



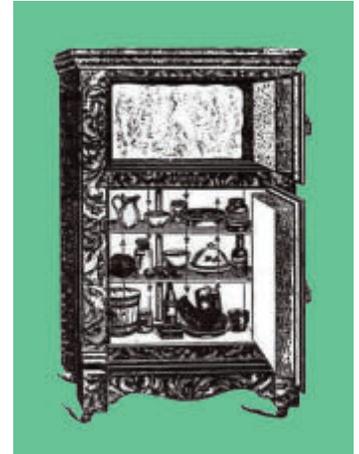
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Memories of an Old Time Business

The following are highlights from an oral history provided by Mr. Dominic Cascio. In this article Dominic shares memories of the family-run ice business during olden times. Prior to the invention and implementation of the modern refrigerator, use of the ice box was widespread. One major drawback to the icebox system was a need for constant replenishment of ice. In the local area that need was fulfilled by the Cascio family.

The Cascio family, father Tony, his brother Dominic and a family friend Nick Dideo made and delivered ice blocks to the Brighton Township area. The Beaver Ice Company was started in the early 1920s. Initially, the operation was carried out at the family homestead on Glenn Drive located off Gypsy Glen Road and slightly beyond the High School practice field. This was an ideal location for an ice business, due to the fact that a stream is located adjacent to the property. During the winter months, the stream would freeze and ice chunks would then be hand cut. The large chunks were then taken and stored in the family barn. Incredibly, the ice would stay frozen for long time periods using known storage methods of the era. The ice was cut in either 25 or 50 pound blocks and delivered to customers via horse and wagon.



As times changed so did ice making technology. New ways of ice making and increased demand necessitated business adaptation. Therefore, it was only natural that the ice operation be reorganized. Eventually, a new ice plant was built in approximately 1926. It was located in the area that present day Wendy's occupies. The need for ice storage was minimized by the new technology of the day. Two large tanks were incorporated in the building design. Filled with water and injected with an ammonia mixture, a chemical reaction froze the water in just 48 hours. The huge ice blocks were hauled out of the tanks, cut into smaller blocks and sold. Water for this ongoing operation was supplied by two wells of 1000 and 1500 feet deep located on the property.

Other memories of bygone ice days include the following:

Dominic conveys and underscores the physically taxing nature of the business. It was one man and one 50 pound block of ice coping with stairs and narrow passage ways in all types of weather. He recalls, as a teenager, carrying ice blocks up to third floor apartments one stair step at a time in the now Huntington Bank building.

During his early teens Dominic started to ride along with his father on ice routes, including Brighton Township. Deliveries of ice in the Township were every Tuesday and Saturday. The route started at Market Street and proceeded to the end of Dutch Ridge Road then onto Tuscarawas Road and eventually back to town. Essentially, the route was a loop and took much of the day to deliver.

The use of refrigerators was slow to catch on in this country and likewise this area. Practical technology problems, household cost considerations and a WW II parts shortage greatly expanded the economic life of the iceman. As the post WW II era began, the refrigerator became universal. Likewise, as time passed so did the iceman. The Beaver Ice Company closed in the early 1950s.

Editor's note: Dominic left High School in his junior year to serve in WW II. Upon completion of his wartime duties, he eventually became a school teacher and coached three sports. After 34 years of teaching and despite 26 years into retirement, he is still teaching us local history. The Brighton Township Historical Society wishes to thank Mr. Dominic Cascio for helping with this column.

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Thank You – Paul, Jane and Ed!

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank several of our long serving members of the Park and Recreation Board who will be leaving the Board this year: Paul Underiner, Jane Grimm and Ed Gray. These members have been very instrumental in the development of the recreation events and trips that are sponsored by the Township each year. Plus they have actively participated in the preparation of park plans and their implementation that have made our parks such a great asset to the community. We are grateful for all of their years of volunteer service to the Township. It is residents like them that make the Township such a wonderful place to live.

