

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP

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Road Department Projects



The Road Department utilizes an Asphalt Zipper to grind and pulverize the road surface in locations of base failures. Following the road grinding, additional stone is added to the base, which is then graded and rolled prior to treatment with oil and chip.



The Brighton Township Road Department places the final chip surface to a road. The Township conducts an annual oil and chip program for the treatment and maintenance of certain roads to supplement the road paving program.

Home Fire Safety Tips

With the high cost of heating oil and utilities, it is expected that more people will look to supplement their home heating with their fireplaces and wood burning stoves. Fire prevention is a very important part of home and personal safety when using a fireplace or wood burning stove. Fire Chief John Curtaccio asks that you implement the following fire prevention safety tips in your home:

- Inspect your fireplace and chimney regularly and keep them clean and in good repair. Do not use your fireplace if it has loose bricks or if it needs cleaning.
- Use a good fire screen in front of the fireplace – especially if you are burning highly resinous or damp wood.
- Keep the damper adjusted for a good enough draft to remove all smoke and gases, but without letting the fire get out of control.
- Keep the areas near the fireplace free of flammables. Educate all members of the family about the danger of flying sparks. Do not allow small children to get too close to the fireplace.
- If artificial logs are used, be sure to follow the prescribed safety precautions. Do not stack artificial logs in the fireplace as you would wooden logs.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable fluids to encourage a fire.



Fall Leaves Can Be Deposited at Yard Waste Composting Site

Wondering what to do with all the leaves that will be falling in your yard this fall? They can be taken to the Brighton Township Yard Waste Composting Site located at the public works complex, 1250 Brighton Road. Use of the site requires a permit. Current residential permits are issued at the Municipal Building for an annual fee of \$10.00 and are for the period March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009. Permits are required for depositing yard materials at the site only. First time permit applications must be made in person, with proof of residency, at the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. A permit is not required to pick up processed mulch or compost. For more information, inquire at the Municipal Building or call 724-774-4800.

Please Secure Your Load

There have been instances of persons bringing large loads of unsecured tree limbs or leaves to the site that fall off during transport, becoming a roadway hazard, or creating a clean-up issue for other property owners. Please be considerate and properly secure your load for transport.



Township Prepares for Winter Road Maintenance

Fall has arrived, and soon it will be winter. The Township is preparing for the snow removal season and has contracts in place for the purchase of road salt and cinders for the treatment of roads. During the winter of 2007/08 the Township purchased 2,612 tons of rock salt at a cost of \$106,809 and 759 tons of cinders at a cost of \$8,360 to maintain roads. This winter could potentially be more costly as contract prices for salt and cinders are much higher than last winter, and operational expenses for the plow trucks continue to rise. Some anti-skid material will be mixed with salt for certain road treatments to reduce costs, and salt brine application equipment has been placed on the trucks to make the melting process more efficient, reducing the amount of material necessary.

Each of you can help with the maintenance of the roads this winter by following these winter reminders:

- Remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. There is reduced visibility for the drivers during snow or at night. Having to maneuver through parked traffic does make their jobs much more difficult.
- Township Ordinance regarding snow removal does prohibit parking, or allowing to be parked, any motor vehicle or other vehicle on any public street within the Township following the deposit or accumulation of ice or snow of three (3) inches or greater in depth, until the snow has been completely plowed from the full width of the roadway. Violators are subject to a \$15 fine when ticketed by the Police Department, or towing when necessary.
- Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This creates a safety hazard. If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway. Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways or driveway entrances of accumulated snow.
- Cul-de-sacs are difficult to clear to everyone's satisfaction. Snowplows do not have the ability to lift and carry snow from one area to another. The plow pushes the snow. The driver pushes the snow to an area most suitable to expedite the plowing and to open the road for the majority of residents. The Road Department will return to cul-de-sac areas for more thorough clearing after all roads have been properly plowed and treated.
- Mailboxes and posts are often broken from the weight of the plowed snow or simply pushed over by snow. Please check posts for deterioration to reduce the possibility of breakage. Also, install mailboxes as far from the edge of the roadway as permitted by your postal delivery personnel. Installations in the right of way are placed there at the owner's risk.
- Do not drive unnecessarily in a storm, especially during severe snowstorms and freezing rains. If you do drive, be sure to properly clean your windshield and to have winter wiper blades. Verify that your tires are properly inflated and have sufficient tread.

State Road Maintenance

PA D.O.T. provides winter maintenance on the following: PA Route 60, Tuscarawas Road, Barclay Hill Road, Lisbon Road, Pine Grove Road (from Doyle Drive to Industry), Wildwood Road, Grange Road, Park Road, Brady's Run Road, Achortown Road, and Doyle Drive. Concerns regarding any of these roads should be directed to PA D.O.T. at (724) 774-6610 (answers 24 hours).

