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**December 2010**

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## **Halloween Cup Fest A Success**

The Brighton Township Beaver Soccer Association, in conjunction with the Brighton Township Park & Recreation Board, staged a Halloween Cup Fest on October 30 at Hardy Field. The event featured soccer tournaments for recreational soccer players under the ages of 8 and ages 10 and games for players under 6. Trophies were awarded to the winning teams. Exhibition matches between travelling teams and an "All-Star" game between coaches added to the festivities.

Throughout the afternoon, games and crafts were held and prizes provided. Inflatable attractions such as a Giant Slide, Jumbo Bouncer, and Jungle Adventure Playland proved very popular with the kids. The most popular attraction appeared to be the Trackless Train, which never left the station without a full compliment of passengers. The young East Enders Band performed twice during the afternoon. Raffles, 50-50 drawings and a silent auction added interest to the event as a fund-raising activity.

Trick or treat bags were distributed to all kids in attendance, followed by a Halloween Costume Contest. Prizes were awarded for the scariest costume and the most original costume in age groups 6 and under and ages 6 and over. The event concluded with Erin Funkhouser holding a group of young people spellbound as she told and acted out some eerie tales of witches and goblins.



## **Township Requests Permanent 3-Way Stop at Tuscarawas & Dutch Ridge Roads**

Brighton Township has again requested the PA Department of Transportation (PA D.O.T.) to make the intersection of Tuscarawas Road and Dutch Ridge Road a 3-way stop on a permanent basis. The intersection currently functions as a 2-way stop.

Both Tuscarawas and Dutch Ridge are State roadways and the placement of stop signs falls within their jurisdiction. Over the past two summers, two State projects, the paving of Brighton Road and the replacement of the Brighton Road bridge, have taken place during which PA D.O.T. established the intersection as a 3-way stop due to traffic detours that were put in place. At the completion of the projects, the 3-way stop was promptly discontinued.

Prior to the construction projects on Brighton Road, PA D.O.T. denied prior requests by the Township to have a 3-way stop established at this intersection. However, the Township believes the intersection functions more effectively and safely as a 3-way stop as demonstrated through the temporary 3-way stop that was put in place during the construction projects over the past two years. At this writing PA D.O.T. has agreed to conduct a new traffic and engineering study of the intersection to determine if their requirements are met for a 3-way stop at this intersection. The study will consider crash history, intersection sight distance and hourly traffic volumes.

## Township Looks Towards 2011

As the Township reflects on 2010 and looks forward to 2011 it can be reported that much was accomplished this past year. Briefly, major undertakings during the year included:

- Fire Station No. 3 on Grange Road was rebuilt and expanded.
- A 1996 Pierce 100-foot aerial platform fire truck was purchased to replace the Department's 1982 85-foot aerial platform.
- Electrical improvements and upgrades to facilities and new lighting within Two Mile Run Park were constructed.
- The new Shelter #3 was opened for public use within Two Mile Run Park.
- A picnic shelter was constructed within the Dawson Ridge Park.
- Construction of a new football field at Hardy Field was initiated.
- The parking lot at Hardy Field was redesigned and paved.
- The 9-hole disc golf course in Two Mile Run Park Extension was opened to rave reviews.
- New guiderails were installed on Gypsy Glen and Sebring Roads.
- A new F-550 dump truck with snowplow has been ordered to replace a 2000 F-450 model vehicle.
- Purchase of a new police car.

This is in addition to the Township's annual road paving program and extensive road, park and facility maintenance activities. All of these projects were accomplished without any increases in taxes. This is possible as a result of project planning and scheduling, and the annual allocation of funds earmarked for special purposes. It is also through the combined efforts of many dedicated employees and volunteers that take pride in our community. We will not take the time to mention all the boards, commissions, committees and volunteers here, but the results of their collective efforts makes Brighton Township a great community to live in. Look for more information on some of these projects elsewhere in this newsletter, and in the annual department reports that will be published in the March 2011 edition of the newsletter.

We are also pleased to report that the Township has adopted the 2011 Budget with no changes to existing tax levies. At 10.0 mills Brighton Township's real estate tax rate remains significantly lower than other communities in the Beaver Area, and much of Beaver County in general. In addition, Brighton Township has no business privilege or mercantile taxes. At just over \$3 million, the operating fund budget maintains without reduction the existing services and programs that are currently in place to serve the residents of the Township. Through sound financial oversight by the Board and prudent stewardship of resources and equipment by Township employees, the Township has been able to keep tax rates at a minimum.

