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 2016**

Subdivision & Land Development (SALDO) – Master Planner Series

- **Thursday, March 10, 17 and 24, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Roessner Hall**
  - This is one of three core courses for the Master Planner Series and Certificate, which prepares municipal officials for responsibilities with all phases of governance, zoning, planning and zoning hearing board responsibilities. SALDO addresses all of the issues related to the Municipalities Planning Code and the subdivision and land development process. Register online.

Finance Association Meeting

**Wednesday, March 16, 8:30 a.m.**

- Brian Potts, Manager of Bern Township will be presenting the process of developing a five-year financial budget forecast.

Berks County Water & Sewer Association (BCW&SA) St. Patrick’s Day Eve Mixer

**Wednesday, March 16, 4-7 p.m., Roessner Hall**

- When it comes to disasters, luck has nothing to do with it. Be prepared by talking to those in the know. Learn about disaster planning and preparedness, source water protection and responsiveness to economic development opportunities, the areas of focus for the BCW&SA.
  - Meet and Greet, 4-5:15 p.m.; Informal Program, 5:15 p.m.; Happy Hour, 6-7 p.m.

Mix and mingle with community leaders including City of Reading Mayor Wally Scott, Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt, Senator Judy Schwank, Senator David Argall’s Administrative Assistant, Craig Lutz, water and wastewater industry leaders, and other municipal officials. Cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and light refreshments will be served. Take a chance at winning a big screen TV! Register online.

Berks County Water & Sewer Association Monthly Board/Membership Meeting

**Thursday, March 17, 8-9:30 a.m., Roessner Hall**

- Newly Elected and Appointed Officials Training – Session 3 of 4
  - **Wednesday, March 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Roessner Hall, Room 100**
    - Financial Reporting: What is Fund Accounting? The process of reviewing and approving monthly financials, “Budget 101.” Cost is $25 per session or $60 for the series. Register online.

Berks Municipal Partnership Committee

**Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m., Roessner Hall**

- The BMP addresses both county and regional issues, which the Berks County Commissioners have with municipalities, and which municipalities have with the Commissioners.

Berks County Boroughs Association

**Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 p.m., Roessner Hall**


Berks County Municipal Officials Dinner & 5th Annual Richard Trostle Award for Intergovernmental Cooperation

**Thursday, March 31, 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour; 6:30 p.m. Dinner, Reading Country Club**

- Colonel Tyree Blocker, Commissioner of the State Police, discusses the Future of intergovernmental cooperation for effective policing. The presentation of the Fifth Annual Richard C. Trostle Intergovernmental Cooperation Award will follow our speaker. Direct Invitations were mailed to municipalities and sponsors.

**April 2016**

Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council

**Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 p.m., Roessner Hall**

- Meeting to discuss current bidding and potential new products and services for joint purchasing.
- All BCPC members, and anyone considering membership, are welcome to attend.

Berks County Secretaries Association

**Wednesday, April 13, 8:30 a.m., Roessner Hall, Topic TBD**

Newly Elected and Appointed Officials Training – Session 4 of 4

**Monday, April 18, 8:30-9:30 p.m., Roessner Hall, Room 100**

- Everything you need to know, but were afraid to ask. Planning, zoning, permitting, Police Department operation; what can an elected or appointed official do in addition to normal responsibilities?
  - Cost $25 per session or $60 for the series. Register online.

Berks County Water & Sewer Association (BCW&SA) Operator Training, Tentative

**April 19, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Revised Total Coliform Rule, training provided by the PA Dept of Environmental Protection; 3 contact hours.**

Breakfast with the Commissioners

**Friday, April 22, 8 a.m., Northern Region, The Masonic Lodge, 201 Washington Street, Birdsboro**

- Cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and light refreshments will be served. Take a chance at winning a big screen TV! Register online.

Zoning, Master Planner Series

**Thursday, April 28, May 5 and 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Roessner Hall**

- This is one of three core courses for the Master Planner Series and Certificate that prepares municipal officials for responsibilities with all phases of governance, zoning, planning and zoning hearing board responsibilities. Zoning addresses all of the issues related to the Municipalities Planning Code and the use, impact and implementation of the zoning process. Register online.

