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## Newsletter

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Sara Small and Jocelyn Schmersal are presented awards for Outstanding D.A.R.E. Essay and Best D.A.R.E. Book for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. Also in the photo are personnel of the Brighton Township Police Department: Corporal Gianvito (front row) and left to right - Officer Williams, Officer Bell, Officer Grassel, Sergeant Benedict, Officer Sanders, Corporal Yates and Officer Stahl of the Beaver Borough Police Department.

The Township would like to thank the staff, teachers and administration of the Beaver Area School District for their support of, and participation in, the D.A.R.E. program at Dutch Ridge Elementary School. On June 4th a year-end celebration was conducted with over 160 student participants, during which each student received a Certificate of Completion and D.A.R.E. T-shirt. The Rotary Club of Beaver provided financial support through a cash donation for the purchase of the T-shirts.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a nationally-recognized program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. D.A.R.E. is a police officer led series of classroom lessons that teach children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. Sgt. Benedict is a certified D.A.R.E. training officer and teaches the curriculum at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School.

### Fire Hydrants Vital to Public Safety

The presence of fire hydrants are vital to the Fire Department when responding to calls. For this reason the Municipal Authority takes great care to make sure that each hydrant is highly visible and operational. As part of this commitment to the community each hydrant is operated at least annually, and more often in most cases, by the Authority. This year the Authority has begun to mark each hydrant with a highly visible and reflective marker to make them easily identifiable by emergency response personnel. In order to avoid limiting access to fire hydrants in the case of a fire or other emergency, Township Code prohibits obstructions to be planted, constructed or placed within six (6) feet of any fire hydrant. It is also 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.

You can help too by keeping fire hydrants located at your property clear of trees, shrubs or other vegetation. Remember, the Municipal Authority also needs clear access to water system operating components such as valves and curb boxes to properly maintain and operate the water system.



## State Sets New Standards for Oil and Gas Operations

On February 14, 2012, Governor Corbett signed House Bill 1950 into law as Act 13 of 2012 or the Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Act (Act 13). The Brighton Township Planning Commission has undertaken a comprehensive review of the Brighton Township Zoning Code to comply with Act 13. If the PA Public Utility Commission, Commonwealth Court or the PA Supreme Court finds that the Township ordinance violates the PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) or Act 13 it becomes ineligible for impact fees until amended or repealed. If it is found that the Township has acted with "willful or reckless disregard of the MPC or Act 13" in the development of the zoning regulations, the Township could be subject to fees and penalties.

In general, the Township must now include as a permitted use in all zoning districts:

- oil and gas wells and oil or gas well sites, provided the wellhead is at least 500 feet from any existing building
- impoundment areas for Oil & Gas Operations
- well and pipeline assessment operations, including seismic operations and related activities, provided that they are conducted in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws

Natural gas compressor stations shall be a permitted use within the R-2 and C-2 zoning districts and a conditional use in all other zoning districts subject to setback and noise restrictions.

Natural gas processing plants shall be a permitted use in the C-2 zoning district and a conditional use in the R-2 zoning district.

The Planning Commission has prepared the proposed ordinance to comply with Act 13, while still regulating those provisions of the operations that it can, while demonstrating that those regulations are consistent with the regulations established for other non-residential or industrial uses authorized within the Township.



## Township Sets 2012 Road Paving Program

The Township has awarded the bid contract for the 2012 road paving program. The total contract award is approximately \$345,000. The streets identified for asphalt paving are: Little Beaver Drive, Edgewood Drive West, Shadeland Drive, Norwood Drive, Vandivort Drive, Glenfield Drive (Tuscarawas Road to paving cut.), Brighton Fields Drive, Brian Drive (Phase I and II), Lawrence Drive (Phase I and II), Eric Drive (Phase I and II).

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

## 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

# Beaver Station - A Multi Use Cultural and Event Center

## Community Connections

- Restores/adds East End Ave. sidewalk to welcome people from neighborhood
- Strengthens connection of campus in East End Avenue Neighborhood
- Shares community/tenant event space

## Symbols Legend

	Existing Structures		Structures		Evergreen Trees/Shrubs
	Existing Deciduous Trees		Pavement		Display Plantings
	Existing Evergreen Trees		Sidewalks		Lawn
	Existing Master Gardeners Plantings		Deciduous Trees		Tables with Umbrellas



- Phase 1
- - - By others

Concept Plan  
**Beaver Train Station**  
 Beaver, Pennsylvania  
 January 03, 2012  
 Sewickley Studio, LLC  
 2110 Sewickley Creek Pittsburgh, PA 15209  
 Phone: (412) 481-3171  
 Scale: 1" = 20'

At the request of Beaver Borough, the **Beaver Area Heritage Foundation** is taking the lead in proposing future uses for the former railroad station and Beaver County 911 Center. With assistance from a grant-funded architectural and reuse study, the Heritage Foundation is pleased to present a plan for a beautifully renovated Beaver Station, an exciting new cultural and event center for Beaver County.

