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Newsletter

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Disc Golf Course Open for Public Use

The Brighton Township Disc Golf Course was opened last spring to great reviews and has received many compliments since, both for its design and maintenance. The 9-hole par 35 course has both red and white tee boxes, with the course length for the red tees being 3,179 LF and the white tees 4,047 LF. The course is located within the Two Mile Run Park Extension beyond the Public Works Garage at 1250 Brighton Road. A scorecard is available for printing from the Township web site on the recreation page, or at the Municipal Building. Not sure how to play? The web site also has a listing of rules for recreational play. The course is open during daylight hours seven days per week, and there is no cost to play. If you are looking for other players, send your contact information to brightwp@brightontwp.org and you will be put in touch with other local players who frequent the course.



A few discs (drivers or putters) remain available at the Municipal Building at a cost of \$10 each.

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Enjoy the Walking Trail Too!

Not a disc golfer? Then you can enjoy the one-mile paved walking trail that is also available in the park. The trail is 10-foot wide, well maintained and has beautiful views of the woodlands and open meadow. The trail has several hills to provide a nice challenge for those who enjoy their exercise. Plenty of parking is available.

Township Accepts Dedication of 37.5 Acres Into Park System

Brighton Township is pleased to announce that it has accepted dedication from Maronda Homes, Inc. a 37.5-acre parcel of ground as part of the Township's public park system. The parcel was created as part of the Phase I Aspen Fields Plan. The park property includes a public walking trail that runs from Sebring Road, near Aspen Drive, to Todd Road off of Barclay Hill Road. There is also a second trail connection on Aspen Drive. The walking trail is very challenging, with a stone surface and steep slopes in some locations. If you use the trail, please be respectful of the adjacent owner's property and their privacy. Mini bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts, ATVs, or other motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trail.

Park & Recreation Board News

Spring may not be in the air as this is being written, but it is around the corner and your Park & Rec Board is busy planning another year of events for Township residents. Use of our various facilities for playing baseball, softball, soccer and football has been allocated among the various athletic clubs. Participation in these sports appears to be at an all-time high and we hope all of you will avail yourselves of the opportunity to take in a ball game or soccer match as their seasons progress. And don't forget to try out our new Disc Golf Course which opened last Spring, located in Two Mile Run Park Extension behind the maintenance facility at 1250 Brighton Road. A listing of other tentative events being planned follows. It is suggested that you save this article for future reference. Watch the Township message signs for further information as the events near.

- Our 14th annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday morning, April 23 at the Two Mile Run Park at 11 A.M. This is always a popular event with many prizes to be had by finding certain eggs. Refreshments will be served after the hunt and you'll need to register kids from age 2 thru 10 with the Township on the registration form found elsewhere in this Newsletter or at the Office by Monday, April 18.
- A new event is tentatively planned for June or July, a visit to the Red Barn Summer Stock Theater, preceded by dinner at an area restaurant. Details are being finalized and the date and further information will be announced later.
- Another new event which we believe should be a lot of fun will be held on August 18 when we take a dinner cruise on Lake Arthur at Moraine State Park. Reservations will be limited for this event so you'll want to sign up as soon as the event is advertised on our message signs.
- On September 15, we will be making another of our popular winery visits as we visit two vineyards in Ohio. A luncheon is planned at one of the wineries before returning home.
- A Community Day celebration will be held in early October in conjunction with the Brighton Township Beaver Soccer Association's Soccer Cup Fest Tournaments. Refreshments, rides and attractions will be a part of this day activities.
- Tentative plans for a Holiday event are underway for a December 9 visit to the Kean Theatre in Gibsonia to view the comedy Nuncrackers. A dinner at an area restaurant will precede the theater play.

We welcome our newest Board Member, Jim Equels, Jr. to our organization. Jim is a dynamic individual who will contribute much to our efforts to bring recreational opportunities to the Township. As always, if you have an idea for something we can look into, don't hesitate to contact any Board Member. And if you aren't receiving the latest Brighton Township area news, log onto our award winning monthly E-Newsletter. Just go to www.brightontwp.org, page down once or twice to where it says "Register for the Email Newsletter", enter your email address and name (name not required) and click on the submit button.

