



## Volunteer Fire Department Receives Certificate of Recognition



Thomas Winkler from The Emergency Services for Children Program was at Fire Station No. 3 on April 24th to present Fire Chief Joshua Curtaccio a Certificate of Recognition to the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department for recognition at the Intermediate Level. The BTVFD is the first EMS agency in Beaver County to be recognized under this program and one of only five QRS services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to receive such acknowledgment. This is a prestigious award and is a confirmation

of the commitment to the community and of the level of training and expertise our volunteer firefighters have. For more information about the EMS for Children Program visit [paemsc.org](http://paemsc.org).

### On Record Pace for Total Calls

2015 has been a busy year for the Brighton Township VFD. As of June 1, 2015 the department has answered 204 calls for service: 115 QRS calls and 89 Fire calls. This is the busiest five months in the department's 75 year history.

### Want To Become a Member?

If you are thinking about joining our ranks or just want some information on becoming a member please contact us at [station63@comcast.net](mailto:station63@comcast.net) or stop out at Fire Station No. 3, 84 Grange Road, on a Monday night.

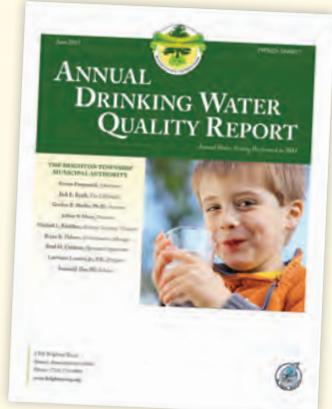
### New Mailing Address

Also, please note that the mailing address of the Fire Department has changed to 84 Grange Road, Beaver PA 15009.



## “Little Red” Needs Your Help

Please consider becoming a host at the Richmond “Little Red” Schoolhouse Museum. The one room school is open three months of the year for visitors. The June, July, August venue occurs Sundays only, from 2-5 pm. All volunteers need only serve one Sunday a season. Enable visitors to step back in time and experience the charm of the Township's quaint one room school. Simply call (724) 774-8292 for more details.



### 2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Available On-Line

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority is pleased to report that our drinking water meets all Federal and State requirements. The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is no longer mailed to each customer, but is available for review or printing at [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org) on the Water & Sewage Authorities Page.

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# NPDES Stormwater Permit Report Filed

## Township Implements MS4 Program

Brighton Township was issued a General Permit through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for operation of its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This Permit will expire on March 15, 2018. The MS4 system generally includes all ditches, piping, drains, culverts, catch basins and structures that convey stormwater runoff to surface waters (i.e. Two Mile Run, Brady's Run, Ohio River, etc.). The underlying objective of the Permit is to implement measures that will protect and improve water quality. The General Permit requires six (6) Minimum Control Measures (MCM) to be implemented. The MCM's generally include:

1. MCM 1 Public Education and Outreach Program,
2. MCM 2 Public Involvement and Participation,
3. MCM 3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination,
4. MCM 4 Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control,
5. MCM 5 Post-Construction Stormwater Management (PCSM) in New and Re-Development Activities,
6. MCM 6 Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping.
7. The Township has established procedures for municipal operations, including fueling and vehicle washing, to protect water resources.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be utilized to meet the above MCM's.



Many MCM's have multiple BMP's. To satisfy MCM 1 the Township will develop, implement and maintain a written Public Education and Outreach Program. This program will maintain a list of target audiences that are present within the area served by the MS4. The Township will then distribute stormwater educational materials and information to each target audience. For example, a handout will be distributed to builders with issuance of a building permit. This handout will explain the requirements of the MS4 ordinances as they relate to the type of construction covered by the permit.

As can be seen from the example above, implementation of the MS4 program is a significant effort. The Township is required to comply and enforce MS4 regulations by Federal Law. Failure to comply could result in fines to the Township. Implementation of the MS4 program is currently funded by the Township. Presently, there are no grants or outside financial assistance for this program.

Additional educational resources are maintained on the Planning & Zoning Page of the Township web site under Storm Water Permit Compliance.

# Sewer Deduct Meters Available

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA), in cooperation with the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA), have made a program available to water customers to have a separate meter installed to measure the flow of water that does not enter the sanitary sewer system. This meter typically reads water used outside for watering lawns or gardens, washing vehicles or filling swimming pools.