## Preserving Our Past.

The 1897 P&LE passenger station is a **National Historic District treasure** with 8,500 sq ft of usable space. The upper level is quite elegant and contains many attractive architectural features while the lower level will be adapted for two important historic preservation organizations. The **Beaver County Genealogical & History Center** will relocate from Beaver Falls and occupy the newer 911 space. The growing **Beaver Area Heritage Museum Collections & Research Area** will expand into the lower level of the old station.

## Enhancing Contemporary Community Life.

Our plans call for creating a **landmark gateway** to Beaver and a 3 acre campus extending the Museum and 1802 Log House. Beaver Station's upper level and grounds will be repurposed as **upscale community event space** including a catering kitchen. Various civic, business and social gatherings can be held here including both indoor and outdoor wedding receptions. The lower level will include two **community use**

**classrooms.** We are very pleased that Sewickley's **Sweetwater Center for the Arts** will offer their more popular children and adult classes in this facility.

## Sustainability for the Future.

A state of the art **geothermal HVAC system** is planned to reduce energy costs. **Beaver Station will derive income** from the Genealogical Center, Sweetwater Center for Arts and events taking place in the upper level and grounds, assuring the facility supports its ongoing operating costs.

We estimate this project will cost about \$2,300,000 and while both public and private grants will be sought, most of the funding must be raised from private donations. The Heritage Foundation successfully transformed the adjacent freight station into an **award-winning museum** in the mid 90's and we are optimistic broad-based community support can create Beaver Station as an important new jewel for our very special community.

An easy way to show support for Beaver Station and get periodic updates on this project and our many other activities is simply by joining the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation. Information is available at [www.beaverheritage.org](http://www.beaverheritage.org). We have over 400 members and our annual dues are only \$30 for families and \$20 for individuals. Just send your name, address, phone and email along with a tax deductible check (made out to BAHF with a notation for membership dues) to PO Box 147, Beaver Pa. 15009.

## Upcoming Fish Fries

August 17, September 7, September 21, October 5 and October 19

The price of fish fry dinners is \$9.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children.

They are held from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Firemen's Social Hall, 5400 Dutch Ridge Road.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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



**Chief of Police Howard Blinn congratulates Corporal James Castelli who received a Howard Murray Award from the office of the Beaver County District Attorney Anthony Berosh for his expert criminal investigation skills. The Howard Murry Award is named for a Beaver County Detective who lost his life in the line of duty. The award is presented to officers who exemplify the best in their investigations and trial presentations. Congratulations Corporal Castelli!**

### Rental Registration Reminder

Brighton Township Code requires each owner of rental property located within the Township to register the rental property and the tenants age 18 and over. Thereafter, the registration is to be renewed on or before February 1<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year advising the Township of any changes in the occupancy.

The next semi-annual rental property registrations are due on or before August 1, 2012. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Applications & Forms Page in the Resident's Center of the Township web page 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.

### AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT OPTION ENROLLMENT FORM

To initiate the automatic bill payment option, please complete the enrollment information below and deliver it via mail or drop-off to the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) office at 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. Why? It is quick, convenient, a time saver and eliminates the need for postage or personal delivery.

I/We hereby authorize Brighton Township Municipal Authority to automatically debit my/our checking account (one account only) for the amount of my Brighton Township Municipal Authority (water) and Brighton Township Sewage Authority (sewage) utility bill. This authorization will remain in full force and effect until notified by me in writing. My/Our participation in this program is subject to BTMA's approval. I understand that BTMA reserves the right, upon written notification, to terminate my/our participation or terminate the program at any time. If I/We decide to discontinue this payment plan I/We will notify BTMA in writing at their office.

BTMA/BTSA Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Your Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Service Location \_\_\_\_\_

Billed to Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bill to Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### Information for Draft Account:

Print - Name on the Account \_\_\_\_\_

Print - Joint Name on the Account \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Account Holder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Checking - Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE ENCLOSE A VOIDED CHECK)

Is the specified Account:  Residential  Business

ABA Routing #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please verify with your Bank)

Note: After receipt of your enrollment form, there will be some processing time required to implement the withdrawal process. When you receive your first bill with the words "Do Not Pay" you can assume that the bill amount will be withdrawn from your bank account. Payments are drawn on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month, or the next business day.