Summer Playground Program

Looking for a fun and safe environment for your elementary age children this summer? Then you will want to participate in the 2011 Summer Playground Program! Brighton Township, in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District, has once again contracted with the YMCA to conduct a Summer Playground Program at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. The 6-week program runs from June 20th to July 29th, is for students in K-5th grade and is operated from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. YMCA trained staff supervise the program and provide needed resources; including games, crafts, sports and special events. All YMCA staff members hold current CPR and First Aid certifications. There is no registration fee to participate in the program. Information will be provided through handouts to the children at school. Please watch for more details later this year.



Pictured above are former Brighton Township V.F.D. Fire Chief John Curtaccio and the newly elected Fire Chief Kevin Crawford. John served as Fire Chief from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 2010. During his 18 years as Fire Chief the Department underwent significant changes. All three fire pumper engines, the tanker and brush trucks have been replaced and an aerial platform fire engine has been added. The Quick Response Medical Service (QRS) has been added to the Department's duties, with 237 QRS calls this past year alone. A newly constructed Fire Station No. 1 was built at a new location, an addition has been constructed on Fire Station No. 2 and Fire Station No. 3 has been reconstructed. Throughout these changes and increasing regulatory and training requirements, the Brighton Township VFD has remained a totally volunteer service. Prior to becoming Chief, Kevin served 4 years as Assistant Fire Chief and is well acquainted with the administrative and operational duties of the office.

Brighton Township - Beaver btbsa Soccer Association

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 9 to 19. Home matches are played at Hardy Field or at the Beaver Area High School Gypsy Glen Stadium. BTBSA also provides player development programs and Summer Camps by bringing in certified coaches from all over Europe to assist in training our young players. This year's Summer Camp will once again be hosted by Challenger British Soccer and will take place the week of July 25th through July 29th. Early registrants receive a free soccer jersey! All camp participants will also receive a new soccer ball, T-shirt and a complete evaluation at the conclusion of Camp. Challenger provides fun, dynamic and professionally certified coaches for our budding young soccer players. Registration information for Spring and Fall soccer as well as our Summer Camp may be found on our website: www.btbsa.net. Everyone in the community is invited to attend Sunday home matches beginning on April 3rd through June 5th. See you on the pitch!



Brighton Township Wins Top Communication Honors from Statewide Township Association

Brighton Township won three awards and the top honor – the 20th Annual Outstanding Citizen Communication Award – in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 43rd Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest. The annual contest recognizes townships that have successfully communicated programs and activities to their residents.

Brighton Township won first place in the Websites category, tied for second place in the Class 2 Newsletters category for townships with populations between 5,000 and 10,000, and received third place in the Electronic Newsletters category.

The Association will present Township Supervisors Dennis E. Nichols, John Curtaccio and James E. Equels, Sr. with the Outstanding Citizen Communication Award in April at its Annual Educational Conference in Hershey in front of more than 3,500 township officials from across Pennsylvania. The annual award is given to one township for its overall achievement and commitment to citizen communication.

All entries were judged on the usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability.

Judges for the contest included members of the association's Publications-Public Relations Committee, representatives from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, and staff members of the *Pennsylvania Township News*, the association's official monthly magazine.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors represents Pennsylvania's 1,455 townships of the second class and is committed to preserving and strengthening township government and securing greater visibility and involvement for townships in the state and federal political arenas. Townships of the second class represent more residents – 5.4 million Pennsylvanians – than any other type of political subdivision in the Commonwealth.

Building Permit Requirements

The International Construction Code (ICC) is in effect for all construction within Brighton Township, with the exception of a few items that have been excluded pursuant to The Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, as amended. However, a Zoning Permit is required for all construction activity, including items excluded by the Act.

Confirmation of compliance with the ICC is by site inspections by certified building inspection officers. The Township has contracted with the Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA) to perform plan reviews and inspection services. MDIA also issues final occupancy permits. Applicants for building permits are required to submit documentation with the application that the proposed construction complies with code. These codes apply to general construction, plumbing, electrical and HVAC/Mechanical.

Due to the plan review requirements of the ICC, please allow more time for the processing and review of your permit application if you are planning a construction project this year.

Do you have code questions? Contact: John Balsler, Building/Plumbing/Electrical Inspector at (800) 662-6342.