Looking forward, 2011 promises to be another busy and productive year. Again, this would not be possible without the community support the Township enjoys. We welcome your participation and input on areas of concern to you and assure you that the Board and staff will remain diligent in our efforts to keep Brighton Township the best location in Beaver County.

Brighton Township Board of Supervisors  
Dennis E. Nichols  
John Curtaccio  
James E. Equels, Sr.

*The Officers  
and Staff of  
Brighton  
Township  
wish everyone a  
happy and  
prosperous  
New Year!*

### Recycling is Easy!

#### HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MATERIALS

##### Glass - Clear, Brown and Green Bottles and Jars

1. Rinse - remove styrofoam labels.
2. Remove metal lids and rings.
3. Place in green recycling container.
4. Do not break glass.
5. Do not include auto glass, light bulbs, porcelain, ceramic, plate glass or crystal.



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

1. Rinse thoroughly, crush cans.
2. Place in green recycling container.

##### Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

1. Rinse thoroughly, remove caps.
2. Flatten to save space.
3. Containers must have the three arrow recycling logo, with the numbers 1 or 2 inside it.
4. Containers that originally held motor oil, antifreeze, or other chemicals are not recyclable.
5. Place in green recycling container.
6. Do not include plastic bags or buckets.



##### Newspapers and Magazines

1. Fold newspapers once and slide into paper bag along with magazines.
2. Do not tie newspapers, magazines or paper bag
3. Do not use plastic bags under any circumstances.
4. No cardboard, cereal, cracker or pizza boxes.
5. Place next to or in recycling container at roadside.



- Place your recycling container at roadside on the same day as your regular garbage collection during the recycling weeks.
- Do not place items in separate bags or they will not be collected. Place recyclables directly into recycling container.

- Recover your recycling container promptly after collection.

**NOTE:** The recycling container remains the property of Brighton Township and must remain at the residence if you move. Your recycling container is to be used for recycling only.

**BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP RECYCLES**



**Township Supervisors James E. Equels, Sr., John Curtaccio and Dennis E. Nichols present Kimberly Wolf with a proclamation honoring her father, Harry W. Wolf, Jr., for his many years of public service and leadership. On September 25<sup>th</sup> the Board dedicated the ball field at Two Mile Run Park in memory of Harry Wolf who died on July 27<sup>th</sup> during his term as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.**

## **Electrical & Lighting Improvements Completed at Two Mile Run Park**

Brighton Township continues to upgrade and improve the facilities at Two Mile Run Park, having recently completed the contract for electrical and lighting improvements. New primary electrical service panels have been installed in Shultz Lodge from which other areas of the park are served. New light poles and fixtures line the roadway from the main parking lot on Gypsy Glen Road to Shelter No. 2 greatly enhancing the lighting and attractiveness of the park at night. The pavilion at the rear of the lodge and both Shelter Nos. 1 and 2 have new electrical panels, outlets and switches that improve their dependability and ease of access. Other maintenance improvements at the park completed this year include the re-grading and sealing of the parking lot, and the sealing and striping of the basketball courts. New decking is also planned for the bridges. Over the winter the Township will be evaluating the replacement of the furnace and air conditioning units next year.

## **Certified Mailing Fee to Increase in 2011**

Effective January 1, 2011 the fee charged by the Sewage Authority and Municipal Authority for certified mailings will increase from \$12.50 to \$15.00 per certified mailing. Certified mailings are typically sent to give notice of service termination in the event of non-payment. This charge is added to the customer account at the time of mailing.



As a member club of US Youth Soccer through PAWest, BTBSA provides the opportunity for kids of all ages to learn and play The Beautiful Game. BTBSA offers recreational soccer for children ages 4 to 10 and competitive travel soccer for children and teens ages 10 to 19. Home matches are played at Hardy Field or at the Beaver Area High School Gypsy Glen Stadium.

Spring soccer registration has already begun and may be found at website: [www.btbsa.net](http://www.btbsa.net). On-line registration is fast and easy!

Travel Deadline is February 5, 2011. Registration fee is \$55 and the player must be registered by the deadline. Regardless of the deadline, travel registration is closed when the teams are full.

In-House Deadline is March 5, 2011. Registration fee: U6 - \$40, U8 and up - \$55. A \$40 late fee for in-house registrations will be made after the deadline. Players must have been age 4 by August 1, 2010.