This sewer deduct meter is read at the same time as your water meter at the end of each quarter. The reading on the sewer meter is deducted from the excess use based on the water meter reading. The minimum amount billed during each quarter remains at twelve thousand gallons. Absent a sewer meter, no credit will be given for outside water use, such as filling your swimming pool or watering the lawn and garden.

The cost of the additional meter is one hundred & fifty dollars (\$150.00). This one-time charge includes the meter and installation. Payment in advance to BTMA is required. All inside plumbing revisions will be at the expense of the owner and are subject to inspection prior to meter installation. Applications for sewer meter installation are available within the Resident's Center on the Water & Sewage Authorities Page or the Application & Forms Page of the Township web site [brightontwp.org](http://brightontwp.org).

### Township Supervisors

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## Beaver Area Heritage Museum - Beaver Sports: Then and Now A Nostalgic Look at Beaver School Teams and Athletes

When Beaver High School first opened in 1880, athletic programs were not part of the plan and there were no sports available for students to participate in, but by the turn of the century things were changing, as sports and recreation were becoming increasingly popular.

The Heritage Museum's exhibit is a nostalgic retrospective of hometown photos and memorabilia of athletes and teams of days gone by but also of

more recent vintage. It will be on view for the remainder of the year until mid-December.

On display is the first Beaver baseball team photo — Beaver Greys baseball photos with a bat and uniform jersey — football team photos from various years — a 1925 girl's letter sweater — Bill Butler's track medals, shoes and trophies — girls' softball photos — boys' track memorabilia — and much more.



# What we feed into our storm drains can poison our rivers.

When the rain falls and the snow melts, a flood of water runs off our roofs, roads and yards and down into our streets. Everything the water touches is swept down those streets and fed directly into our storm drains. And then flows out into our rivers—the major source of our drinking water.

Trash. Paint. Oil.  
Fertilizers. Animal waste.  
Anything in the path of the storm water can find its way to our rivers through our storm drains.

But there is something we can do about it. In fact,



a lot of dedicated people and municipalities are working on it right now. You can help too.

Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden products. Properly dispose of oil, paints and other household chemicals. And please, don't litter the street or the landscape.

To find out more, visit our website. And discover how to keep our rivers from going down the drain.



Clean water starts in our own backyard. Go to [3riverswetweather.org](http://3riverswetweather.org) for a free guide on how you can help.



## Township Sets 2015 Road Paving Program

The Township has awarded the bid contract for the 2015 road paving program to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$315,710. The streets identified for asphalt paving are listed below. The paving schedule has not yet been released.

ROAD / STREET	FROM - TO
Laurel Drive	Entire Length
Stokes Drive	Entire Length
Hill Drive	Entire Length
Evergreen Circle	Entire Length
Sebring Road	Aspen Drive to 520 Sebring Rd

The Road Department will also conduct their annual oil and chip program for the treatment and maintenance of certain roads to supplement the road paving program, as well as performing other important road maintenance and drainage projects.

## Delinquent Per Capita Taxes To Be Turned Over to Collection Agency

The Tax Collector has sent delinquency notices for all remaining unpaid 2014/15 per capita tax bills for those persons who have failed to make payment. The Per Capital Tax is an annual tax of \$15 (\$5 Brighton Township, \$10 Beaver Area School District) authorized by Act 511 and payable by each adult (18 years or older) residing in the Township. Current penalty amounts total \$16.50. The Township & School District have turned over the listing of unpaid accounts to a professional collection agency for collection. As a result the collection agency will attach additional fees for their services in pursuing collection, which range from additional notices, wage attachments and door-to-door visits. Fees can be substantial in nature.

### Berkheimer Appointed to Collect Per Capita Tax

Berkheimer has been appointed as the Per Capita Tax Collector effective with the July 2015 Per Capita Tax Billing. Therefore, residents will no longer receive a Per Capita Tax post card bill from the elected tax collector James W. Onuska. Instead, Berkheimer will send the bills to each resident. Berkheimer currently serves as the Earned Income Tax Collector for all of Beaver County, including Brighton Township.