Building Permit Activity for 2010

Single Family Dwellings	16
Residential Additions/Sunrooms	6
Porches/Decks	16
Roof	5
Garages	12
Sheds/Out Buildings	15
Swimming Pools	7
Signs	1
Nonresidential	15
Ramp	1
Residential Elevator	1
Building Repairs/Remodels	3
Demolitions	3
Estimated Construction Value	\$8,760,193

FREE BUS TRIP FOR WW II VETERANS

May 24th is the next date for a one day trip to the National WW II Memorial in Washington, DC. The trip is for WW II Veterans and is free. There are various boarding areas around Pittsburgh and one in Beaver. Locally, the bus departs at 5:45 A.M. from the Beaver County Parking Garage (next to Courthouse) and returns around 9:00 P.M. There is a nurse on each bus as well as several assistants. Boxed meals are provided and wheelchairs are available for those who need them. The goal is to fill every seat with a veteran and therefore seats are unavailable to accommodate family or friends. For more information or reservations, please call Lydian Fisher at 724-728-9370.

As time permits, other memorial stops may take place. Please note that Korean Veterans will be taken on a standby basis if all seats are not occupied by WW II Veterans.

Pictures Wanted for 2012 WW II Calendar

Pictures of WW II Veterans (living or deceased) are wanted for placement in a 2012 memorial calendar that is being created to raise funds for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Memorial for WW II Veterans that is being built on the North Shore in Pittsburgh near the Del Monte Center and stadiums. For more information, 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.



Join the Brighton Township Historical Society

The Brighton Township Historical Society is conducting a spring membership drive. Our mission is to collect, present and preserve artifacts and historical documents relevant to the Brighton Township area. Please consider becoming a member. As a member you will be notified of periodic meetings throughout the year. Meetings include guest speakers discussing a wide range of history topics. Recent subjects included Civil War firearms, antique glass collecting, a Veterans Day presentation and even a pie social and a covered dish dinner. After every meeting free refreshments are served. Dues are \$10.00 per household annually. Join the Brighton Township Historical Society and be a part of local history!

**Simply Return This Portion With Your Payment.
Please Make Your Check Payable To
The "Brighton Township Historical Society"**

Mailing Address: 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
E-mail address: _____

BTHS Updates:

An interesting general membership meeting took place on March 8, 2011. The history presentation for the evening was entitled "Demonstration of Innovation...Civil War Firearms." This subject matter was very significant. Noting, 2011 is the 150th Anniversary of the start of Civil War hostilities.

You are cordially invited to attend the next general membership meeting. It is the annual covered dish dinner. Mark your calendar and plan to attend one of our more popular events of the year. A history presentation is also planned for the evening. Please bring a covered dish and your table service. The date is May 10, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at Shultz Lodge, Two Mile Run Park, 1925 Gypsy Glen Road, Beaver.

We are still looking for residents interested in participating in our ongoing Video Oral History Program. As outlined in the last newsletter, if you would like to relate your experiences of life in Brighton Township from a historical perspective please call us. Also note, we have a written version of the Oral History Program. We are particularly interested in hearing from folks who attended any of the one-room schoolhouses of Brighton Township.

We are in the process of developing information regarding the Girl Scout Camp that was located in Brady's Run Park. Specifically, located near number 16, we would appreciate your input as we verify, develop and chronicle its history.

Finally, an interesting anecdotal story has come to our attention. If true, it would be a curious footnote in Brighton Township history. The famous Hollywood Cowboy Roy Rogers, of Dale Evans and Trigger fame, once visited a local farm in Brighton Township. In fact, it is reported, he even took time to visit students at the Stokes one room schoolhouse. Again, if you have information or were an eyewitness to this event, let us know. Until the next Newsletter, Happy Trails to You.

Contact Information 724-774-8292 or mintillo@comcast.net

Park Rules & Regulations Reminder

With spring upon us, the Township parks will once again soon be in full use. Residents and guests are reminded of the following park rules and regulations as established by Township Ordinance:

• HOURS – SUNRISE TO SUNSET

THE FOLLOWING ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

- Possession, use, or under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.
- Boisterous, immoral, or indecent conduct.
- Threatening, abusive, profane or obscene language.
- Littering.
- Damaging, defacing, destroying or moving Township-owned property.
- Fires except in facilities provided for such purposes.
- Mini bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts, ATVs, or other motorized vehicles.
- Bicycles on or around any playing field or surface.
- Climbing on fences, backstops or buildings.
- Hitting golf balls on any playing field or surface.
- Dogs or horses or any domesticated animals.
- Soliciting
- Cleaning, servicing or repairing vehicles.
- Leaving vehicles in park after closing hours.

VIOLATIONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00

A complete list of rules & regulations are available at the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. The above are enforced in accordance with Township Code Chapter 133.

Township to Participate in Ohio River North Shore Trail Study

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has awarded a grant to Midland Borough, as a partner of the Ohio River Trail Council (ORTC), to analyze the viability of a proposed trail along the north shore of the Ohio River in Beaver County. Brighton Township has joined eleven other municipalities to be part of this study.

The ORTC is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit volunteer-led corporation that works to bring individuals, communities, businesses and recreational users together to promote and protect a continuous corridor of natural and cultural resources along the Ohio River and its tributaries. Previously, the ORTC completed a feasibility study for the south shore communities. That study identified a proposed route beginning in Monaca at the Monaca-Rochester Bridge and extending to the Montour Trail in Coraopolis Borough. The ORTC is actively pursuing funding to implement segments of that trail.

The purpose of the north shore study is to identify a primary route from the State of Ohio line to the Monaca-Rochester Bridge, where the south shore trail begins. The route will connect Glasgow Borough, Ohioville Borough, Midland Borough, Industry Borough, Vanport Township, Beaver Borough, Bridgewater Borough, Fallston Borough, New Brighton Borough, Rochester Borough and Rochester Township. Connecting routes from Brighton Township will be included in the feasibility study. A kickoff meeting for the study was conducted on February 4th to finalize the scope of work for the study, which will continue throughout the year.

2011 National Night Out Celebration

Mark your calendar, and save the date for this year's National Night Out community celebration to be held on Saturday, July 23rd from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. The Brighton Township Police and Volunteer Fire Departments sponsor this event. National Night Out is a time set aside to emphasize and educate the residents on crime prevention and emergency services in an atmosphere of fun and community involvement that culminates in a fireworks display.

Township Realizes Benefits Through BCRCOG

Brighton Township continues to be an active participant of the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (BCRCOG). The BCRCOG is a voluntary cooperative effort between municipalities to provide more efficient and lower cost services to their residents. Participation in projects or initiatives offered to member municipalities by the BCRCOG is voluntary. BCRGOG was formed in 2005 to serve local governments in Beaver County. Previously, there were multiple COGs located in the County. Each member is represented by one primary voting delegate, who must be an elected official, with alternate delegates appointed to serve also. Brighton Township is represented by Board Chairman Dennis E. Nichols, with Supervisors John Curtaccio and James E. Equels, Sr. serving as alternates.

Brighton Township actively participates in the joint bidding initiative for summer road supplies and winter maintenance materials. Participation in the bid projects provides a significant savings through the elimination of bid expenses such as legal advertising, contract preparation and administration. Education and training programs have also been provided in the public works field at no cost to the Township. Most recently, a grant in excess of \$90,000 was secured for police vehicle equipment, with over \$8,000 designated for Brighton Township.

Brighton Township will continue to be an active member of the BCRCOG as it pursues additional initiatives that provide opportunities to reduce costs and improve services to our residents.



Bike Rodeo

Police Sgt. Pete Benedict conducts a bicycle safety check at a previous Bike Rodeo. The Brighton Township Police Department and State Farm Insurance Agency are sponsoring a Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. Bike helmets will be distributed to the first 75 participants. Two bicycles, one boy's and one girl's, will also be raffled off during the event. Come for a bike inspection and drive through the bike safety course!

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

Clean and Green

The Beaver County Assessment Office administers the Clean and Green program relating to property assessments. If you are considering a subdivision of property enrolled in the Clean and Green Program it is recommended that you contact the Assessment Office at the Beaver County Courthouse (724) 770-4480.

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 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.



Cardboard Recycling

Cardboard recycling containers have been placed at Fire Station No. 2 on Tuscarawas Road. The Beaver County Department of Waste Management made the placement of the containers possible. Please flatten the boxes prior to placing them in the container. The containers are for corrugated cardboard, not paperboard boxes such as cereal boxes. Corrugated cardboard recycling is also available at the Beaver County Recycling Center in Bradys Run Park.

Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office

The 2011 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills were mailed March 1, 2011.

Unpaid 2010 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be filed April 1, 2011.

If a mortgage company does not hold your taxes in escrow and you did not receive your tax bill, please contact the tax collector.

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

Office Hours: Tuesday - 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 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 the 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.

Have You Seen A Manhole Around?

Do you have a sanitary sewer manhole located within your yard? If so, please do not bury the manhole, or plant anything upon it. Unlike other utilities, which can most often be located within or near the street, the locations of sewer lines are more dependent upon the topography. Sanitary sewer systems are designed to flow by gravity as much as possible to eliminate the construction and continued operation of costly pumping stations. Therefore, sewer lines are often located within the yards of homes. The manholes should remain exposed so they can be easily located for inspection and maintenance of the system. Sewer lines can require periodic flushing or other maintenance. Also, when another utility is working in the area it is necessary for the Sewage Authority personnel to locate and mark the location of the sewer lines. The purpose is to avoid damage to the system while excavating for the other utilities.

Authority personnel inspect various segments of the sanitary sewer system each year. Please help by keeping the manholes exposed and visible so the Authority does not have to spend the time and effort necessary to locate buried manholes and remove the debris that has been placed over them.

Sewer Deduct Meters Available

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA), in cooperation with the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA), will permit users 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.

The cost of the additional meter is one hundred dollars (\$100.00). 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 in the Municipal Building.

Annual Book Sale Scheduled at Library

Whether you are an avid or just a casual reader, or enjoy movies or games, you will want to mark your calendars for this event. The Beaver Area Memorial Library's annual Book Sale will be held at the library on Saturday, June 4th from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. All types of books, videos, DVDs, compact discs, puzzles, and games will be available. A preview sale is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Leftover items can be purchased at \$5.00 per bag on the bargain days, June 6th and 7th. The library is located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver.

Donations of gently used materials will be accepted at the library starting May 23rd. For more information, call the library at 724-775-1132.

The library is a vital part of our community and provides a variety of programs and services for children and adults. Please consider making a donation of your time and/or money to the library this year.

Time to Renew Your Yard Waste Permit!

2011 Yard Waste Permit Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

Previous Permit No.: _____

Signature _____



All 2010 Yard Waste Composting Site Permits expired February 28, 2011 and must be renewed for use of the site. Permits may be renewed as follows:

1. In person at the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. Cost of the permit is \$10.00.
2. By mailing a check in the amount of \$12.00 (\$2.00 to cover return postage) along with the number from your previous permit. Your new permit will be issued and mailed to you within five days. (This form is also available on our web site at www.brightontwp.org.)

First time permit applications must be made in person, with proof of residency, at the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA.

During the past year the Township experienced numerous occasions of improper use of the site. Only grass, leaves, brush/tree limbs are to be deposited at the site. Please refer to the rules and regulations for site use. Plastic bags, stones, boards, landscape timbers and garbage are not acceptable. Disposal of unauthorized materials can damage the equipment used to operate the site, and can cause other hazards. Use

of the site without a valid permit or in violation of the rules, can result in enforcement action. If you have any questions about our composting site, please call 724-774-4800.

Final & First Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that Final Earned Income Tax Returns are due by April 15th. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a 1% 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 15th. However, it is the employed parties 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	<u>Payment is Due</u>
Final Return - Verification Needed	By April 15 th
1 st Qtr: January, February, March	On or before April 30 th

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 30th, April 6 & 13 from Noon to 5:00 P.M.



V.F.D. 2010 Annual Report

Fire Chief Kevin Crawford has issued the following 2010 statistical report for the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Structural	58
Brush	5
Vehicle	8
Vehicle Rescue	22
Miscellaneous	43
Carbon Monoxide	7
QRS	237
Mutual Aid	33
Total Calls	413
Total Volunteer Man Hours	2,582*

**Does not include volunteer hours for training, department and vehicle maintenance and public education & fund raising activities.*

Please remember that your Fire Department is **TOTALLY VOLUNTEER**. The Department is looking for members 18 years of age or older. The Department permits Junior members ages 16 and 17. Volunteers are also needed for the Ladies Auxiliary. Stop in at Fire Station No. 3 on Grange Road on Mondays from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. if you want more information or are interested in volunteering.