Please Support Your Fire Department



The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department is 100% volunteer and depends upon the goodwill donations of our residents and businesses. One of the Department's primary fund raisers is the mailing of their annual request for donations that is mailed to each Township resident and business in the Fall. Each home should have received this letter last month. The Department wishes to express their sincere thanks for all those who have responded to this 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, and 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 4 & 18
February 1, 15 & 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
April 5 & 19

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

Takeouts available

“Flushable” Household Items Create Problems in Sewage System

Sewage systems get sick too. The sewage system was designed to dispose of specific things. However, many people now use their toilets for the disposal of many of the modern products now available, and for which the sewage system was not designed for. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste - often no wider than 4 inches.

Just because the package says “flushable” doesn't mean it's true. Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and have the potential of causing messy sewage backups into homes. Due to the topography the Brighton Township sewage system also relies on pump stations in many areas to convey the sewage to the treatment plant where gravity flow is not possible. Swiffer microfiber dust pads and other like household cleaning products flushed down the toilet do not smoothly pass through pumps and can get caught up on the impellers of the pumps, creating maintenance and operational problems. These products can also cause problems with the mechanical equipment at the sewage treatment plant, and have to be removed during the treatment process.

You can help by not flushing these and similar items:

- Diapers - cloth, disposable or “flushable”
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffers
- Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels
- Dental floss
- Hair
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, or any non-organic material
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Clothing
- Sheet plastic, or plastic of any kind

Township Adopts 2013 Budget, Plans for Future Years

The Township was able to adopt a 2013 Budget with no tax increases. 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. Brighton Township has no business privilege or mercantile taxes and, therefore, the budget is primarily funded with real estate and earned income taxes. At just under \$3.2 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.

The three primary expense areas are public safety (police, fire and code enforcement), road maintenance and park maintenance and development. The most significant challenges for future budgets are the increased costs associated with road paving, winter maintenance and capital vehicle/equipment funding.

The Township's road paving contract was just over \$338,000 this year, higher than normal as a result of a mild winter. This does not include funding for oil & chip applications applied by the Road Department. The Township spends in the neighborhood of \$205,000 for the road paving contract each year. Due to several factors, this amount does not cover as much roadway as before. Many roads now require surface milling in advance of the paving due to the asphalt thickness from multiple paving applications that have caused the road surface to be much higher than the adjoining driveways and yards. The surface milling is an added cost, reducing the funds available for asphalt applications. Being an oil-based product, the price of asphalt has increased. As a result of a PA Supreme Court decision in 2008 road paving has been subject to the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law which increases the project costs a minimum of seven to twelve percent. It should be noted that the Prevailing Wage threshold of \$25,000 has not been increased by the State Legislature since 1963.

The Township currently budgets \$167,000 for the purchase of winter maintenance materials (salt, cinders/anti-skid and brine). Last year's mild winter allowed some of these funds to be used for road paving.

The Township maintains a 10-year replacement schedule of projected capital vehicle and equipment replacements and sets funds aside for this program as part of budget programming. A smaller equipped dump truck is nearly \$70,000; the most recent replacement of the 10-ton size dump truck was over \$127,000; the hi-lift/loader over \$125,000; the backhoe over \$85,000; and new fire engines/pumper trucks are projected at \$600,000 each. The replacement cost of the front line fire vehicles (ladder tower, 3-pumper/engines and tanker) is estimated to be \$3.3 Million. This does not include the QRS vehicles, brush truck or fire rescue vehicle with a replacement value of \$825,000. These costs continue to increase annually, which makes it necessary to increase the annual allocation to the capital reserve fund to plan for their orderly replacement. Other capital funds are used for large maintenance projects for public facilities, or the development of parks and recreation areas.

The Board continues to do project planning and scheduling, and providing an 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. Thank you to all the boards, commissions, committees and volunteers whose collective efforts make Brighton Township a great community to live in. We are also appreciative of 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

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Amy Downer and daughters Cailin (age 7) and Brenna (age 4) attended the October meeting of the Board of Supervisors to encourage the Township's continued financial support of the Beaver Area Memorial Library (BAML). Cailin and Brenna raised over \$60 for the library at their lemonade stand to purchase books for the children's department.