## Project Lifesaver®

The Brighton Township Police Department is in the initial stages of becoming part of Project Lifesaver® to help people in our community and others that have the tendency to wander. Project Lifesaver was created with two goals; to streamline search and rescue procedures and to help save lives. Under the program officers will undergo an extensive training course covering Autism, Alzheimer's, Down syndrome or other cognitive conditions. The officers will be certified as electronic search specialists as part of the training. The Department will also apply for an Autism Speaks Grant to obtain some of the required equipment.

Persons enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies the Brighton Township Police Department acting as the Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Program participants have found that most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes.

Watch future newsletters and announcements as the Department pursues becoming part of Project Lifesaver.

## Municipal Authority Waterline Replacement Project Update

As reported in the March Newsletter, the Board of Directors has initiated a series of projects to replace prioritized sections of waterline to increase reliability in pumping mains, replace lines that experience frequent breaks, and to increase system hydraulic capacity. Additionally, limited pump station improvements are planned. These important improvements are pursuant to the Water System Master Plan and Study prepared by the Authority's consulting engineer.

Surveys for waterline replacements have been completed and the Authority's consulting engineer is proceeding with the design phase and preparation of multiple permit applications required for the proposed project. Permits required include a NPDES permit and multiple Highway Occupancy Permits. Future newsletters will provide updates on specific projects.

## Corporal Yates Receives Award



Corporal Donald Yates was presented with an award on May 15th by the Women’s Center of Beaver County on behalf of the Beaver County Domestic and Sexual Violence STOP Coordinating Team. This award was in recognition of his exemplary work and efforts on behalf of victims of sexual assault.

*Left: Corporal Don Yates standing in front of the Beaver County Police Memorial on the grounds of the Court House.*

## 2015 Tire Disposal Date Set for September 26th

The Township’s annual Tire Collection program conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy continues to be well attended, demonstrating the need for a continued method for the disposal of waste tires. Tires are excluded from the curbside refuse collection program. At last year’s collection a record 506 tires for the Township site were collected. Since 2004 nearly 3,500 tires have been collected at the Township’s site. These are tires that may have otherwise been improperly disposed of.

**This year’s collection will be Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon at the Public Works site, 1250 Brighton Road. The fees are as follows:**

### FEES BY SIZE

Passenger car, light truck or motorcycle up to 20” off rim	\$3 each
Passenger car, light truck or motorcycle up to 20” on rim	\$5 each
Tractor trailer up to 22.5” (no rims please)	\$20 each
Farm tractor up to 75 lbs.	\$20 each
Farm tractor up to 150 lbs.	\$40 each
Farm tractor over 150 lbs.	\$75 each

You can pay in cash or check (with proper ID). The collection is provided for individuals and small businesses, and there is no limit to the number of tires you may bring. Proof of residency is not required.

You can help the Conservancy work for clean water and open green space by volunteering at a tire collection or making a monetary donation. More information can be found at [www.independenceconservancy.org](http://www.independenceconservancy.org).

## Stay Connected with Monthly E-Newsletter

Want to know what is going on locally? Stay connected with our monthly Current Events e-news. This electronic newsletter is sent around the 1st of each month and is packed full of current events over the next three months. It is tailored to events that are of interest to residents of Brighton Township, although anyone can sign-up for it.

How do you get it? Go to the Township’s web site and look for the sign-up link on the home page in the left-hand column. Get connected today!



## Easter Egg Hunt Enjoyed by Over 200 Children

The Easter Bunny brought a smile to many faces during the Park & Recreation Board’s Easter Egg Hunt at Two Mile Run Park, where over 200 children participated in the search for 1,800 eggs filled with candy and prizes.

A special thank you is extended to the Beaver Area H.S. J.R.O.T.C. for their volunteer service setting up for the event and helping the children. Their service alongside the Park & Recreation Board resulted in a very successful and fun-filled event.



