



BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP

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MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1300 BRIGHTON ROAD

BEAVER, PENNSYLVANIA

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To Brighton Township Residents:

As we close another year we would like to thank you, the residents of Brighton Township, for your support and cooperation throughout the year. You are truly our friends and neighbors. You are the heart of our Township, and we depend upon each of you to be our eyes and ears within the community. We welcome your participation and input on areas of concern to you.

The Township was able to adopt a budget for 2007 that holds real estate tax levels at 9.0 mills, a significantly lower millage rate than other communities in the Beaver Area, and much of Beaver County in general. In addition, Brighton Township does not levy business privilege or mercantile taxes. The \$2.65 million operating fund budget will retain, without reduction, the existing services and programs that are currently in place to serve the residents of the Township. As we look back, 2006 was another busy year in the Township, with much accomplished. Looking forward, 2007 promises to be just as busy and productive. This is possible because of the dedicated employees and volunteers who serve our community. The work of the boards, commissions, volunteer organizations and others who give freely of their time to better our community too often goes unrecognized. To each of them we give our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

To each of you, we give our sincere wishes for best fortunes and many blessings in the coming year.

Brighton Township Board of Supervisors

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Regular Meetings of Joint Municipal Study Scheduled

As reported in the September newsletter, Beaver Borough, Bridgewater Borough and Brighton Township have agreed to enter into a joint study to evaluate the feasibility of the merger/consolidation of municipalities and operations for the purposes of long-term benefit and cost savings for the municipalities involved. Vanport Township declined to participate. The Governor's Center for Local Government Services, part of the PA Department of Community & Economic Development, has agreed to fully fund the study initiative and will coordinate the process. The appointed study committee has established a regular meeting schedule for the project. The meetings will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Beaver Borough community room, 469 Third Street. The next meeting will be conducted January 24th. Study Committee meetings are open to the public.

In addition to the Board of Supervisors, the Board has appointed John Curtaccio, Beth Hesselton, Kerien Fitzpatrick, Dan O'Neil and Kevin Crawford as citizen representatives to the study committee. Please be mindful that the Board does not hold the authority to merge or consolidate the Township with other municipalities. That authority rests with the voters through the referendum process. Again, Study Committee meetings are open to the public and your attendance is encouraged.



Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective January 1, 2007

During the term of the contract the rate per quarter per residential unit can be adjusted for fuel cost adjustments on a semi-annual (6-month) basis or if there is an escalation in the tipping fees charged by the landfill(s) utilized by the contracted haulers. Fuel costs are calculated on a specific formula included in the contract. Based upon posted prices by the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) fuel cost has increased since the implementation date of the contract. The cost adjustment for fuel during the next 6-month period will be \$0.09 per month, a decrease of \$0.04 from the prior 6-month period.

Contracted Base Rate July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007	\$8.24
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective January 1, 2006	\$0.17
Tipping Fee escalation calculated effective July 1, 2006	\$0.10
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2007	\$0.09
Total Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2007	\$8.60
Total Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2007	\$25.80

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.

Please remember, the contract does require **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 haulers provide 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.

4th Quarter and Final Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that 4th Quarter returns for earned income tax are due by January 31st and Final Returns are due by April 15th. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a 10 mill (1%) tax on gross earnings. This tax is paid to the Beaver Area School District and Brighton Township at 1/2 of 1% each. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty. If you are employed in the Beaver Area it is mandatory that your employer withhold the tax and your obligation is fulfilled except for the filing of a final return by April 15th. However, it is the employed 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: Oct., Nov., Dec.

Payment is Due
On or Before the end of January

Final Return
Verification Needed By April 15th

The EIT Collector for Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District is Sally Frank, 855 Second Street, Beaver, PA 15009. Sally Frank can be reached at (724) 774-0387 for more information or questions.

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



Brighton Township employees Scott Shepler and James Hooker, Jr. lay block while constructing new dugouts at the Pony League field at Ellis Fields. A new backstop is also being constructed at the field. In 2007 the Township will make similar improvements to the softball field at Ellis Fields.

Automatic Bill Payment Initiated by BTMA & BTSA

Effective in 2007 payments for your water and sewage billings through the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) and Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA) may be automatically drawn from your checking account.

What are the benefits?

- **It is quick** – just mail the enrollment form.
- **It is convenient** – payment will be automatically deducted on the 20th of the month.
- **It is safe** – electronic debit is completely secure.
- **It saves time** – no more writing or mailing checks.
- **It saves money** – in checks, postage and gas.

How does this work?