For questions, or if you do not have access to a computer for on-line registration please call:

- In-House Registrations: Amy Hartill (724) 775-5776
- Travel Registrations: Sharon Arend (724) 774-4747

## **Fire Department Appeal Letters Mailed**



The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department's annual request for donations was mailed to each Township resident this Fall. The Department wishes to express their sincere thanks to all those who have responded to the appeal for donations. However, many residents have not responded and your donation is needed to continue the quality fire and emergency medical services that have always been offered by our Department. Their service depends largely on the support of the community and your annual donations. Each dollar donated is accounted for and is spent wisely. All expenditures are subject to an outside professional audit by a CPA firm. Remember, your Fire Department is 100% volunteer.

Please do your share and mail your donation to Brighton Township VFD, P.O. Box 498, Beaver, PA 15009 or drop it off at the Municipal Building.

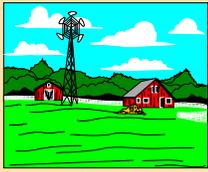
The Department sends wishes for a safe and happy holiday to all our residents.

Support the Fire Department by Attending Fish Fries on the Following Dates!

- January 7 & 21
- February 4 & 18
- March 4, 11, 18 & 25
- April 1, 8, 15 & 22

Firemen's Social Hall – 5400 Dutch Ridge Road  
4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Takeouts available



## Help the Historical Society Preserve Brighton Township's Rich History

The Brighton Township Historical Society is conducting several programs that might be of interest to you and your participation is encouraged.

In an effort to expand the ongoing Video Oral History Program, our volunteers are looking for candidates to share their recollections of life in Brighton Township. Subject matter should focus on the people, places and events in the Township from a historical perspective. Simply share your memories of the past. Also, please feel free to share significant memorable events in your own life. In the Oral History tradition we will film and archive your narrative.

We appreciate the fact some folks are not comfortable in front of the camera so we are happy to accommodate with a written version of the Oral History Program. Just call our number and provide your recollections and we will document in writing those memories. Help us develop local history and share with future generations your reflections of days past.

Please consider donating artifacts to the Brighton Township Historical Society. Of particular interest to our present collection would be the inclusion of photographs depicting scenes of early Brighton Township. Also, if you possess old letters, maps, newspapers and recorded material related to the Brighton Township area, we would like to add them to our archives. Our volunteers will take the utmost care in protecting, preserving and displaying these heirlooms, which expands our collection and benefits the community.

Question, comments, donations or to schedule...simply call 724-774-8292.

The Brighton Township Historical Society...developing and preserving the rich history of Brighton Township.



*Richard Schenck  
"The Little Red School" Brighton Township*

## Police Department Receives State Grant Award

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency has awarded a \$90,500 grant to the Beaver County Regional Councils of Governments with Brighton Township serving as the lead applicant. The grant is for the purchase of equipment for police departments, including \$8,350 to Brighton Township for the purchase of computers for police vehicles. These technological improvements provide police officers with the most current information available while on scene, assisting in law enforcement activities and providing increased officer safety.

## Park & Recreation Board Happenings

Your Park & Rec Board concluded another year of planning and providing for recreational opportunities for Township residents. In addition to its overseeing of the baseball, softball, football and soccer club activities and programs, the following events were planned and implemented:

- February 6th —Family Movie Night at Two Mile Lodge (Cancelled due to record breaking snowfall)
- April 3rd — Easter Egg Hunt at Two Mile Run Park
- June 5th —Pirate Game & Fireworks Trip
- August 3rd — Kiski Junction Railroad Trip
- September 30th —Wine & Chocolate Trip
- October 30th — Halloween Cup Fest in conjunction with BTBSA
- December 11th —Holiday Trip to Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs

On May 8, as part of World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend, our Disc Golf Course located in Two Mile Run Park Extension was officially opened for play. A number of area players participated in the Grand Opening and provided instruction to those in attendance. Many positive comments on the course layout and condition were received. This event culminated more than two years of planning by the Board and its consultants and construction by the Township's very able and efficient Road Department.

As part of the Master Plan for Development of the Hardy Field Complex, a new football field is being constructed adjacent to the soccer fields and pavilion. The field has been seeded and it is hoped that the playing surface will be ready for play for the 2012 season. New parking areas have been constructed adjacent to the new field. These improvements will ultimately enable the rehabilitation of the baseball field into a first-class facility, and a grant application has been filed with the Commonwealth to help finance this.

