Spring

The Center for Excellence in Local Government and the Berks County Water and Sewer Association

The Center for Excellence in Local Government and the Berks County Water and Sewer Association thank you for your support. Without your participation and work, the CELG and the BCW&SA would not be able to provide the training, assistance and special projects needed in Berks County. We hope you will join us at our workshops and events.

March 2015
Berks County Boroughs Assoc. Bimonthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 8:30 p.m. Topic: Berks County Law Enforcement Assessment – County Look (Part 1)

April 2015
Zoning Basics Course: Thursday, April 9, 16, 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
This “nuts and bolts” course stresses the fundamentals of developing a sound zoning ordinance using the authority in the Municipalities Planning Code. Course topics include: The relationship of zoning to comprehensive plans; understanding zoning terms, key issues in drafting the zoning ordinance and map, adopting and amending ordinances; Zoning ordinance administration; The use of MPC authority for joint municipal zoning, planned residential development and traditional neighborhood development options in ordinances.

Berks County Secretaries Association
Wednesday, April 8, 8:30 a.m. Topic: Personal Safety Part 2 – Police chiefs and secretaries encouraged to attend. Follow-up on issues of building and personal safety.

Berks County Joint Purchasing Council (BCCPC) Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 4:30 p.m. Meeting to discuss current bidding and potential new products and services for joint purchasing. All BCCPC membership and anyone considering membership are welcome to attend.

BCTV – Tune In Local Government in Berks
Tuesday, April 14, 7 p.m., one-hour, live TV show. Topic: Economic development in Berks County – Greater Reading Economic Partnership.

Berks County Water & Sewer Assoc. (BCW&SA) Monthly Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 8 a.m. Meeting to discuss programs, training and workshops related to the Association. General membership meeting. All BCW&SA membership and anyone considering joining are welcome to attend.

Green Storm Water Infrastructure
Wednesday, April 22, 6:30–9:30 p.m. Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) is a concept that brings together contemporary planning and engineering approaches to resolve the challenges associated with stormwater management in our community. It is based upon a community development vision in order to establish practical stormwater solutions considering land use, topographical, environmental and hydrological challenges. The concept provides focus on the following issues:
- What is Green Stormwater Infrastructure and why it is important
- Incorporating GSI in development and redevelopment
- Example ordinances and initiatives
- Funding options
- Floodplain management and development strategies
- Best practices
- Recruiting partners and creating capacity for implementation
- Monitoring, reviewing and evaluating the merits of the program

The course is intended to provide guidance to municipal officials so they can initiate solutions within our communities. Who Should Attend: Local governing board members, planning commission members, mayors, municipal managers and secretaries, solicitors, engineers, planners, zoning officers, community advisors and other individuals with an interest in the topic. Register online.

Berks County Municipal Officials Breakfast with the Commissioners
Friday, April 24, 8 a.m.–10 a.m., Keystone Fire Company, 240 N Walnut St., Boyertown. Presentation-EMS Working Group - Ambulance Service in Berks County. Hosted by the Keystone Water Rescue Team and sponsored by National Penn Bank. Register online.

April 2015 cont.

Accounting and Finance in Berks County
April 27 8 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Rosssner Hall
Sessions will include skills for professional financial presentations, impending GASB changes in financial statements and ethics in the accounting arena. Anyone associated with municipal finance is welcome to attend. Register online.

Local Government Advisory Committee (LOGAC) Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m. Standing committee for CELG; develops training topics and issues for consideration for the Center or the Berks County Water & Sewer Association’s (BCW&SA) attention. This is for committee membership; however, all are welcome.

May 2015
Center for Excellence in Local Government Golf Outing
Thursday, May 14, noon, Reading Country Club. More details to come!

Berks County Water & Sewer Association Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 8 a.m. Meeting to discuss programs, training and workshops related to the Association. General membership meeting. All BCW&SA membership and anyone considering joining are welcome to attend.

Governor Mifflin Area Coordinating Council (GMACC)
Tuesday, May 26, 7 p.m., location TBD
The GMACC addresses issues of concern for school district and member municipalities; attendance open to Governor Mifflin school district and municipalities.

Berks County Boroughs Association Bimonthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m. Topic: Local Law Enforcement Assessment - County Perspective (Part 2). All are welcome.

Berks Municipal Partnership (BMP) Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 7 p.m. Meeting to discuss areas of mutual concern for Berks municipalities and Berks County. BMP membership only.

Summer 2015
Berks County Secretaries Association
Wednesday, June 10, 8:30 a.m.
Topic TBD

Berks County Boroughs Association Annual Clam Bake
Friday, July 17, 5 p.m., Maier’s Picnic Grove, Blandon, Pa.

Third Annual Berks County Water & Sewer Assoc. Conference Partnership: The Path to Clean Waters
Wednesday, July 29, 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Berks County source water protection update, regulatory update, M54 impacts on water and wastewater utilities, source water and M54 mapping, discussion with Fish and Boat Commission, emerging contaminants. Municipal officials, water and wastewater personnel, engineers and solicitors. Register online.

Register online at www.albright.edu/localgov

For more information, please contact Andrea Weist at 610-929-6503 or aweist@albright.edu.

All meetings are held in Roessner Hall, Albright College, unless otherwise noted.