



BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP

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Township Looks Forward to 2009

As we reach the end of 2008 it can be reported that it has been another busy year in the Township with many projects being initiated or completed, many of which have been reported on within the quarterly newsletters. To do these projects in an effective and cost-efficient manner takes the efforts of many dedicated employees and volunteers, people who care about our community. We will not take the time to mention all the boards, commissions, committees and volunteers here, but the results of their collective efforts make Brighton Township a great community to live in.

The Township has adopted a budget for 2009 with a real estate tax of 10.0 mills, an increase of 1 mill. This is 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 \$3 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. It has been the effort of the Township to keep the tax rate at a minimum, and with sound financial responsibility on the part of the Board and Township employees, the Township has been able to do so.

The most significant change to the 2009 Budget is to move all expenditures for winter road maintenance materials to the General Operating Fund, including \$140,000 for road salt. Previously, road salt was purchased from the State Aid Fund. The State Aid Fund will now be dedicated to the road paving program, or about \$210,00. The Township now maintains 43.35 miles of Township roads and it is necessary to fund an adequate road maintenance and paving program annually. The Township also continues to invest in the upgrade of parks and recreation areas, and the expansion of open space areas, implementing recommendations of previous studies and planning documents.

Looking forward, 2009 promises to be another busy and productive year. There are plans to construct a new two-bay Fire Department substation to replace Fire Station No. 1 on Dutch Ridge Road and several recreation projects that have been initiated will be completed. Again, this would not be possible without the community support the Township enjoys. We sincerely wish you, our friends and neighbors, the best fortunes in the coming year. 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.

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.

What goes into our rivers impacts what goes into your glass.

Ever wonder where the water in your glass comes from? For most of us, it comes from our rivers. But when rain falls and snow melts, the resulting storm water can run down hills, flow through creeks and streets, and overwhelm our aging sewer systems.

Everything this water touches—from the chemicals in our yards, to the motor oils in our streets, and even raw sewage—is washed into our major source of drinking water. Our rivers.



But there is a solution. A lot of dedicated people and municipalities are working on it. And you can help too.

Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden products. Never pour oil or paint in a storm drain.

Check with your local community about disposing of or recycling paint, oil and other chemicals. Because when it comes to clean water, we all drink from the same faucet.

3 Rivers
Wet Weather
Demonstration Program



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

Buckle Up Brighton Township

The Brighton Township Police Department has been selected to continue its participation in the Buckle Up Pennsylvania program as part of a seat belt enforcement and educational campaign. The program is funded by a grant from the State. The program is dedicated to increasing the seat belt usage levels within Pennsylvania. Under the program Township Police Officers increase traffic patrols during various holidays throughout the year to enforce Pennsylvania's seat belt use and child restraint laws, with the goal of saving lives and encouraging safe driving practices.

Rental Registration Reminder

Semi-annual rental property registrations will be due on or before February 1, 2009. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Township web page at www.brightontwp.org. **It is the responsibility of the landlord to file in a timely manner.** Notices are not sent by the Township. If you have had no tenant changes, you may report the information by calling 724-774-4800. Have questions? Please call the Township Office.



WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

Winter has arrived and the Township Road Department has been responding to the winter road maintenance needs of our residents. As a reminder, we ask that you please help the Road Department by removing vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. This not only makes their job easier, it is a requirement of Township Ordinance, which does prohibit parking, or

allowing to be parked, any motor vehicle or other vehicle on a 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. 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, 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).



Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective January 1, 2009

As has been reported on prior occasions, the contract for the collection of refuse and recycling includes provisions for changes to the monthly collection charge 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 hauler. Fuel costs are calculated on a specific formula included in the contract. Based upon posted prices by the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS), the cost of fuel has increased since the implementation date of the contact. However, it has decreased since the prior calculation. The cost adjustment for fuel during the next 6-month period will be \$0.13 per month, a decrease of \$0.40 from the prior 6-month period.

Base Rate January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009	\$8.74
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective January 1, 2006	\$0.17
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective July 1, 2006	\$0.10
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective April 1, 2007	\$0.11
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective July 1, 2008	\$0.09
Tipping Fee – Extra Charges – approved effective April 1, 2008	\$0.21
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective July 1, 2008	\$0.13
Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2008	\$9.55
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2008	\$28.65

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.