The Board, as always, welcomes comments on our plans and activities.



## Tire Collection Program Continues to be a Success

The Township's September 25<sup>th</sup> waste tire collection program proved to be a success again, with 210 tires collected. Over the past seven years 1,820 tires have been collected at the Township's site. The program was conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy at the Township Public Works Site located on Brighton Road. Overall, the Conservancy collected 3,199 tires at various host sites throughout the year. The goal of the program is to provide a legitimate means for the disposal of tires and to prevent their illegal dumping, keeping our lands and waterways clean.

## Rental Registration Reminder

Pursuant to Township Code, owners of rental properties located within the Township are required to file a semi-annual report for each rental property, listing the names of all tenants age 18 and over. The next semi-annual rental property registrations are due on or before February 1, 2011. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Applications & Forms Page within the Resident's Center on the Township web site at [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org). **It is the responsibility of the landlord to file in a timely manner.** The Township does not send notices. If you have had no tenant changes, you may report the information by calling 724-774-4800. Have questions? Please call the Township Office.



## Fire Station No. 3 Construction Completed

The reconstruction and addition to Fire Station No. 3 on Grange Road is substantially completed. As reported in the September newsletter, the project was undertaken to improve and expand the station. In addition to having the deteriorated siding and roofing replaced, the station has larger door openings and larger bays designed to accommodate the fire apparatus that will be housed in the station. Fire Station No. 3 serves as the operational headquarters for the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department. Business meetings and training sessions are conducted there, as well as incident reporting to other agencies. The station has expanded and modern training facilities, meeting rooms and office areas. Backup emergency power and a fire sprinkler system were also provided for.



A formal dedication ceremony will be conducted next spring.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and Final Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter returns for earned income tax are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> and Final Returns are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a one percent (1.0%) tax on gross earnings. This tax is paid to the Beaver Area School District and Brighton Township at 1/2 of 1% each. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty. If you are employed in the Beaver Area, it is mandatory that your employer withhold the tax and your obligation is fulfilled except for the filing of a final return by April 15<sup>th</sup>. However, it is the employed person's responsibility to pay the tax, so payment should be verified. **Failure to file a final return, even when no tax is due, makes individuals liable for penalty.** Upcoming payment schedules:

### ***Earned Income Period***

4<sup>th</sup> Qtr: October, November, December

Final Return - Verification Needed

### ***Payment is Due***

On or Before January 31<sup>st</sup>

By April 15<sup>th</sup>

The EIT Collector for Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District is the Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CENTAX), 438 Line Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117. CENTAX can be reached at 1-800-569-6704 or (724) 752-3350 for more information or questions.

**Need help?** Representatives of CENTAX are at the Ft. McIntosh building the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. to assist you. The following dates have been added to assist with final returns: March 30<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon to 5:00 P.M.

## Increase in Waterline Breaks Expected During Winter Season

During the winter season waterline breaks occur more frequently, disrupting service to customers of the Municipal Authority. When this occurs, the Authority is unable to notify each household that water service will be temporarily shut off while repairs are made. When possible, the Authority will utilize the Swift911™ system to notify residents of service termination during repairs. Please refer to the article within this newsletter on the Emergency Notification System to learn how to update your contact information for this and related purposes.

The Authority takes action to expedite repairs to waterlines when a break occurs. However, extremely cold or severe weather makes working conditions difficult and can delay the repairs. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding when these breaks occur, and ask your help in keeping the employees safe by driving slowly through the construction zones.

After the repairs are made, Authority employees flush the water lines to clear them of any dirty water that can occur as a result of the waterline break. If you experience dirty water, run the cold water at the lowest point in your home (i.e. a basement laundry sink) until the water appears clear. Do not run the hot water, as this results in the dirty water passing through the hot water tank.

If you notice running water or other unusual conditions along a road that you believe could be the result of a broken waterline, please contact the Municipal Offices (724-774-4800) as soon as possible, or report the condition to the non-emergency police line (724-774-1789) outside of normal working hours.

## **CENTAX Selected as Countywide Earned Income Tax Collector**

The Beaver County Tax Collection Committee has selected the Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CENTAX) as the collector of earned income tax (EIT) for Beaver County (Tax Officer) in accordance with the requirement of PA Act 32. The implementation date of the countywide EIT program will be January 2, 2012. CENTAX currently serves as the EIT collector for Brighton Township and the Beaver Area School District.