After application and approval you will continue to receive a monthly bill card by mail. The bill will be imprinted with the statement "Do Not Pay." Please review the bill immediately and notify BTMA/BTSA if you have any questions or disputes regarding the bill. On the 20th of the month, the bill amounts will be automatically drawn from the bank account you have specified. If the 20th is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the withdrawal will be made on the next business day. The statement you receive from your bank or other financial institution will indicate the date and amount withdrawn from your account.

- *If your bank account number changes BTMA/BTSA must be notified immediately and a revised enrollment form completed.*
- *If you wish to terminate the automatic bill payment option, you must notify BTMA/BTSA in writing sixty (60) days in advance. Future reinstatement will be subject to re-enrollment.*
- *If the transaction is refused by your financial institution for any reason such as insufficient funds, closed or unauthorized account, you will be immediately terminated from the program. In addition, a fee of \$20 will be charged to your BTMA/BTSA account.*
- *If you relocate or your BTMA/BTSA account is closed, your final bill cannot be processed automatically; you must make payment by mail or in person.*
- *An acknowledgement of acceptance of your enrollment will be sent to you prior to the first withdrawal from your account. Please continue to mail your payments until you are advised that the automatic payment withdrawal process is in place.*
- *To authorize the automatic bill payment option, please complete the enrollment form.*
- *Questions? Call the BTMA/BTSA offices at 724-774-4800.*

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.

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.

Brighton Township Historical Society

The Brighton Township Historical Society was founded in 1999 to promote Brighton Township by preserving the past for the future. Several homes have been researched and documented as existing prior to the Civil War and have been marked and identified with plaques presented by the Society.

Emphasis thus far has been on finding pre-civil war homes in the community and interviewing and video taping oral histories. The first structure researched and documented was the William Scott home located at the corner of Tuscarawas Road and Wishart Drive, the second was the I.W. Morgan home located on Gypsy Glen Road. Oral histories of present or former residents have also been video recorded and are preserved in our archives.

We are always seeking old documents, pictures, newspaper articles and publications related to Brighton Township. If you know of anyone with knowledge of the township, we would appreciate knowing, in order to contact that person for a possible oral interview.

An invitation to join the society is extended to anyone having an interest in history. The Society meets in the evenings the second Tuesday in March, May, September and November in Shultz Lodge at Two Mile Run Park.



Brighton Township Historical Society Membership Application



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Additional Family Members: _____

Membership Dues:
\$5.00/family/year

Remit to:
Brighton Township Historical Society
1300 Brighton Road
Beaver PA 15009
or
Linda Curran
609 Wilshire Court
Mars PA 16046



Youngblood Paving works on a portion of Spruce Street as part of the Township's 2006 road paving program.

Changes in Tax Collector's Office Hours for 2007

Effective January 1, 2007 the office hours of the elected tax collector, James W. Onuska, will change as follows:

Tuesday: 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Friday: 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**Last two (2) Saturdays of each month during discount period:
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

The Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed March 1, 2007 and the Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed July 1, 2007. If residents are not serviced, or escrowed by a mortgage company, and do not receive their bills after these dates please contact the tax collector:

James W. Onuska
Brighton Township Tax Collector
1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009
(724) 774-2622

Crime Watch Meetings Being Scheduled

Sgt. Pete Benedict of the Brighton Township Police Department has scheduled Crime Watch Meetings in January for two areas of the Township. Watch for announcements of future meetings covering other areas of the Township.

- **January 17th - Brighton Fields, Duncan Circle, Woodbine Drive & Barrett Drive areas.**
- **January 23rd - Dawson Ridge, Little Beaver & Beaver Woods areas.**

The meetings will be conducted in the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. If you have questions, or would like to schedule a Crime Watch meeting for your neighborhood, contact Sgt. Benedict at (724) 728-1134.

The program includes training for our residents to be the eyes and ears for the police by effectively observing and reporting on crimes and suspicious activities.

Municipal & Sewage Authorities to Increase Rates

Effective January 2007 the Brighton Township Municipal Authority and the Brighton Township Sewage Authority are in the unfortunate position of having to increase their current rates within the same year. The increase will be a combined \$6.80 per month.

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority will increase the current water monthly base residential rate from \$20.70 to \$23.90, an increase of \$3.20 per month. The rate for excess water used over 12,000 gallons per 3-month period will increase from \$4.33 to \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons of usage. This is the first rate increase by the authority since 1998.

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority will increase the current sewage rate from \$5.05 to \$5.95 per 1,000 gallons of usage. This rate will increase the minimum monthly residential sewer charge from \$20.20 to \$23.80, an increase of \$3.60 per month. The combined minimum monthly residential bill will be \$47.70 for both public water and public sewage service.