Fire Hydrants – Township code makes it unlawful for any person, other than those authorized by the Township, Fire Department or Municipal Authority, to open, tamper with or interfere in any manner with any fire hydrant. No obstructions are to be planted, constructed or placed within six (6) feet of any hydrant.

Burning – Burning of household papers or other permitted refuse must be done within a salamander wire basket or masonry enclosure with a top to prevent fly ash from escaping. Such burning is prohibited on Sundays or legal holidays, before 7:00 A.M. or after 7:00 P.M. Please monitor all outdoor burning activity closely to prevent brush and other wild fires.

Upcoming Fish Fries

April 1, 8, 15, 22. May 6, 20. June 3

2010 Annual Police Department Report

Chief of Police Howard Blinn has issued the following Department statistics for 2010:



Hours Worked	21,287
Miles Patrolled	136,661
Accidents Investigated	103
Criminal Arrests	100
Moving Traffic Citations Issued	1,474
Nonmoving Traffic Citations Issued	78
Traffic Warnings Issued	88
Parking Violations	65
Fines Collected	\$44,216
Homes Security Alarms Answered	185
Assists to Other Departments	126
911 Calls	156
Aid to Sick or Injured	376
Animal Calls	185
Vacation Checks	61
Business Check/Closure	922

Chief Blinn thanks all Township residents for their kind support to the Department and encourages the reporting of all suspicious activity to the Police Department. Please be reminded of the following:

- **Vacation Checks** - If you are going to be away from your home for a period of time, the Police Department will make periodic checks on your residence while you are away. Prior to leaving, phone the department at 724-728-1134 with departure and return dates.
- **Dogs** - It is unlawful for the owner of any dog in Brighton Township to permit the dog to run at large upon any street or upon the property of any other than the owner or keeper. Dogs are prohibited in Township Parks.
- **Soliciting or Peddling** - Soliciting and peddling is regulated within the Township and requires the securing of a license. Soliciting or peddling is prohibited on Sundays and holidays, before 9:30 A.M. or after sunset or 6:00 P.M., whichever occurs first.
- **Parking** - Vehicles must be parked on the right-hand side of the road with the flow of traffic.
- **Curfew** - It is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to be or remain in or upon any street, park or public place in the Township between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. unless a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody accompanies the person.

Please Keep Remote Meter Reading Device Clear

With Spring right around the corner we ask each homeowner to help our water meter readers by clearing shrubs or removing other obstacles from the area of your remote meter. Reading the meter becomes very difficult when covered by shrubs or flowers. Please help us by keeping this area open for the meter readers.

Brighton Twp. Planning Commission - 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

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The members of the Brighton Township Planning Commission are Township residents who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as an advisory body in matters related to land use within the Township. In this capacity they review plans of subdivision and land developments. They also develop and review amendments for land use codes. The Planning Commission is established by Township Ordinance, which sets the terms of membership and establishes the powers and duties of the Commission. Members of the Commission serve as volunteers. The Commission welcomes all input from residents on the Township's land use policies and other matters that fall under their review.

Following is a brief summary of the Commission's formal activities during 2010. During the year the Commission also heard other citizen comments on plan proposals, zoning and land use matters or code change requests. The Commission continues to review the status of existing codes on a regular basis. The Commission's goal is to maintain and improve the character of the Township.

Subdivision Application Plan Reviews:

1. Thomas G. & Carmella A. Hansen Plan of Subdivision 2 Lots @*
2. Richard J. & Joanna J. Ziegler Plan of Lot Addition 2 Lots @* Line Adjustment
3. Denise K. & John A. Wilson, Jr. Plan of Lot Consolidation 2 Lots Combined into 1 @*
4. Samuel & Verna A. Kerr Plan of Lots 2 Lots @**
5. Joseph Lang, Jr. Plan of Lot Revision of Lots 1 & 2 2 Lots **
6. Joseph E. Smyda Plan No. 3 2 Lots *

@ Denotes final approval granted by Board of Supervisors - plan recorded.
* Denotes 1 lot with existing dwelling.

Land Development Application Review:

Friendship Ridge Parking Lot Rehabilitation – Beaver County: Redesign and reconstruction of parking and lighting at Friendship Ridge.