### **What is PA Act 32?**

Pennsylvania Act 32 of 2008 enacted comprehensive Earned Income Tax (EIT) collection reform throughout the State. Pursuant to the Act, a total of 69 countywide EIT tax collection districts are to be established (Allegheny County will have 4). The purpose is to have uniform withholding, remittance, distribution and reporting, rules, forms and codes throughout Pennsylvania. Consequently, if you are employed, your employer is required to withhold your tax at the rate where you live (1.0% with ½% to each Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District) and it will be directed to your home municipality and school district. If you are self employed, work out of state or are a federal employee you are required to pay the tax quarterly or be subject to additional penalty, interest and costs.

Currently, each municipality and school district appoints an EIT collector of their choice. Although many municipalities and school districts coordinate their appointments to have a common collector, such as Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District have done, this was not required or always done. At the time of the Act's passage, there were reported to be 560 local EIT collectors throughout the State. By 2012 that number will be reduced to 69. Review of the collection systems in place by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) found them to be fragmented and inefficient, with many different rules, requirements and rates and a lack of coordination between collectors. This system was also found to be a burden to businesses that conduct transactions or operations throughout multiple municipalities and counties.

As required by the Act, each EIT collection district within the County, including Brighton Township, appointed a delegate to the Beaver County Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC). Brighton Township's delegate is Dennis Nichols. Voting is based upon a weighted scale established by the PA DCED. Brighton Township's weighted vote is 3.03%. The BCTCC determined that the selection of a qualified EIT tax collection firm was the best method of implementing the requirements of the Act. After review of RFPs from four firms, a subcommittee conducted interviews with three, and narrowed the selection to two finalists. The two finalists appeared before the full BCTCC on October 20<sup>th</sup>, where CENTAX was selected as the collector of EIT for Beaver County (Tax Officer).

Again, full implementation is slated for January 2, 2012. In the future your employer will require you to complete a Certificate of Residence. You will be receiving information to help you complete this form and ensure that your taxes are directed to your home municipality and school district. Please keep watch for additional information during the next year. As always, if you have questions about the EIT please call CENTAX at (724) 752-3350.



**BRIGHTON  
TOWNSHIP  
BASEBALL  
SOFTBALL  
CLUB  
2010 SEASON**

The 2011 season is just around the corner and even as the snow and cold winter weather threaten, preparations are ongoing for the baseball and softball seasons. The annual registration drive for the 2011 season begins in January and we look forward to the Club's most prosperous season ever. Please continue to monitor the Club website at [www.btbsc.org](http://www.btbsc.org) for details pertaining to the January/February registration drive and potential winter indoor training possibilities.

After careful consideration, and much investigation, the BTBSC membership has decided to join in partnership with Little League International starting this 2011 season. The Club is very excited about the prospects of being involved with the most recognized and accomplished baseball affiliation in the world. With any new endeavor there are bound to be some challenges during the initial assimilation and we hope that the entire BTBSC community will rally to the cause.

The partnership with Little League will bring many new and added bonuses for all the children registered within the BTBSC organization such as advanced training, coaching certifications, insurance, complete background checks, and not the least of which an annual opportunity to be a part of and compete in the Little League World Series.

The Club looks forward to the challenges ahead and seeing everyone out during registration. Soon enough the winter will be over, and many of our community's children will be enjoying the great games of baseball and softball once again.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Township Increases Financial  
Support of Library**

With a 40% cut in State funding for libraries in 2010, and an additional 11% reduction slated for 2011, the Beaver Area Memorial Library is relying more upon fundraising activities and the local support of its communities and patrons to meet their financial needs. The library continues to be a vital part of our community, providing a variety of programs and services for children and adults. In fact, the Beaver Area Memorial Library is the busiest library in Beaver County.

Over 1,700 patrons of the library are from Brighton Township, more than any other Beaver area community. The Township is pleased to be able to continue its support of the Beaver Area Memorial Library by including a \$20,000 contribution in the 2011 budget, an increase of \$1,000. We thank the library's staff and Board of Directors for their efforts and hard work in providing the library's many services to our residents. Please consider making a donation of your time and/or money to the library this year. The library is located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver. You may contact them at (724) 775-1132.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

The library is having their annual Lunch at the Library on March 12th from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Homemade soups and desserts will be available for a reasonable cost. All proceeds benefit the library.