Also in attendance were Jack Walker, President of the BAML Board of Trustees and Diane Wakefield, Director. The Supervisors recognized the library's importance to our community and the variety of programs and services for children and adults that the library provides. The BAML is the busiest library in Beaver County and has more patrons from Brighton Township than any other municipality.

The Township is pleased to be able to continue its support of the BAML and has included a \$21,000 contribution in the 2013 budget. 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. The library is located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver. You may contact them at (724) 775-1132.

Family Story Time - At the Library!

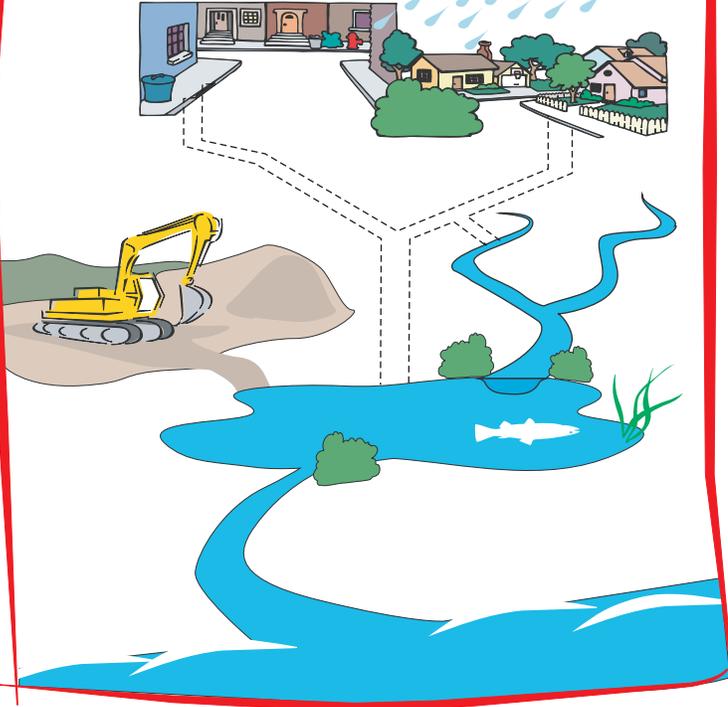
The Beaver Area Memorial Library has a family story time the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. continuing through April. No registration is required to attend.

Looking for Legos

The library is looking for Legos. Donations of Legos to the library would be greatly appreciated by the library staff.

When It Rains, It Drains

Understanding Storm Water and How it Can Affect Your Money, Safety, Health, and the Environment



What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Why is Storm Water "Good Rain Gone Wrong?"

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.



Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.



Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.

Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.



What Happens When It Rains?



Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Problems related to storm water runoff can include:



Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.

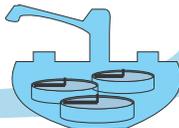
Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris.



Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.



More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.



Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.

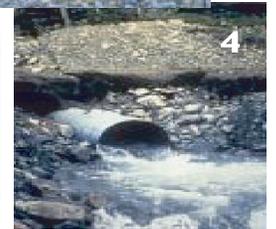


We can help rain restore its good reputation while protecting our health and environment while saving money for ourselves and our community. Keep reading to find out how...

Test Your Storm Sewer System Savy!

What does the storm sewer system look like in your community? See if you can identify which pictures are part of the storm sewer system.

(Answers are above right)



Where To Go To Continue the Information Flow

Your community is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is . . . water! Contact your community's storm water management program coordinator or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
www.dep.state.pa.us

1. Ditch – Part of the storm sewer system. Most people think that the system is just a series of underground pipes. It can also include ditches used to convey storm water from the land to a receiving lake, river, or stream.

2. Fire Hydrant – Not part of the storm sewer system. Water sprayed from fire hydrants is not storm water, but is allowed by law to enter the storm sewer system.

3. Curb with Storm Drain Inlet – Part of the storm sewer system. Many people do not realize that this is an opening leading to the storm sewer system. Anything going into this inlet (e.g., trash, leaves, improperly disposed of hazardous materials) travel directly to a receiving lake, river, or stream without being treated first. Many communities stencil storm drains with "Do Not Dump" messages to let people know.