## A Statistical Snapshot of Brighton Township in 1850

The year is 1850. The place is Brighton Township, Pennsylvania. The specific dates are July 30<sup>th</sup> thru August 9<sup>th</sup>. The event is the Federal National Census, a tabulation of the community undertaken every 10 years.

The Brighton Township Historical Society's goal is to use the collected Census data to help us gain insight into life as it was circa 1850 Brighton Township. Simply apply the Census demographics information and develop a "snapshot" of that bygone era. Noting, the 1850 tabulation was a departure from prior Census efforts, expanding personal data and including Farming Schedules. Assuming the Township was mainly agricultural, the farming data should enhance our insight.

We are sensitive to the fact that long lists of statistical figures can be a journey into tedium and monotony, in short a cure for insomnia. Therefore, we will take the liberty of changing the presentation format and only touch on the highlights.....and now the figures!

- How many people lived in the Township in 1850? ..... 1,111
- How many males? How many females? ..... M-570 F-541
- What country provided the most immigrants to Brighton Twp? ..... Ireland 68
- How many locals were born in another State? ..... Md. 16
- How many household dwellings existed? ..... 179
- How many were working farm households? ..... 92 ..... Non-farms households - 87
- How many people in Brighton Township lived on a working farm? ..... 796
- What were farm sizes? ..... 1 to 100 acres - 45, 101 to 200 acres - 40, 201 to 300 acres - 7
- What size was the largest farm? ..... 300 acres Owner - Samuel Gibson
- How many acres in the Township were considered farmland? ..... 11,303 acres
- What animal was raised the most on local farms? ..... Sheep - 2,576, Swine - 1,126
- What grain crop was harvested the most? ..... Oats 16,738 bu., Corn 15,775 bu.
- What were some non-farming occupations? ..... Laborer Carpenter Brick Maker
- How many children attended school? ..... 337
- How many people over age 20 could not read or write? ..... 3
- How many children were in the largest family? ..... Mr. & Mrs. C. Bevington 10
- Who was the oldest person in the Township? ..... Juliann McGeorge 96

A more detailed analysis of the data helps develop our understanding of 1850 Brighton Township. The farms, as defined by Census guidelines, of that time appear to be general family operations. While producing a variety of crops, sheep raising was by far the largest livestock commodity in Brighton Township during this era. In fact, sheep raising dominated all of Southwestern Pennsylvania agriculture. The entire region was rocky, hilly and comprised of poor soil conditions. Sheep could readily thrive in this type of environment. Another consideration for sheep raising on local farms was the fact that they were a cash crop due to their wool. Likewise, swine and their feeder grains were considered cash crops. These facts strongly suggest Brighton Township was emerging from self-supporting subsistence farming, typical of life in the early 1800's, and evolving into the farming business. A large percentage of the Brighton Township population lived on farms in 1850. This fact may be more a reflection that farm families were simply larger. Surprisingly, almost as many households were reported as non-farms, deriving income from other pursuits. This fact needs future and further study. The Census "snapshot" of 1850 suggests at that point in time Brighton Township was more than a subsistence farming community.

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

The Tax Collector has sent delinquency notices for all remaining unpaid 2011/12 per capita tax bills for those persons who have failed to make payment. The Per Capital Tax is an annual tax of \$15 (\$5 Brighton Township, \$10 Beaver Area School District) authorized by Act 511 and payable by each adult (18 years or older) residing in the Township. Current penalty amounts total \$16.50. Failure to pay the tax by June 30<sup>th</sup> results in the Township & School District turning over the listing of unpaid accounts to a professional collection agency for collection. Once turned over, the collection agency will attach additional fees for their services in pursuing collection, which range from additional notices, wage attachments and door-to-door visits. Fees can be substantial in nature. If you failed to respond to the delinquent notice, or want to be sure you are not on the list, please immediately contact James Onuska, Tax Collector, at 724-774-2622.

### 2012 Tire Disposal Date Set for September 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Township's prior Tire Collection programs conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy have been well attended, demonstrating the need for a continued method for the disposal of waste tires. Tires are excluded from the curbside refuse collection program. In 2011, 386 tires were collected. Since 2004 2,398 tires have been collected at the Township's site. These are tires that may have otherwise been improperly disposed of.