**RECYCLING IS EASY!**

**RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

- All Paper**
- Manila & Brown Folders**
- Newspaper & Phone Books**
- Glossy Paper & Magazines**
- Junk Mail**
- Tin & Aluminum**
- Glass**
- Aseptic Containers**
- Plastic**   
 All containers labeled #1-7

## How to Prepare Your Materials

### Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

- All containers labeled # 1-7 are accepted!
- Rinse, flatten and securely fasten cap back on.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Containers that originally held oil or chemicals must be completely emptied and not contain any potentially hazardous material
- No plastic bags or buckets.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

### Aluminum, Bi-Metal & Tin Food and Beverage Containers and Aluminum Foil

- Rinse and flatten or crush containers.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

### Glass (Clear, Brown and Green Bottles and Jars)

- Rinse.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Do not break glass.
- Do not include auto glass, light bulbs, porcelain, ceramic, plate glass or crystal.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

### Aseptic Containers (Milk Cartons)

- Rinse and flatten containers.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

### Newspaper and Other Paper Products

- Include newspaper, magazines, phone books, junk mail, and all other paper.
- Do not place in plastic bags.
- Cereal and cracker type boxes can be included – remove inner bags or liners and flatten.
- Place directly in green recycling container with other recycling items.

**NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

- Food Waste**
- Glass Pane & Pyrex**
- Food Containers**
- Ink/Toner Cartridges**

### Remember...

- Place your recycling container at roadside on the same day as your regular garbage collection during the recycling weeks.
- Place recyclables directly into recycling container. Do not place items in separate bags or they will not be collected.
- Recover your recycling container promptly after collection.
- Green recycling containers are available for purchase at the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road.

## Refuse & Recycling Program – New Rate Effective July 1, 2015

The Township opened bids on February 9th for a new 3-year contract effective July 1st. J. Young Refuse was the successful bidder.

<b>Base Rate July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 11.08</b>
<b>Quarterly Refuse Rate effective July 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 33.24</b>

Remember that additional fees are assessed for services other than curbside collection (backyard or at door service where specific contract restrictions apply) or streets that were not specified for curb service in the bid contract.

**Mandatory Participation** – Each residential unit is required to participate in the contracted refuse and recycling collection program. Brighton Township is also mandated by State law to provide curbside collection of recyclables to each residential unit. Township ordinance requires mandatory participation in these programs. As the contracted hauler provides the Township with the names and addresses of non-participants, notices will be sent. Continued non-participation can result in the filing of an enforcement notice with potential fines of not less than \$100 nor more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution, for each violation.

**Excluded Items** – Contract specifications require the collection of rubbish and other bulky waste. Bulky waste includes appliances, furniture, furnishings, rugs/carpet (when cut in lengths of not more than 4-feet and placed in rolls), toilets, and other items. However, there are items excluded from collection. Following is a list of items excluded from curbside collection as part of the contract. However, this list should not be considered as a final complete list, as there is always the chance that an unforeseen circumstance or item has not been considered. Refuse should be placed for collection in bags not exceeding 40 pounds or 40 gallons in size.

**Excluded items are:** Tires, Yard Waste, Christmas Trees, Construction Debris, Vehicle Parts or Batteries, Paints, Liquids or Fluids and Hazardous Wastes. Loose debris must be in a box or bag. The contractor will not be required to pick-up loose debris. No steel or iron posts or rods that may damage garbage packers. The contractor is not expected to dismantle items placed out for collection. Items specified as items to be separated for recycling are not to be commingled with refuse for the purpose of being discarded.

Items containing Freon gas will not be picked up unless the gas or other cooling material has been properly removed in accordance with applicable laws and proof is provided to the collector.

**Recycling** – Recycling is collected curbside every other week. Please use an easily identifiable green container for placement of the recycling. Holes should be placed in the bottom of the container for drainage. Recycling is mandatory under state law and enforceable by Township ordinance. Recyclable items that are prepared improperly, or are mixed with household refuse, will not be collected, or will be disposed of with the refuse. Each of you can help improve the success rate of the Township's recycling program.

**Special Note:** Please crush or flatten the large plastic containers. Otherwise they take up a lot of space and limit the volume of recycling that can be collected within the recycling truck.

**Size and Weight of Recycling Containers Restricted** – A special vehicle is used for the collection of recycling that requires the collector to lift the containers above their head to dump into the collection vehicle. Therefore, it is important that the recycling containers are not too large or too heavy. Containers determined to be too large, heavy or bulky will not be collected.

A recycling can with lid can be purchased at the Township Office for \$10, lower than the actual purchase price. These containers are 20-gallons in size. Please use multiple containers when necessary.

# New FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Beaver County Effective August 17, 2015

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), is implementing changes to the Flood Insurance Studies (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) throughout the County in accordance with the Biggert-Waters Act of 2012. On August 17, 2015 changes to the above documents will become effective within Beaver County including Brighton Township.