Both authorities are bound by covenants in their debt indentures that require them to maintain a rate structure that guarantees that current water and sewer revenues will exceed expenses and debt service by a safety factor of 10%. Without a rate increase the authorities are unable to fulfill this covenant.

Although operating expenses have risen for each authority, one of the most significant changes is a decline in consumption, especially by large accounts. The largest single account has reduced consumption by over 25%, or 12 million gallons per year over a 3-year period.

Most of the Sewage Authority's expenses (nearly 63%) are a result of two budget line items – Debt Service and Treatment Expense. These costs leave little flexibility. Just five years earlier (year 2002) the Authority budgeted \$330,000 for treatment expenses. That cost has increased to \$490,000 in the 2007 budget. The majority of sewage from the Brighton Township collection system is treated at the Vanport Township Municipal Authority (VTMA) Water Pollution Control Plant. VTMA operates on a fiscal year ending September 30th. VTMA maintains a flow meter and each year prepares an annual service fee calculation that specifies the percentage of sewage treated at the plant from Brighton Township. The annual service fee also provides a total compilation of fees paid and payable to VTMA from Brighton Township for their fiscal year, based upon the annual percentage of sewage flow calculation. The trends are as follows:

	<u>9/30/02</u>	<u>9/30/03</u>	<u>9/30/04</u>	<u>9/30/05</u>	<u>9/30/06</u>
BTSA Flow %:	78.76	77.76	78.00	75.88	77.84
BTSA Treatment Cost:	\$397,382	\$374,263	\$402,987	\$401,617	\$427,706
State Subsidy Applied:	(\$48,777)	0	0	0	0
BTSA Treatment Cost Net:	\$348,605	\$374,605	\$402,987	\$401,617	\$427,706
Percent Change:	24.87	7.46	7.58	(0.34)	6.50

In addition to the above treatment expense, Brighton Township's sewage costs to Bridgewater/Beaver have increased from less than \$14,000 per year in 2004 to nearly \$40,000 per year as of 2006.

Even with the increase the sewage rate compares favorably with communities that have large and newer sewer collection systems similar to Brighton Township's. For example, based on 12,000 gallons of consumption, Brighton Township's sewage rate per quarter is \$71.40 (\$23.80 per month). Chippewa Township has a minimum quarterly rate of \$110.40 plus \$3.10 for each 1,000 gallons of consumption – an equivalent of \$147.60 per quarter. Economy Borough's minimum monthly base rate is \$60 for sewage or \$180 per quarter. And North Sewickley Township has a minimum monthly base rate of \$39 plus \$8.35 per 1,000 gallons of consumption – an equivalent of \$217.20 per quarter.

As mentioned earlier, the Sewage Authority's treatment expenses are based on pro-rata flows into the treatment facility. That is why it is so important for homeowners to not make illegal connections to the sewer system for rainspouts, roof drains, driveway drains or sump pumps. Sources of ground water and rainwater are not to be connected to the public sewer system. The Authority continues to allocate capital funds collected through sewage connection fees to upgrade older sewer lines and manhole repairs to eliminate groundwater infiltration.

Each Authority maintains minimum staffing and has a high standard of maintenance to control costs. The Municipal Authority owns and maintains a water system with over 50 miles of waterline, over 200 fire hydrants and several major pumping stations and water storage facilities with four maintenance staff and one office employee. Municipal Authority employees check and maintain each pump station 7-days per week, repair all water breaks, install all new service connections and perform all other service calls and necessary system maintenance. The Sewage Authority owns and maintains 69 miles of sewer lines, 1,603 manholes and 8 major pumping stations with two maintenance staff and one office employee. Sewage Authority employees check and maintain each pump station 7-days per week, flush sewer lines annually, test all new service connections and perform all other service calls and necessary system maintenance.

It is never easy or desirable to increase rates. Please be assured that each Authority will continue to take measures to provide quality service and maintain this valuable part of the infrastructure of our community in as fiscally responsible manner as possible.

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.



The 2007 season is just around the corner. We need to get your attention for our sign-ups coming soon in late January. Last year was another great effort by all. The success of this Club is directly related to the quality of membership from our children, parents, coaching staffs and volunteers committed to Brighton Township Baseball/Fast-Pitch Softball programs.

As in any year, the sooner we get the players' current information registered, the smoother the spring camps/clinics will run. Also, the uniforms, try-outs and pictures all rely on this timing. The excitement is beginning to build, even with snow on the ground and the Holidays just wrapping up!