This year's collection will be Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon at the Public Works site, 1250 Brighton Road. The fees are as follows:

	Size: Up to 17" off rim	\$2.00 each
	Up to 17" on rim	\$4.00 each
	Tractor trailer up to 22.5" (no rims please)	\$20.00 each
	Farm tractor rear (no rims please)	\$20.00 each

You can pay in cash or check (with proper ID). The collection is provided for individuals and small businesses, and there is no limit to the number of tires you may bring. Proof of residency is not required. Additional donations are welcome to help this non-profit organization's drive to eliminate illegal dumping and littering.

### National Night Out Celebration!

The Annual National Night Out community celebration will be held on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Hardy Field. The Brighton Township Police and Volunteer Fire Departments sponsor National Night Out. National Night Out is a day set aside to emphasize and educate the residents on crime prevention and emergency services in an atmosphere of fun and community involvement.

The evening begins at 6:00 P.M. with a parade beginning at Fire Station No. 3, proceeding through the Dawson Ridge Plan, and ending at Hardy Field, where activities will continue to 10:00 P.M. when a fireworks display will end the evening. The event is made possible through business sponsorships, donations and fund drives. Come out and join in the fun!

## **NPDES Storm Water Permit Report Filed Township Demonstrates Compliance with MS4 Program**

Brighton Township has submitted its Annual Report to the Department of Environmental Protection for completion of the specified program requirements for the most recent permitting cycle. These requirements are part of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The Township will continue to implement requirements of the MS4 program to protect water resources in the community. Among other things, the Township has done the items listed herein.

- Under the requirements of the permit, the Township continues to distribute public education material to the residents and other applicable groups. This includes the When It Rains, It Drains brochure printed and distributed within the Township newsletter annually. A link to this publication is also maintained on the Township's web site.
- On February 13th the Township conducted a public education meeting on the MS4 program and the Township's implementation efforts.
- The Township also participated in the placement of a stormwater display advertisement in the Beaver County Times newspaper titled - "Protect Your Water." This was organized by the Beaver County Planning Commission for multi-municipal participants as a cost-sharing method.
- A minimum of 25% of the Township's storm water outfalls are inspected annually for illicit discharges.
- The Township inspects annually the storm water basin at the public works site and conducts maintenance as needed.
- The Township has adopted and enforces all provisions of the PA DEP's model storm water ordinance. Engineering review and approval of storm water management plans are required prior to approval of new developments.
- The Township continues to enforce Township ordinance by reviewing erosion and sediment control plans. The Township has also executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Beaver County Conservation District for review and enforcement of erosion and sediment control measures.
- The Township has established procedures for municipal operations, including fueling and vehicle washing, to protect water resources.

## **Park & Recreation Board News**

The baseball/softball seasons are winding down, but there are still games and tournament action taking place. If you haven't taken in a local ball game lately, better hurry before it's too late! The Brighton Township Bears kick off another exciting season as practices begin in July.

Another successful Easter Egg Hunt was held in April with over 200 kids taking part in the festivities. In May, we chartered a bus and took in an exciting 3-2 Pirate win over the Cincinnati Reds. Our seats for the fireworks display following the ball game were excellent and the fireworks alone were worth the cost of the trip.

Events scheduled for the remainder of the year include:

- **August 23.** We are repeating last year's very popular dinner and boat ride on Lake Arthur at Moraine State Park. Last year's trip was sold out in the first couple of days, so if you missed it you will want to get your tickets early this year. The boat only accommodates 37 people, and many who went last year have indicated they might wish to go again. Tickets go on sale August 1. There is an excellent narrative presented by an on-board guide discussing the building of the Lake and its wildlife habitat.
- **September 20.** A bus trip to Kentuck Knob in the mountains above Uniontown, PA near Falling Water. Kentuck Knob, the home of Bernardine and I. N. Hagan, was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, as was Falling Water. The home was finished in 1956 and has been open for tours since 1996. Either lunch or dinner will be a part of this trip. Watch our signs for ticket sales date.
- **Early October.** Along with the Brighton Township Beaver Soccer Association, we will be presenting another Community Day at the Hardy Field Complex. This event will include soccer tournaments, ride attractions and lots of good food and fun. Hopefully the weather, which has not been very good for the first two Community Days, will smile on us this year.
- **December 8.** A bus trip to Kean Theater on the campus of St. Barnabus in Gibsonia will constitute our Holiday event this year. Dinner will be served in the dining room after which we will enjoy the musical comedy, Rat Pack Christmas. Watch our signs for ticket sales date.