Park & Recreation Board News

Your Park & Rec Board has had a busy summer, hosting 2 outdoor movies at Ellis Field and a bus trip to the Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs to see a luncheon theater show. The show, entitled "An Afternoon with Jack Benny", was one of the best productions to come along in some time, according to all who attended. Eddie Carroll, who played the part of Jack Benny, **WAS** Jack Benny in both physical appearance, mannerisms and voice. Jane Grimm's prize awards on the return home completed a wonderful day.

With the return of autumn, planning has been completed for Autumn Fest 2008, the ninth consecutive year for this popular event. It will be held again this year at Two-Mile Run Park on Saturday, October 4. A schedule of events is as follows:

Noon - 2 pm Petting Zoo and Pony Rides

Noon - 4 pm All New Interactive
Attractions: DDR/Rock
Band, Wrecking Ball,
Obstacle Challenge, QB
Blitz, Twister; and tattoos

1 pm - 3 pm Free Food and Drink

2 pm - 4 pm Bingo in the Lodge

3 pm - 5 pm Hayrides, Ice Cream and Popcorn



Shuttle bus parking will again be provided for those wishing to avoid the limited parking space at the event. The bus will run from the Upper Parking Lot at Two Mile Run Park beginning at 11:45 AM and will continue throughout the day. Watch for the signs on Gypsy Glen Road that direct you to the lot. In a departure from previous years, it will **NOT** be necessary to register in advance for this event. A registration form will be available at the Park where you can register to win one of the many nice door prizes to be awarded throughout the day. Don't forget to sign up! We hope to see you all there!

On Saturday, December 13, we planned a bus trip to the Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs to see **Christmas Plaid**, a musical with an actual plot, as part of another luncheon/stage presentation. Tickets will go on sale in October.

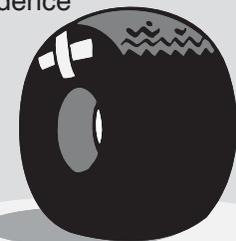
Finally, if you own a computer and have not as yet availed yourself of getting all the news monthly through the Township Email Letter, just go to www.brightontwp.org, page down once or twice to where it says "Register for the Email Newsletter", enter your email address and name (name not required) and click on the submit button. You'll then be added to our subscriber list and will get all the news of events and activities in the Beaver Area, updated monthly.



2008 Tire Disposal Date Set for September 27th

Reminder – a tire collection event will be conducted from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon on Saturday, September 27th at the Public Works site, 1250 Brighton Road, in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy. 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. The Township's prior Tire Collection programs conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy have been a big success with over 200 tires collected and disposed of during each collection.

More information is available on the Independence Conservancy tire collection program at www.independenceconservancy.org.

Two Mile Run Park Improvements Move Forward

If you travel Gypsy Glen Road, you may have noticed that a second entrance has been opened to the Park. Authorized last fall by the Board, the grading contract, which is the first step in the construction of additional improvements at Two Mile Run Park, is near completion. The new access road and parking area is graded and stoned, and a ball field has been rough graded. Additional improvements scheduled for this fall include the construction of a picnic shelter and extension of the public water system into the park. Under design is an extension of the sanitary sewer system to service a building that will be constructed to house bathroom facilities and storage.

Brighton Township received a \$78,000 grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to be applied towards these improvements, which implement the recommendation of the master plan that was previously prepared for the park.



TWO MILE RUN PARK RESERVATIONS

Brighton Township residents may begin reserving the Two Mile Run Park facilities for 2009 dates on Saturday, October 11, 2008. Reservations will be taken **in person only** at the Municipal Building on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. Payment is due at the time of reservation. Telephone reservations for residents of Brighton Township will not be accepted until Monday, October 13 starting at 8:00 a.m. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week. Please call 724-774-4803 to make reservations.

If you are reserving Shultz Lodge for June, July or August, only one reservation per person will be taken for those summer months on Saturday, October 11.

Residents from Beaver, Bridgewater and Vanport may make reservations on or after December 15, 2008. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week.

Rental fees are as follows:

Lodge:

Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$65

Friday thru Sunday - \$75

Holidays and the day before - \$75

(Jan. 1, May 25, Sept. 7, Nov. 25 & 26, Dec. 24)

Non-Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$90

Friday thru Sunday - \$100

Holidays and the day before - \$100

(Jan. 1, May 25, Sept. 7, Nov. 25 & 26, Dec. 24)

Shelters:

Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$25

Friday thru Sunday - \$30

Holidays and the day before - \$30 (May 25, Sept. 7)

Non-Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$35

Friday thru Sunday - \$40

Holidays and the day before - \$40 (May 25, Sept. 7)

Please be reminded that the person signing the rental agreement **must be present** when the facility is opened and closed.