Based upon the information provided by FEMA, the flood hazard area designations have changed from previous FIRMs. The 100-year flood zones are now designated as areas having a "1% annual chance of flooding." Similarly, areas formerly referred to as the 500-year flood zone are now designated as areas having a "0.2% annual chance of flooding." All flood elevations shown in the revised Flood Insurance Study (FIS) are now referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). To convert to this new reference, elevation values from the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 were adjusted downward by 0.52 feet. All areas having Base Flood Elevations (BFE) were re-delineated using updated topographic data. In many areas, the revised elevation reference and updated mapping changed the extents of the flood zones.

As a result of the changes proposed by FEMA, the Township is required to adopt a new Floodplain Management Ordinance that meets NFIP standards. The Ordinance sets standards for construction, land development and other activities within the Flood Zone. This Ordinance will also become effective on August 17, 2015. The Township was required to comply with the new FEMA standards. Failure to comply would cause the Township and its residents' suspension from the NFIP.

How can you find out if your property is located within a Flood Zone? Visit <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/advanced> to view the FIRMs and FIS. Persons with flood insurance now, or who will need it when the new maps become effective, have an especially strong interest in contacting an insurance agent. In some cases, it may be necessary to engage a Professional Land Surveyor or Engineer to provide an Elevation Certificate (EC) to determine insurance premium rates. General information on National Flood Insurance Program is available at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) and <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>.

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## Water & Sewage Payment Options

The times of next-day mail delivery guarantees are a by-gone era. However, the Municipal and Sewage Authorities have options for prompt and quick payments of your water and sewage charges to help you avoid late fees or penalties.

### Automatic Bill Payment Provides 2% Discount

Residential accounts receive a 2% discount on water and sewer charges when enrolling in the Automatic Bill Payment Option. With this payment option, charges are automatically drawn from the enrolled checking account. Your payment is never late with this option!

To initiate this service all you need to do is complete a simple enrollment form, provide a VOIDED check and deliver it via mail or drop-off to the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) office at 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. The forms are available in the Municipal Building or on the Water/Sewage Authorities page of [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org).

It is quick, convenient, a time saver and eliminates the need for postage or personal delivery. Plus, you will still get a bill card with the words "Do Not Pay" so you have an opportunity to review the charges in advance of when payments are drawn on the 20th of the month, or the next business day.

### Electronic Payment Service

Payments utilizing on-line banking results in bank issued payments made electronically. As a result, payments are received much quicker, typically within a 24-hour period, but not guaranteed by the bank. Please verify the accuracy of your Account Number when issuing payment through a bank. The Account Number is listed on the billing card.

The Payee Name should be one of the following:

- BTMA/BTSA (preferred use)
- BTMA
- BTSA
- Brighton Township Municipal Authority
- Brighton Township Sewage Authority

Using an incorrect Account Number or Payee Name could result in the payment being rejected for electronic service.

### Additional Information

Other methods of payment and additional information regarding the water and sewage services are available and can be reviewed by going to the Water/Sewage Authorities Page in the Resident's Center on the Township web site: [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org).

# Brighton Township

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Beaver, PA 15009

## MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held at the Municipal Building. Meetings are subject to change. Call to confirm meeting date and time, (724) 774-4800.

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Second Monday of each month – 7:00 p.m.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

First Monday of each month – 7:30 p.m.

### MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month – 8:00 p.m.

### SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month – 6:45 p.m.

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

As requested.

### PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Fourth Wednesday of each month – 7:00 p.m.

Third Wednesday in November & December.

## Hardy Field Renovation Update



The final construction stages at Hardy Field are being put into place with the release of new contracts for the lower parking lot improvements and playground replacement. The facilities and improvements that have occurred over the several years have made Hardy Field a premier park facility.

The Road Department prepares the lower parking lot at Hardy Field for paving. The scope of work includes site excavation, placement of stone base in preparation of



paving and the installation of drainage facilities. The Department will also install the light poles and fixtures. The paving contract will also include sidewalks and a crosswalk.

New playground equipment is being installed at Hardy Field that includes a rubberized fall zone. The new equipment offers a variety of activities that will provide a fun and safe area for children to play for many years.