**On Street Parking  
Prohibited During Snow  
Removal Activities**



Winter has arrived and the Township Road Department has been responding to the winter road maintenance needs of our residents. As a reminder, we ask that you please help the Road Department by removing vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. This only makes their job easier. Township Code prohibits parking, or allowing to be parked, any motor vehicle or other vehicle on a public street within the Township following the deposit or accumulation of ice or snow of three (3) inches or greater in depth, until the snow has been completely plowed from the full width of the roadway. Violators are subject to a \$15 fine when ticketed by the Police Department, or towing when necessary. The Road Department thanks you for your help in this area.

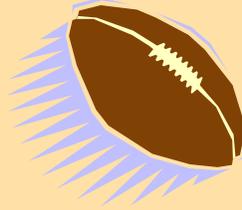


**State Road Maintenance**

PA D.O.T. provides winter maintenance on the following: I-376, Tuscarawas Road, Barclay Hill Road, Lisbon Road, Pine Grove Road (from Doyle Drive to Industry), Wildwood Road, Grange Road, Park Road, Brady's Run Road, Achortown Road, and Doyle Drive. Concerns regarding any of these roads should be directed to PA D.O.T. at (724) 774-6610 (answers 24 hours).

## **Fire Department Replaces Aerial Platform Fire Truck**

The Township and Volunteer Fire Department recently moved forward to replace the Department's 1982 Pierce 85' Aerial Platform fire truck with a newer and more advanced piece of fire apparatus. A 1996 Pierce 100' Aerial Platform has been purchased from the Canonsburg Volunteer Fire Department at a cost of \$450,000. This vehicle will serve the needs of the Department for the next 15 years. The truck also came equipped with a full complement of loose equipment. A new vehicle of this type and size, and with the loose equipment provided, has a market value of well over \$1.1 Million. Recognizing that purchasing this type of vehicle new was cost prohibitive, the Department actively searched the market for a suitable match. It was fortunate to locate a vehicle of the quality purchased so close to Brighton Township. The 1982 truck, for example, was purchased as a used fire truck in Florida. As of January 2011 the Township's fire truck reserve fund was scheduled to have \$377,500 available for this type of purchase. Therefore, advance funding of \$72,500 was needed. The Department has placed the 1982 platform fire truck on the market.



## **Brighton Township Football**

The Brighton Township Bear Organization comprised of Twerps (5, 6 & 7 years old), Termites (8-9 years old), Mitey Mites (10-11 years old) and Midgets (12-13 years old) completed their 59<sup>th</sup> season teaching football, cheerleading fundamentals and sportsmanship to about 200 boys and girls from Brighton Township, Beaver, Bridgewater, Industry, Midland, Ohioville and Vanport. The teams competed well in the Beaver County Youth Football League regular season with the Twerp and Termite teams winning South Division Titles. The Termite team's BCYFL season ended in the Quarterfinal round of the playoffs and the Twerp team suffered their only loss in the playoffs Semi-Final game.

The Bear Football and Cheerleading Teams finished the 2010 campaign with the Termite and Mitey Mite teams competing October 23<sup>rd</sup> against the Hopewell Vikings in the First Annual Geneva Bowl played at Geneva College's Reeves Field. The Bears were uniformed in Geneva's Black jerseys with Vegas Gold trim, black pants and the traditional Kelly Green Bear helmets. The Bears fought their way to victory in both of the Inaugural Geneva Bowl Games.

The Bear banquet was held November 14<sup>th</sup> and the following Bears were recognized for their 2010 efforts:

- Cheerleading - Julie Hundley Memorial Award - **Emily Sucanic & Sydney Barney**
- Twerp - Danny Divens Memorial Award - **Nickolas Rice**
- Termite - Green to Gold Award - **Dominick Reagan**
- Mitey Mite - Black Lion Award - **Brett Gailey**
- Midget - #23 Jeff Foster Award - **Robbie Halvin**
- Coaching - Lawrence Cable & Frank Huddy Memorial Award - **Nate List & Bob "Hoss" Hoskinson**

The Bear Organization would like to THANK their players, cheerleaders and parents for a successful 2010 Football and Cheerleading season. Additionally, the Bears are most appreciative for the support and effort extended by the Board of Supervisors and the Brighton Township Fire and Police Departments.