Land Use Ordinance Preparation:

Zoning Code Amendments - Adopted: The Commission prepared amendments to the Zoning Code to address several areas. Ordinance No. 168 revised the permitting requirements for temporary uses and established a new definition of dog kennel. Ordinance No. 169 changed the permitting requirements for sexually oriented business operations to make it clear that a conditional use approval was required prior to any permits being issued under the Zoning Code. Ordinance No. 170 revised the definition of communications antenna and revised the height of directional or panel communication antennas and added provisions for cylinder type antennas, satellite dishes and microwave dishes. Ordinance No. 171 added requirements for public and private dog kennels. The Board of Supervisors conducted public hearings on the Code amendments and, thereafter, adopted the ordinances mentioned above to establish these regulations as part of the Zoning Code.

Zoning Code Amendments – Pending: The Commission has prepared an ordinance proposal to amend the Zoning Code to regulate Mineral Extraction and to address Oil and Gas Development, Natural Gas Compressor Stations and Natural Gas Processing Plants. The ordinance proposal is fairly extensive, adding new definitions, establishing application and filing procedures, requiring emergency preparedness plans, establishing lighting, fencing and noise standards and requiring excess maintenance agreements for over-weight vehicles. The Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the ordinance prior to considering its adoption in 2011.

Other Business Items

Agricultural Security Area Modification: A petition was filed by W. Kendall & Barbara Ann Jones of 900 Darlington Road to modify the Brighton Township Agricultural Security Area to include their 14.3-acre parcel. The Commission deferred action for 180 day in lieu of conducting a public hearing.

Property Maintenance Ordinance: Revised property maintenance code to include regulations for construction staging and material storage areas. The Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 166 to implement these changes.

Official Map: The Board of Supervisors previously authorized the Planning Commission to prepare a proposed official map for their future consideration. An official map is a planning process authorized by the PA Municipalities Planning Code to designate areas for both present and future land and facilities. The Official Map process was recommended for consideration during the comprehensive plan process. The Commission deferred action on the plan pending efforts to address some of the recommendations informally. The project will be continued during 2011.

Non-Residential Recycling Requirements

Commercial and other non-residential establishments are reminded that participation in the Township's recycling program is mandatory. Township ordinance requires that all businesses must separate high-grade office paper, aluminum food & beverage containers and corrugated paper (cardboard) from the waste stream, and store the materials until collection. Each location is also encouraged to recycle clear, brown and green glass food and beverage containers; steel and bimetal food and beverage containers; newspaper and magazines; and PET (1) and HDPE (2) plastics. An annual report must be submitted to the Township by the establishment or their contracted hauler disclosing the type and weight of materials recycled during the previous year.

The Township is required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection to report annually the types and amounts of materials recycled by both residential and commercial sources.



BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP BASEBALL SOFTBALL CLUB 2011 SEASON

The Brighton Township Baseball Softball Club's 2011 registration drive has now concluded, teams are being formed, spring training is underway, and another much anticipated season begins. The Club is pleased to report that for the second year we will be providing teaching baseball and softball opportunities to over 300 of the Brighton Township community's youth.

The BTBSC will conduct baseball and softball programs and league play for all children between the ages of 4-18. The season begins on April 30 with the annual "Opening Day" parade and opening ceremonies. The season will conclude with the annual league picnic around July 1, 2011 and advanced tournament play during the month of July.

As BTBSC membership continues to expand, the Club is always in need of additional assistance regarding coaching, sponsorship, field maintenance, statisticians, and various other activities related to the success of each season. If you are aware of anyone seeking such rewarding volunteer service please contact a member of the BTBSC Board of Directors at your convenience; no reasonable offers to assist the program will go unfulfilled. Visit www.btbsc.org for contact information.

The opening day parade will start at Hardy field at 9:00 A.M. with the BT police and fire departments leading the way through the Dawson Ridge neighborhood to the Baker/Dawson field complex. The ceremonies include a fun filled day of activities including games, Pirate Parrot, full service concessions, silent auction, and many other activities. We hope all residents will consider coming out for a great day in support of the program.

Once the season starts, ball games will be played almost every night of the week on all fields including weekend play. Please consider coming out and enjoying some games at one of the Brighton Township ball fields.