4. Storm Sewer Outfall – Part of the storm sewer system. An outfall is where storm water drains from the storm sewer system into a receiving lake, stream, or river. If there is a flow from an outfall when it isn't raining, there could be a problem with the system or someone has used a storm drain for illegally disposing of materials.

5. Toilet – Not part of the storm sewer system. Wastewater from sinks and toilets in houses and businesses travel through a sewer system constructed to carry sanitary wastes. In some instances, older communities may have a combined sewer system designed to carry both storm water and sanitary waste.

6. Septic System – Not part of the storm sewer system. Homeowners use septic tanks to manage sanitary wastes on-site. Improperly maintained septic systems can leak and contribute pollutants to the storm sewer system, as well as directly to lakes, rivers, and streams.

7. Roads and Other Paved Areas – Not part of the storm sewer system. Roads and other hardened surfaces such as parking lots and sidewalks can accumulate pollutants (e.g., oil, grease, dirt, leaves, trash, pet wastes) that storm water eventually washes into the storm sewer system.

8. Storm Drain Inlet – Part of the storm sewer system. This is another example of what a storm drain may look like. Like the storm drain inlet shown in picture #3, anything that enters this drain will go directly to streams, rivers, and lakes without being treated first. It is important to recognize this as a storm drain to prevent it from being used as a trash can.

Answers to Test Your Storm Sewer System Savvy:

Restoring Rain's Reputation: What Everyone Can Do To Help

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint—never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community. (See the back of this brochure for contact information.)
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather—a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess—in a backyard or at the park—storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

Hardy Field Improvements Continue

Construction of the football field is nearing completion with the fencing being erected and the goal posts being put in place at Hardy Field. Some final seeding and plantings will occur in the spring with competitive play starting next fall. Additional concession and storage areas will be added in 2013 to accommodate the relocation and for use by the Soccer Association.

Final design plans are being submitted to the State for approval under a \$100,000 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant award so contracts can be released in the spring for the renovation of the baseball field, including the lower parking lot. Additional grant funding of \$45,000 has been secured from the Beaver County Community Development Block Grant program of accessibility improvements at the park. Construction on this phase of improvements is expected to continue through 2013.

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, 2013. 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. **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.

Real Estate Tax Information

This is just a reminder for the residents who have participated in the 2012 Beaver Area School Real Estate tax installment program. The third installment payment is due no later than December 31, 2012. 2012 Brighton Township Real Estate and 2012 Per Capita taxes are also due by December 31, 2012. Office collection hours will be extended to include Monday, December 31, 2012 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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.

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.

The tax office is located in the lower level of the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. A drop box has been installed for your convenience.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Electronics No Longer Accepted for Curbside Waste Collection

Enacted in 2010, provision of the Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act will come into effect in 2013. No person may dispose of a covered device or any of its components with their municipal solid waste. These devices and their components must be properly recycled and may not be taken to, nor accepted by, landfills for disposal. Covered electronic devices include computers, laptops, monitors, televisions, cell phones, usp batteries and related equipment such as modems, routers, networking equipment, etc.

To accommodate this law change J. Young Refuse has established a fee based collection program for E-Scrap and will be disposing of it at Evolution E-Cycling, LLC in Pittsburgh.

Accepted items are as follows:

- desktops
- modems/routers/networking equipment
- laptops
- printers/scanners/faxes/copiers
- crt monitors
- audio visual equipment
- lcd monitors
- telecom equipment
- televisions
- house and office phones
- cell phones
- wires and cables
- servers
- similar items
- usp batteries
- switches

Curbside collection fees are:

Computer components each	\$ 5.00
Televisions: 15 inch	\$10.00
16 to 20 inch	\$15.00
21 and up inches ...	\$20.00

For more information on the collection of these items contact your trash collector directly at:

J. Young Refuse (724) 573-4870

The law also requires manufacturers of electronics to provide for the collection and recycling of these devices by establishing special collection events or mail back programs. Check with electronic stores where you may be purchasing new items to see if they accept older equipment. You can find more information on registered manufacturers and where to recycle covered devices at www.dep.state.pa.us and using the keywords "electronics recycling."