## **Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office**

The Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed March 1, 2011 and the Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed July 1, 2011. If a mortgage company does not hold your taxes in escrow and you do not receive your tax bill, please contact the tax collector.

The elected tax collector, James W. Onuska, holds office hours as follows:

<i>Office Hours:</i>	Tuesday	- 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
	Wednesday	- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
	Thursday	- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Last two (2) Saturdays of each month of discount:  
- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

The tax collection office is located in the lower level of the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. A drop box has been installed for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact James W. Onuska, Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Collector at 724-774-2622.

**NOTE:** When mailing, please do not include your tax payments within the same envelope as your water & sewer payments. These items should be mailed independent of each other. Those utilizing bill payment services should also notify their bank of this requirement.

Mr. Onuska wishes all residents of Brighton Township a healthy and happy 2011!

## **Free Christmas Tree Disposal at Yard Waste Site**



Christmas trees are an excluded item in the Township's refuse collection contract. However, residents can drop-off Christmas trees at no charge at the Township's yard waste site located at 1250 Brighton Road. Trees must be removed from any tree bag and have all tinsel or other decorations removed.

## Emergency Notification System Established

As previously reported, the Municipal Authority has implemented the services of Swiftreach Networks, Inc. as its emergency notification provider to comply with PA DEP Public Notification Rules. The Swift911™ system is designed to make phone calls on a Township-wide basis, or to specific people or areas, in the event of an emergency, and can make hundreds of calls a minute to convey recorded messages. It can also be used to share important information. The system is also available for use by emergency services or other Township Departments who can give notice of road closures, missing persons or other information.

## Residents Asked to Update Contact Information

The Swift911™ system is the primary method utilized by the Authority to notify residents of scheduled service disruptions for water system repairs and/or upgrades. If current contact information is not available, prior notification will not be received.

The Swiftreach Network data was provided by a third party data provider and only included listed phone numbers. It is important for residents and business owners to verify the accuracy of the information provided to us, and to provide additional contact information such as unlisted, unpublished or cell phone numbers and even email addresses. Accurate information in the database helps to ensure emergency notifications will be passed on to everyone in a timely manner.

How do you update your information?  
Log on to the Brighton Township web site [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org) and look for the Swift911™ link pictured below to provide updated information. You may also remove yourself from the list. If you do not have access to a computer you may call 724-774-4800 to provide Emergency Notification Information: Name, Address, Primary Phone and Alternate/Cell Phone. Please be assured that this information will not be provided to any outside agencies or companies.



## Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective January 1, 2011

The contract for the collection of refuse and recycling includes provisions for changes to the monthly collection charge based upon a fuel cost adjustment on a semi-annual (6-month) basis or if there is an escalation in the fees charged by the landfill utilized by the contracted hauler. Fuel cost is calculated on a specific formula included in the contract. Based upon posted prices by the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS), the cost of fuel has increased since the implementation date of the contract. There have been no changes in the landfill disposal charges. The calculations result in an increase of \$0.15 per month, based on the contract start date. Based on the calculations, the new rate will be as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 .....	\$10.21
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2011 ...	\$ 0.15
Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2011 .....	\$10.36
<b>Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2011 .....</b>	<b>\$31.08</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.

Please place refuse at the curb for collection by 6:00 AM on your scheduled collection day.

**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. Refer to the Recycling Calendar included with this newsletter to determine your collection 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 bins are available for purchase at the Township Office for a cost of \$10.00. 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.

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## 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.

## **Southwestern Pennsylvania Memorial for WW II Veterans 2011 Calendars Available at Brighton Township Municipal Building**



***“They sacrificed so much for us - - -  
will you please help us honor them now?”***

A Southwestern Pennsylvania Memorial for WW II Veterans is being built on the North Shore in Pittsburgh near the Del Monte Center and stadiums. A target date for dedication has been set for Veteran’s Day – November 11, 2011. For updates on the progress of the memorial visit [www.swpawwll.org](http://www.swpawwll.org).

Commemorative 2011 calendars are available at a cost of \$10 each to raise funds for this worthwhile endeavor. Not only do they make great gifts, with many pictures of veterans from the ten counties of Southwestern PA they make quite a keepsake.

The 2011 calendars are available at the Township Office. For more information or to have a picture of a WWII Veteran (living or deceased) in the 2012 calendar, call Township resident and Memorial Committee member Jerry Fisher at his place of business at (724) 728-5535 or his home at (724) 728-9370.