at the following locations: Boyer's Market, Bernville Beverage, and Blue Marsh Canteen. Aluminum cans only; no trash, plastic, or glass please.

Evangelical Lutheran Friedens Church



537 N Main Street
PO Box 201
Bernville, PA 19506

Telephone: 610-488-6260

Email:friedens_bernville@verizon.net

Office Hours: Mon & Wed 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tues & Thurs 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(Holiday weeks and/or other hours by appointment)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

(switch to summer schedule on May 26th – worship service at 9:30 a.m. in air-conditioned social room)

“Everyone Is Welcome”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Free Soup & Bread Luncheons:

Mondays, April 8th & May 13th, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

You are invited to a free community meal of Soup, Bread, and Fellowship. (Will resume in September.)

Lenten Services:

Wednesday, April 3rd at Friedens, Shartlesville

Wednesday, April 10th at Friedens, Bernville

Starts at 6 p.m. with soup & bread.

Call church office for details of Holy Week Services.

Easter Egg Hunt: follows church on April 14th



Easter Sunday April 21st: free breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and Easter Communion Service at 9:30 a.m.

Bell Festival May 5th at 2 p.m. – Friedens in Bernville

Everyone is welcome to attend! Call the church for more information.



Meatloaf Dinner May 18th: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Three kinds of meatloaf, with baked potato and vegetables, includes ice cream and drinks. Additional desserts available for purchase.

Call 610-488-6260 for more details.

Take-out available.

St. Thomas Church

ST. THOMAS CHURCH

536 N. Main Street
Bernville, PA 19506
Rev. Dr. Daniel Lute
Youth Pastor Joel Jackson
Phone: 610-488-6702
Fax: 610-488-0962
E-mail: stchurchbv@verizon.net
Visit us at stthomasbernville.org



Contemporary Worship Service 8:00 a.m.
Eat and Greet 9:00 a.m.
Sunday school (all ages) 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

S.O.F.A. Food Distribution
(Share Our Food Always)
3rd Thursday of each month
From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Contact Youth Pastor
Joel Jackson for more information.

Youth Group
(Grades 7th thru 12th)
Sunday 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Al-Anon
Monday evenings - 7 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 3

Community Lenten Service at N. Heidelberg Church
Soup – 6 p.m.
Service 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10

Community Lenten Service
at Little Tulpehocken Church
Soup – 6 p.m.
Service – 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

S.O.F.A. Food Distribution - 5 to 6 p.m.
Maudy Thursday
Covered Dish/Communion Service - 6 p.m.

Friday, April 19

Good Friday Service - 7 p.m.

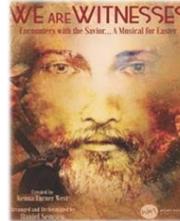
Saturday, April 20

Community Egg Hunt Event
at Umbenhauer Park - 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

Easter Service Schedule

Easter Dawn/Communion - 6:30 a.m.
Covered Dish Breakfast - 8 a.m.
Sunday School Easter Program - 9:15 a.m.
Easter Musical/Communion - 10:30 a.m.



Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day Service - 10 a.m.
(1 service--no Sunday school)

Thursday, May 16

S.O.F.A. Food Distribution - 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29



Sunday, June 2



8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

June 10 - June 20

Vacation Bible School:



Sunday, June 16

Father's Day Service - 10 a.m.
(1 service--no Sunday school)

Thursday, June 20

S.O.F.A. Food Distribution - 5 to 6 p.m.

Berks County Hazardous Waste Collections

There are two special collections for hazardous waste this spring. Both collections take place at Governor Mifflin Intermediate School (600 Governor Drive in Shillington) from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. The first collection is for household hazardous waste (such as pesticides and oil-based paint) and will be held April 13. The second is a paper shredding event on April 20. These collections are sponsored by Berks County Solid Waste Authority; visit their website or call 610-478-6362 for more information.

There is an ongoing collection for tires (fees for certain tires may apply) and electronics every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - noon at the County's Bern Township recycling center (1316 Hilltop Road).

Please note that these collections are only for Berks County residents. The county recycling center is now under video surveillance, and illegal dumpers will be cited.

Easter Egg Hunt is April 20th

The annual Easter Egg Hunt in Umbenhauer Park, for children up to sixth grade, will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a bag or container for the eggs and have your child or children dress in appropriate clothing for the weather and nature of activity.

The Easter Egg Hunt has been supported by Bernville Borough, local churches, and Boyer's; thanks go to all who contribute to this fun event.



BOROUGH CALENDAR...

Dates to Remember

April

- 2 – Borough Council Meeting
- 6 – Tree Planting at Umbenhauer Park
- 10 – Recycling Pick-up
- 13 – Come W(h)ine With Your Mayor, library, 6-8 pm
- 16 – Heritage & Cultural Society Meeting
- 20 – Easter Egg Hunt – Umbenhauer Park
- 24 – Recycling Pick-up
- 29 – Community Day Planning Meeting, 6 pm, Friedens

May

- 2 – Shade Tree Commission Meeting
- 4 – Arbor Day in Umbenhauer Park
- 7 – Borough Council Meeting
- 8 – Recycling Pick-up
- 21 – Primary Election Day
- 22 – Recycling Pick-up
- 27 – Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony

June

- 1 – Annual Community Yard Sale
- 4 – Borough Council Meeting
- 5 – Recycling Pick-up
- 8 – Spring Clean-Up (large item trash pick-up)
- 18 – Heritage & Cultural Society Meeting
- 19 – Recycling Pick-up
- 24 – Community Day Planning Meeting, 6 pm, Friedens

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