The Board of Directors of the BTBSC would like to take this opportunity to thank our membership, all of our volunteers, the BT Board of Supervisors, BT Park & Recreation Board, and all the BT staff for all that they do to help make each season a special one for the children entrusted to our care.

"It's not about me, it's about we"
Time to "PLAY BALL"

Museum Receives Donation of Times Anthology Covering 50 Years of Daily Newspapers

The Beaver Area Heritage Museum recently has secured a donation from the Beaver County Commissioners of 245 bound copies of the *Beaver Valley Times* and the *Beaver County Times*, a sweeping anthology covering every day's news over a 50-year era from 1935 to 1985. The museum now has a comprehensive record of local news and culture spanning the final years of the Great Depression, World War II, baby boom generation, Korean War, peak of the steel industry, Vietnam War and all the daily activity of Beaver County life.

Each weekend that the museum is open from April to December 2011, the museum will display one or two volumes in a specially lit glass case, opened to the front page of that day's newspaper exactly 50 and 75 years earlier.

To open the cover of one of these massive books is to step back in time. An October 1942 issue features news stories, announcements and advertisements that paint a picture of life during World War II: news about rationing; job advertisements for factory workers; announcements of local girls marrying soldiers and of local veterans returning from war. The entertainment pages list movies showing at a host of local theaters – beautiful buildings like the Oriental and the Majestic, most of which are no longer standing. Ads promote the virtues of war bonds, while human interest stories tout the latest in child-rearing advice, and the sports pages document developments with local football teams.

Thanks to Beaver County Jail Warden Bill Schoupe, who made an astonishing find in the attic of the former jail annex in Beaver prior to its demolition, and the generosity of the County Commissioners, the day-to-day history of the county will be preserved into perpetuity. Upon discovering the books, Warden Schoupe and the Heritage Foundation arranged for them to be stored temporarily in the basement of the Carnegie Free Library in Beaver Falls. The County Commissioners finalized their agreement in 2010 to donate the volumes to the museum to be properly stored, preserved, catalogued and shared with the community.

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Clean water starts in our own backyard.
Go to 3riverswetweather.org
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guide on how
you can help.

3 Rivers
Wet Weather
Demonstration Program

Every year the snow melts, the rain falls, and the water that runs off your yard carries fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides into our creeks and streams. And finally into our rivers. Depositing pollutants that can harm fish, wildlife, and vegetation. Even compromise our major source of drinking water. Our rivers.

But we can all do something about it and still keep our yards looking beautiful. In fact, a lot of dedicated people and municipalities are already working on it. And you can help too.

Plant more trees and shrubs so you'll have less bare lawn surface that allows storm water runoff. Use eco-friendly lawn fertilizers. If you need pesticides and herbicides, limit their use.

To find out more, visit our website. You'll be helping to protect our most valuable liquid asset.

Our water.

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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.

Easter Bunny Announces Visits to Brighton Township!

The Easter Bunny has given notice that he will be making two special visits to Brighton Township prior to Easter to appear at the Easter Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Bunny Breakfast: His first visit will be to the Brighton Township VFD Social Hall located at 5400 Dutch Ridge Road on April 16th as a special guest of the Ladies Auxiliary for their All You Can Eat Breakfast. Breakfast will include a variety of pancakes, French toast, sausage, home fries, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy & biscuits, coffee, juice and milk. The breakfast is available at the bargain price of \$6 for Adults and \$2.50 for children under 10. Come on out and join the Easter Bunny for breakfast!



Easter Egg Hunt: The Easter Bunny's second visit will be for the 14th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23rd at Two Mile Run Park at 11:00 A.M. Children

age 2 through 10 are to be registered for the event at the Township Office by Monday, April 18th to allow the Easter Bunny to plan appropriately for the event. Treat bags will be furnished for the eggs, which are filled with candy and prizes. Adults and children under 2 are also welcome at Shultz Lodge for cookies and beverages.



Brighton Township Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 23, 2011 - 11 am Two Mile Run Park

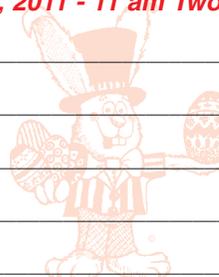
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Name of Resident _____

Address _____



Please return to the Township Office by Monday, April 18, 2011.