Berkheimer New Beaver County Tax Officer for Earned Income Tax Collection

The Beaver County Tax Collection Committee has approved the assignment of the contract for the collection of earned income taxes within Beaver County to Berkheimer effective September 1, 2012. The prior collector, Central Tax Bureau (CENTAX), was unable to perform the requirements of the contract and is no longer available to respond to public inquiries. The assignment includes all CENTAX collection services contracts, including the Local Service Tax within Brighton Township. The Berkheimer web site is www.hab-inc.com. They can also be reached at 1-866-701-7206.

Residency Certification Form

All employers in Pennsylvania were required to withhold the local EIT for employees as of January 1, 2012. Consequently, if you are employed within Pennsylvania, your employer, with a few exceptions, is required to withhold your tax at the rate where you live (1.0% with ½% each to Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District) and it will be directed to your home municipality and school district.

Each employee is required to file with his or her employer a **Residency Certification Form**. Therefore, it is important that you properly complete this form by identifying Brighton Township as your place of residence. Political Subdivision Codes are used to identify the municipalities and school districts for each tax collection district. **The PSD Code for Brighton Township is – 040303.**

NOTICE

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.

Employer Obligations Under Act 32

First, all employers within Brighton Township should be registered with Berkheimer.

Second, employers are to fill out a Residency Certification Form for each of their employees and have it signed by the employee. Employers retain this form for their records. The employee must provide updated information, sign and date a new form upon change of address.

Third, send withheld taxes for all employees to Berkheimer. The Berkheimer web site is www.hab-inc.com. They can also be reached at 1-866-701-7206.

4th Quarter and Final Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that 4th Quarter returns for the earned income taxes are due by January 31st and Final Returns are due by April 15th. 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 Pennsylvania, it is mandatory, with a few exceptions, that your employer withholds the tax and your obligation is fulfilled except for the filing of a final return by April 15th. 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

4th Qtr: October, November, December
Final Return - Verification Needed

Payment is Due

On or Before Jan. 31st
By April 15th

2013 Brighton Township Recycling Calendar

WHAT: Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars; Aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans; Aluminum (tin) foil; Plastic bottles and jugs with the numbers 1 and 2 inside the recycling logo; Newspapers and magazines.

WHERE: Place your recycling container in the same area where the garbage is picked up.

WHEN: Your regular garbage collection day during the recycling weeks shown below in **GREEN** print if Route 1 (areas on & off of Dutch Ridge Road, and Dawson Ridge and Gypsy Glen Road) or in **RED** print if Route 2 (Tuscarawas Road from Dutch Ridge to Beaver)

Contact J. Young Refuse at 724-573-0170 for any questions.

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Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective January 1, 2013

Brighton Township's contract with J. Young Refuse for the collection of all residential 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 hauler. Fuel cost is calculated on a specific formula included in the contract. Based upon the semi-annual adjustment the January 1, 2013 rate is as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013	\$10.55
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective July 1, 2011.....	\$ 0.04
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective July 1, 2012	\$ 0.05
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2013.....	\$ 0.30
Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2013	\$10.94
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2013	\$32.82

NOTE: This rate is \$0.01 per month less than the prior 6-month period.

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

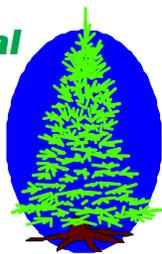
Mandatory Participation – Each residential unit is required to participate in the contracted refuse and recycling collection program. Brighton Township is also mandated by State law to provide curbside collection of recyclables to each residential unit. Township ordinance requires mandatory participation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

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

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

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

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.

Additional Items Added to Curbside Recycling Program

In addition to newspapers and glossy paper magazines, you may now include phone books, manila & brown folders, junk mail and all paper to your curbside collection items. All plastic containers labeled #1-7 can be included with your commingled items. Please exclude Styrofoam type takeout food containers. Aseptic containers (milk cartons) may be added as well. Continue to recycle clear, brown and green bottles and jars, aluminum, bi-metal and tin food and beverage containers, and aluminum foil.