**The Future of Economic Development and Taxes in Berks County**

- *April 21, Northern Region Dinner, Haas Hotel, Shartlesville, PA; Details on reverse*

Berks County Water & Sewer Association Monthly Board/Committee Meeting

**Thursday, April 21, 8-9:30 a.m., Roessner Hall**

**May 2016**

Berks County Water & Sewer Association Monthly Board/Members- Elections Meeting

**Thursday, May 19, 8-9:30 a.m., Roessner Hall**

**CELG and BCW&SA Golf Outing**

**Thursday, May 19, noon check-in, 1 p.m. tee time, 19 hole & dinner immediately following, Reading Country Club, Rain date: May 26. Register online.**

**The Future of Economic Development and Taxes in Berks County**

- *April 26, Eastern Region Dinner, Golden Oaks Golf Course, Fleetwood, PA; Details on reverse*

Berks County Secretaries Association

**Wednesday, May 25, 8-9:30 a.m., Roessner Hall, Topic TBD**

**Berks County Secretaries Association**

**Wednesday, May 31, 8-9:30 a.m., Roessner Hall, Topic TBD**

**Local Government Advisory Committee (LOGAC)**

**Thursday, May 26, 7 p.m., Roessner Hall**

- LOGAC is a standing committee for CELG that develops training topics and issues for consideration for the Center or the Berks County Water & Sewer Association’s (BCW&SA) attention. This meeting is for committee members but all are welcome.

**Berks County Boroughs Association**

**Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 p.m., Roessner Hall, Topic TBD**
June 2016

The Future of Economic Development and Taxes in Berks County
*Thursday, June 2, Southern Region, Reading Country Club, Exeter, PA
*Wednesday, June 22 and Wednesday, June 29, Central Region, Roessner Hall
See information to the right.

Berks County Secretaries Association
Wednesday, June 8, 8:30 a.m., Roessner Hall

Berks County Water & Sewer Association Monthly Board/Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 8-9:30 a.m., Roessner Hall

Berks County Water & Sewer Association Management Training
Thursday, June 16, 7-9 p.m., Topic TBD

Berks Municipal Partnership
Thursday, June 30, 7 p.m., Roessner Hall
The BMP addresses both county and regional issues, which the Berks County Commissioners have with municipalities, or which municipalities have with the Commissioners.

July 2016

Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council
Tuesday, July 12, 1-3 p.m., Roessner Hall
Meeting to discuss current bidding and potential new products and services for joint purchasing.
All BCCPC members, and anyone considering membership, are welcome to attend.

Berks County Boroughs Association Annual Picnic
Friday, July 15, 5:30 p.m., Maier’s Grove, Blandon, PA
New this year, pig roast theme! More details to come.

Berks County Water & Sewer Association Monthly Board/Membership Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 8-9:30 a.m., Roessner Hall

Berks County Water and Sewer Association (BCW&SA) Annual Conference
Wednesday, July 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Campus Center, Albright College
Online registration will be available May/June. Vendor and sponsor opportunities are available, contact aweist@albright.edu.

*The Future of Economic Development and Taxes in Berks County
Regional Berks Municipal Partnership (BMP) Spring Dinner Meetings. During the spring of 2016, CELG, the Greater Reading Economic Partnership and the Berks County Planning Commission, will host regional dinners throughout the five BMP regions to discuss the current state of the county population, jobs and taxes. Why has the county population and job growth stagnated? What are the issues? What can or should we do?
During the winter you will receive a direct invitation to attend a dinner with school district and county officials, where there will be a presentation on where we are as a county, municipality and school district. You will also learn what some of the answers and tools are for new revenues that are available to address ever-increasing property taxes. We would like to have at least two officials from each municipality in attendance. Reserve these dates on your 2016 calendar: Northern Region, April 21; Eastern Region, April 28; Western Region, May 24; Southern Region, June 2; Central Region (two meetings), June 22 and June 29.