Also available for rental is a large screen television with a DVD/VCR. TV rental costs \$10 plus a \$20 key deposit which will be refunded with returned key.

Forms needed for reservations can also be found on our website at www.brightontwp.org.



Leaf Waste Collection Program Coming this Fall Drop Off Site Will Remain Operational

As reported in the June Newsletter, the Township has received notice from PA Department of Environmental Protection that it must start a curbside collection program for leaf waste to comply with regulations implementing Act 101. It is important to note that the yard waste drop-off site will continue to operate on the same basis as it currently is. With 75 miles of roads, curbside collection of leaves and other yard waste is a significant undertaking for the Township, and will be costly in terms of labor and equipment operation. It is hoped that many homeowners will continue to use the drop-off site, or compost the leaves in their own yards.

The Township is now entering into the final planning stages to implement the program this fall. The collection will be a fee-based program whereby residents will purchase biodegradable paper collection bags at a cost of \$2.00 each in which the leaves, garden residues, shrubbery clippings or tree trimmings will be placed. Bags will be placed at the curb on collection days to be designated. Bags will be pre-sold at the Municipal Building and must be purchased from the Township, not from another source, such as a home improvement store. Watch for newspaper announcements of the collection dates and when the leaf bags will be available for purchase.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



TRICK OR TREAT



WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM.

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.
- Recover your recycling container promptly after collection.
- Do not place items in separate bags or they will not be collected. Place recyclables directly into recycling container.

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

Earned Income/Net Profits Tax

As a reminder, effective July 1, 2008 Brighton Township and the Beaver Area School District appointed the Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CENTAX) to collect the Earned Income/Net Profits Tax of one percent (1.0%). The tax is levied on all salaries, net profits, wages, commissions, bonuses, and other compensation earned, paid or received by all residents, and for non-residents employed or engaged in business with the Township. Their office location is:

Central Tax Bureau of PA, Inc.
438 Line Avenue,
Ellwood City, PA 16117.
Telephone: (724) 752-3350 / (800) 569-6704 (within PA only).
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.
Wednesdays: Closed to Public
Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
www.centaxgroup.com

Third Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that Third Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns are due on or before the end of October for the quarter including July, August and September. 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. However, it is the employed person's responsibility to pay the tax so payment should be verified.

Earned Income Period

3rd Qtr: July, August, September

Payment is Due

On or Before the end of October

The EIT Collector for Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District is now CENTAX. Contact information is provided above. Forms are available on the CENTAX website.

Need help? Representatives of CENTAX will be at the Ft. McIntosh building the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. to assist you.

Summer Playground Program Completes Another Successful Season

A total of 65 children registered for the Summer Playground Program, which was provided at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School from June 23rd to August 1st. Brighton Township and Beaver Borough contracted with the YMCA in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District to conduct the program to provide a safe, structured and fun environment for children. The program was operated for students in K-5th grade, was 6-weeks in length and operated from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. YMCA-trained staff supervised the program and provided needed resources; including games, crafts, sports and special events.



WATER BREAKS

Occasionally, the Brighton Township Municipal Authority experiences water breaks which affect service to customers, especially during the winter season, which is quickly approaching. When this occurs, the Authority is unable to notify each resident that the water will be temporarily shut off. After the repairs are made, Authority employees must flush the water lines. 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.

The Maintenance Workers do their best to expedite repairs to these lines (especially when it's cold), as they don't want to be out there anymore than our residents want to be without water. 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.



National Night Out Celebration!

The storms danced all around Brighton Township, which allowed the Annual National Night Out community celebration to be a big success. Held on Saturday, July 26th at Hardy Field, the Annual National Night Out community celebration had a large crowd and was fun for everyone. The evening started out with a parade and ended with a fabulous fireworks display. In between were food, games and other displays. The Brighton Township Police and Volunteer Fire Departments sponsor National Night Out. The event is made possible through business sponsorships, donations and fund drives. We are grateful for their support to make this fun community event possible.



Volunteer Fire Department to Conduct Annual Appeal!

Watch your mailbox for the annual appeal letter from Brighton Township's Volunteer Fire Department, typically received during the month of October. These funds are vitally important to the operation of the Department. In 2007 the Fire Department responded to 340 calls, with 2,650 hours volunteered by Department members in response to these calls. This does not include the hours spent for training, maintenance activities and fund raising efforts, such as the fish fry. Please be generous in response to their request.

Mark These Dates to Attend These Fish Fry Nights!

October 3rd and 17th
November 7th and 21st
December 5th and 19th

Firemen's Social Hall – 5400 Dutch Ridge Road

4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Takeouts available

A Reminder from the Real Estate Tax Collector

This is a reminder for the residents who have participated in the 2008 School Real Estate Tax installment program. The second installment payment is due no later than October 31, 2008 and again must be **exactly one third of the face amount**. If the second payment is late, the entire amount will be penalized at **ten percent**.