Get your scissors out and save this portion of the newsletter for future reference. There are other ways to recall all events coming up in our Club. Just go to our web site at BRIGHTONTWPBASEBALL.20M.COM and keep track of the teams, dates, news and board meetings. If you have question, feel free to contact us.

ALL BASEBALL AND FAST-PITCH PLAYERS

Registration Dates:

- Monday, January 22nd 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 24th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Saturday, January 27th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 30th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Thursday, February 1st 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Dutch Ridge Elementary School (front entrance)

2007 BOARD MEMBERS

President: Jeff Lang

724-495-1103 bomike102@comcast.net

Vice President: Mike Anderson

724-495-2498 mc3and@aol.com

Secretary: Mary Feroce

724-774-3086 feroce5@earthlink.net

Treasurer: Mary Rousseau

724-728-5543 hmrrous@yahoo.com

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724-774-3086 feroce5@earthlink.net

T-Ball Commissioner: Not yet voted on.

Knothole Commissioner: Frank Hacko

724-775-5399

Minor/Little Commissioner: Dwight Goff

724-495-7062 dandygoff@earthlink.com

Softball Commissioner: Char Farkasovsky

724-728-6368 fcharlene4@aol.com

**Fire Department
Appeal Letters
Mailed**



Each Township resident should have received a copy of the Volunteer Fire Department's annual request for donation. They wish to express their sincere thanks for all those who have responded to the appeal. However, many residents have not responded and your donation is needed to continue the quality fire service that has always been offered by our department. Their service depends largely on the support of the community and your annual donations. 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.

**WINTER ROAD
MAINTENANCE**



Please help the Road Department this winter by removing 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 ticketing by the Police Department or towing. The Road Department thanks you for your help in this area.

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, Anchortown 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).

You Can Help! - Is a fire hydrant located in front of your property? If so, please help out the Fire Department and Municipal Authority by clearing the snow away from the hydrant. Remember, do not shovel snow into the street.



Volunteers of the Independence Marsh Foundation, Inc. cut and process tires dropped off during the Township's October 14th waste tire collection program. Township employees load the processed tires into a dump truck for delivery to a disposal facility. There were 240 tires collected at the Township site. Overall, the Foundation collected 2,796 tires at various host sites throughout the year. The goal of the program is to provide a legitimate means for the disposal of tires and to prevent their illegal dumping.

Township Enacts Changes to Emergency and Municipal Services Tax

Effective for 2007 Brighton Township has enacted the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax at an annual rate of \$52.00. Of this amount \$47.00 shall be paid to Brighton Township and \$5.00 shall be paid to the Beaver Area School District. All persons engaged in employment within the limits of Brighton Township shall be subject to the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax.

Brighton Township

1300 BRIGHTON ROAD
BEAVER, PA 15009

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Permit No. 263
Beaver, PA 15009

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.

Park & Rec Board Happenings

Your Park and Recreation Board concluded another successful year of staging events for the enjoyment of Brighton Township residents. If you missed the Wine and Chocolate Bus Trip or Autumn Fest 2006, you missed some really fun times. The Bus Trip on September 14 included stops at several wineries where guided tours showed how different varieties of wine were made and afforded those making the trip an opportunity to taste and/or purchase those wines that they liked. A scrumptious luncheon was provided at Ferrante's Winery in Geneva, Ohio before departing to sample some chocolate delights at Malley's in Mentor. Autumn Fest 2006 drew a record crowd under perfect weather conditions. Along with such past favorites as The Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, hayrides, bingo games and face-painting, people also enjoyed a Defender Zone, 4 in 1 Fun House, Red Zone, T-Rex Crawl Maze, Midway Games and a Tattoo Center.

Earlier in the year, the Board held Bingo and A Movie events at the Lodge in Two Mile Run Park as well as the always popular Easter Egg Hunt. Outdoor movies were held in June and August at Ellis Field and a trip to see the Washington Wild Things play baseball occurred in July. Another Bingo and A Movie was held on November 15 to round out the year. A planned trip to Hartwood Acres to tour the mansion and view the Christmas lights had to be cancelled due to lack of response.

The Board is hard at work setting up the 2007 schedule of activities. If there is anything you would like us to consider, please contact any Board Member. We are always open to new ideas and welcome your input.



Township residents (from left clockwise) Janet Fitzgerald, Mary Ellen Thornton, Evelyn Beckley, Bea Cooper and Rich Cooper enjoy a chocolate treat on the Park & Rec Board's Wine and Chocolate Bus Trip held on September 15.



Part of a record crowd enjoys some of the attractions at the Autumn Fest 2006 celebration in Two Mile Run Park.



Kids get "up close and personal" at the Petting Zoo attraction during Autumn Fest 2006 on October 7.