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

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.

Size and Weight of Recycling Containers Restricted

A special collection vehicle is used for the collection of recycling, which often requires the collector to lift the containers above his head to dump into the collection vehicle. Therefore, it is important that the recycling containers not be too large or too heavy. The recycling bins available for purchase at the Township Office are 20-gallons in size. If a larger container is being used it must not be filled or it could become too heavy and become a risk for injury to the collector. Please use multiple containers in this instance. Containers determined to be too heavy will not be collected.

Park & Recreation Board News

This will be my final column as Chairman of your Park & Recreation Board. After 12 years of enjoyable service, I have decided to "call it a career." It is with a great sense of satisfaction that I look back at all the good things that have happened in these 12 years. These were not my accomplishments alone, but those of the dedicated Board Members with which I served, the various Township Supervisors and the fine staff at the Municipal Building. In no particular order, the following listing provides most of the highlights of these past 12 years:

- New football field at the Hardy Field Complex. In addition to the first-class field itself, a new concession stand and additional parking with lighting is provided.
- Hardy baseball field upgrading. With additional funding through a \$100,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, many needed improvements to the facility are underway. These include re-grading for better drainage, a grass infield, new fencing, storm water management, parking and access improvements and a general sprucing up of the grounds. The resulting facility will be one of the premier baseball parks in the County.
- A new disc golf course located within the confines of Two Mile Run Park Extension to the south and east of our Township garage and maintenance facility. This course has already been endorsed by the Pittsburgh Flying Disc Society Board of Directors as an outstanding facility. This is in addition to the beautiful walking trail at this park.
- The development of a monthly electronic newsletter that provides up-to-date information on all the happenings of interest to Township residents. The E-Letter supplements this Quarterly Newsletter that you are reading.
- Message signs on Dutch Ridge and Tuscarawas Roads that list timely events of interest to the residents. The present signs, limited to only brief messages, are being replaced by state-of-the-art electronic signs that will allow more information to be displayed.
- Planning and implementation of many Township events such as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Autumn Fest, Community Day, Outdoor Movies and Bingo & A Movie.
- Hosting several bus trips each year for residents to enjoy a variety of venues such as dinner theater, historical sites, wine and chocolate making facilities, Pirate and Wild Things baseball games, flower shows, boat and train rides and special exhibitions.
- Improvements at Two Mile Run Park, including new lighting and the expansion of the park to include a new shelter area.
- Improvements to Ellis, Dawson and Baker Fields.
- An improved Field Allocation process in which the needs of the baseball, softball, soccer and football organizations are assured proper disposition.
- Acquisition of properties and the preparation of master development plans to ensure continued opportunities for recreation.

It has been my privilege to be a part of all this and I thank again all those who participated in these achievements..... the past and present Board Members, the past and present Supervisors, and Bryan Dehart and his excellent staff.

Sincerely,

Paul T. Underiner

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 go to the Brighton Township website to learn more about the Emergency Notification System and how to update your contact information for this and related purposes.

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 Office (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.

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.

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

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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.

Reducing and Eliminating Sources of Stormwater Pollution

As part of the requirements of the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, the Township continues to distribute public education materials, including the When It Rains, It Drains brochure printed and distributed within this newsletter. It is important to re-emphasize several of the items included in the brochure.

Runoff from rain or snow can pick up several kinds of natural and man-made pollutants and deposit them in our waterways. These are considered non-point sources of pollution and can include:

- Excess fertilizers or herbicides and insecticides used to treat your lawn.
- Viruses and bacteria from decomposing pet wastes.
- Oil, grease and other chemicals from your vehicles.

You can help by:

- Keeping debris out of storm sewers and drains.
- Properly disposing of household chemicals and not into storm sewers and drains.
- Wash your car on your lawn to prevent runoff – or use a car wash.
- Use low-phosphate or phosphate free detergents.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Prevent soil erosion and runoff.
- Participate in litter prevention or clean-up programs.