As always, if you have any suggestions for events you would like to see us sponsor, contact any Board Member and we will look into them.

## **Township Adopts Official Map**

The Board of Supervisors have adopted an Official Map following a public hearing in May. The Planning Commission prepared the Official Map, which was recommended for consideration during the comprehensive plan process. An official map is a planning process authorized by the PA Municipalities Planning Code to designate areas for both present and future land use and facilities. The Official Map identifies future land acquisitions along the Two Mile Run Creek corridor to link Two Mile Run Park with the Municipal Complex and park on Brighton Road.

## **Disc Golf Course Open for Public Use**

A World's Biggest Disc Golf Weekend event was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Brighton Township Disc Golf Course. The event was sponsored by Brighton Township and the Pittsburgh Flying Disc Society. Various prizes were awarded and all the participants had a great time. A few T-shirts and disc (drivers or putters) remain available at the Municipal Building from this event at a cost of \$10 each.

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 on 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 recreation 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](mailto:brightwp@brightontwp.org) and you will be put in touch with other local players who frequent the course.

## Non-Residential Recycling Requirements

Recycling in Brighton Township is mandatory in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 101. The following is provided to non-residential establishments as a reminder of the requirements they must follow. The designated materials to be recycled by a place of business or other non-residential establishment are:

1. High grade office paper;
2. Aluminum food and beverage containers;
3. Corrugated paper (cardboard); and
4. Leaf waste.

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.

## Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office

The 2012 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills were mailed March 1, 2012.

The 2012 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills and Per Capita bills will be mailed July 1, 2012.

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:

### Office Hours:

**Tuesday - 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

**Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

**Last two (2) Saturdays of each month during the discount period (July**

**& August) - 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon**

(Personal appointments are available by contacting the tax office.)

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.

## Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective July 1, 2012

Effective July 1, 2010 Brighton Township entered into a three-year contract with J. Young Refuse for the collection of all residential refuse and recycling within Brighton Township. Contact information is as follows:

**John H. Young, Jr. - (724) 573-0170**  
J. Young Refuse  
263 Cullen Drive  
Georgetown, PA 15043

The third year of the contract begins July 1, 2012 with a collection rate of \$10.95 per month, or \$32.85 per quarter calculated as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 .....	\$10.55
Tipping Fee Cost Adjustment calculated effective July 1, 2011 .....	\$ 0.04
Tipping Fee Cost Adjustment calculated effective July 1, 2012 .....	\$ 0.05
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective July 1, 2012 .....	<u>\$ 0.31</u>
Monthly Refuse Rate effective July 1, 2012 .....	\$10.95
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective July 1, 2012 .....	\$32.85

A one-time charge of \$0.30 per account is also in order for the first 6-months of 2012 to collect the tipping fee increase effective January 1, 2012.

**Cost Adjustment Items** – During the term of this contract the rate per quarter per residential unit is adjusted for fuel cost adjustments on a semi-annual (6-month) basis or if there is an escalation in the fees charged by the landfill(s) utilized by the contracted haulers. Since the start of the contract the cost of fuel has increased 53.11%, which calculates to an additional \$0.31 per month, per customer, in accordance with a formula calculation included in the contract. Landfill disposal fees have increased two times over the course of the contract for a total of \$1.25, which calculates to an additional \$0.09 per month, per customer.

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

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

**Excluded Items** – Contract specifications require the collection of rubbish and other bulky waste. Bulky waste includes appliances, furniture, furnishings, rugs/carpets (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. Contractors are 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** – The collectors will continue to collect recycling curbside every other week. Residents are to 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.

## Please Keep Remote Meter Reading Device Clear

As a reminder, please 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.

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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.



**Robert “Bo” Hellier of Troop 416 recently completed an Eagle Scout project at the Aspen Fields walking trail. In the first photo Bo (far right) supervises the installation of a bench along the walking trail. In the second photo Bo (far left) is shown with a trailer full of rubbish he and his volunteers collected in the park. The project also included the installation of trail maps and the placement of bird houses along the trail. The trail has direct connections to Sebring Road (near the Aspen Fields Plan entrance) and Todd Road (off of Barclay Hill Road). There are connecting links within the Aspen Fields Plan. This trail is located on a 37.5 acre tract of land donated to Brighton Township by Maronda Homes, Inc. 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 property owner’s property and their privacy. Mini bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts, ATVs, or other motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trail.**