Normal office hours will be held on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., the last day of the school face period. There is also a drop box at the entrance of the tax office for your convenience. The tax office is located on the lower level of the Municipal Building.

Please do not hesitate to call the real estate tax collector, James W. Onuska, at 724-774-2622 if you have any questions or concerns.

Township & Fire Department Plan for Construction

Brighton Township has entered into a lease agreement with the Valley Medical Facilities, Inc. for a 1.5-acre parcel of land at the hospital campus of Heritage Valley Health System. The purpose of the lease is to construct a new two-bay Fire Department substation to replace Fire Station No. 1 on Dutch Ridge Road. The old station is too small and obsolete for the size of today's fire trucks, and is not currently used by the Department to house fire trucks. The hospital administration was very cooperative and supportive of the Township's efforts to obtain the land lease for the location of a new fire station. Hancock Architecture has been engaged to design the building and contract documents. The goal is to complete construction of the building for occupancy in 2009.

Township Paves Bike Lanes on Brighton Road Future Improvements Planned by PA D.O.T.

Brighton Township previously received grant funding in the amount of \$240,000 through the Transportation Enhancement Program funded by the Federal Highway Administration for the construction of bike lanes adjacent to Brighton Road. The bike lanes were identified as a need during the comprehensive planning process and a subsequent study to develop a comprehensive bicycle network plan. Brighton Road was selected as a demonstration project because of the low impact on adjacent properties, and to show how the bike lanes could possibly be constructed adjacent to other roads. The planning and grant process was started several years earlier, and in advance of any other improvements being planned by the PA Department of Transportation on Brighton Road. It has recently been announced by PA D.O.T. that they anticipate letting contracts in June of 2009 for a betterment project on Brighton Road, with construction occurring in 2010. The road work will extend the full length of the road and will involve breaking of the concrete surface with an asphalt overlay.

Brighton Township

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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

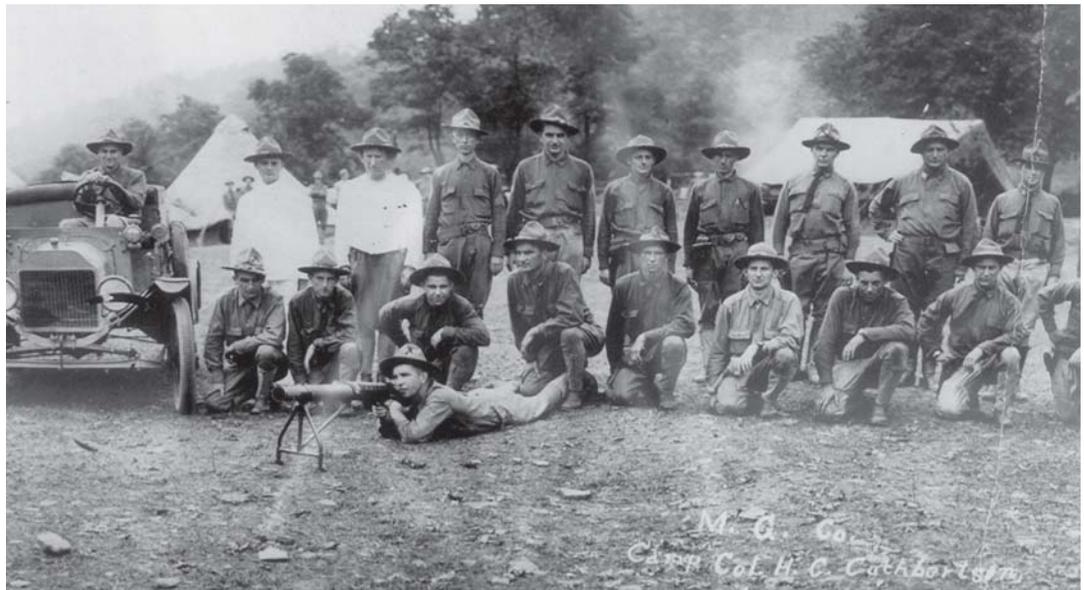
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PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Fourth Wednesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.
Third Wednesday in November & December.

Recent Acquisitions of the Brighton Township Historical Society

Ed Zinkan, former resident, and his sister Sally Morgan have donated several artifacts to the Historical Society. Among the items is the original 1873 Grange charter for Brighton Township.



They also presented to the organization a WW I photograph of Company B that includes their dad Hap and Uncle George. The Company, which was a machine gun unit, trained at Camp Cuthbertson, and was located in the Brady's Run area.

The Historical Society is always on the lookout for any deeds, photographs or other articles related to Township history. Our thanks to Ed and Sally for helping us preserve our heritage.