The contract requires **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 also requires mandatory participation in these programs. As the contracted hauler provides the Township with the names and addresses of non-participants, a notice to initiate service 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. 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, Televisions, Computer Monitors or CPUs, Yard Waste, Christmas Trees, Construction Debris, Vehicle Parts or Batteries, Paints, Liquids or Fluids and Hazardous Wastes.

• Contractors monitor the trash for these items and will leave them at the curb if located. Such items placed in bags with other refuse may be removed and left at the curb.

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 collector 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.

Recycling – The collector will continue to collect recycling curbside every other week. Residents are to use an easily identifiable green container for placement of the recycling. Holes should be placed in the bottom of the container for drainage. Recycling 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. Please help improve the success rate of the Township’s recycling program by properly preparing the materials to be recycled and participating fully.

J. Young Refuse Assumes All Refuse & Recycling Collection Duties

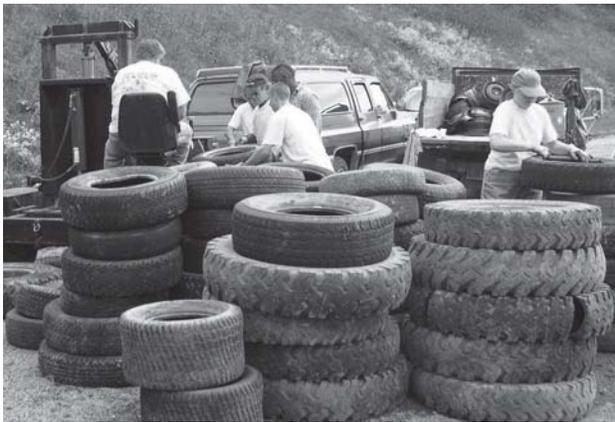
J. Young Refuse has assumed responsibility for the collection of all residential refuse and recycling within Brighton Township, including the routes previously served by Gary Bixler Refuse. At this time refuse and recycling collection days will remain unchanged. Changes will take place only upon proper advance notice by J. Young Refuse. Customers who have not made payment for the final quarter of 2008 should contact J. Young Refuse. Billing or other questions related to your refuse and recycling service can be directed to:

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

Attention World War II Vets

Jerry Fisher and the World War II Vets Bus Trip Committee have set May 19, 2009 as the date for their next free bus trip to Washington, D.C. for World War II Veterans. Please call Lydian Fisher at 724-709-3614 to register.

A World War II Memorial is going to be built on the great lawn on the north shore in Pittsburgh to honor the Veterans of Southwest Pennsylvania. Commemorative calendars are being used as a fundraiser and are quite a keepsake. They are available at the Township Office. Information is included in the calendar and the suggested donation is \$10.00. For more information, call Jerry Fisher at 724-728-5535 (W) or 724-728-9370.



Soliciting Permits Required in Township

Brighton Township Code requires persons soliciting or peddling to first obtain a license for the activity from the Police Department. The applicant is to provide their name and appropriate contact information, along with the nature of the solicitation. Any resident who is visited by someone who is offering for sale any goods or services, or who is soliciting business or seeking donations, should first ask to see the person's soliciting license issued by the Brighton Township Police Department. Soliciting is only permitted between the hours of 9:30 A.M. to sunset or 6:30 P.M., whichever should occur first. Soliciting is prohibited on Sundays and official holidays.

If any person refuses to show their permit, tries to enter your home without invitation, or refuses to leave upon request, contact the Police Department immediately.

The Township's September 27th waste tire collection program was a big success, with 360 tires collected. The program was conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy at the Township Public Works Site located on Brighton Road. Overall, the Conservancy collected 3,862 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.

Brighton Township Historical Society

The Brighton Township Historical Society held its final 2008 meeting on November 11th. The primary presenter was Don Maze, a veteran of WWII and the Bikini A bomb tests. Also heard were the recollections of other local veterans of WW II, Korea and Vietnam. Officers were elected for 2009.

We welcome new members, as well as any artifacts related to Brighton Township. To contact the Historical Society call 724-774-4800 or write us at 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009.



Brighton Township Historical Society Membership Application



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Additional Family Members: _____

Membership-Publicity: _____ Oral History: _____ Archives: _____

Membership Dues:
\$5.00/family/year

Remit to:
John McGreal
3465 Tuscarawas Road
Beaver, PA 15009

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement & Expansion Project Move Closer to Construction Phase

As reported in prior newsletters, the Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA), in cooperation with the Vanport Township Municipal Authority (VTMA), continue to move towards the construction phase of the improvement and expansion of the Vanport Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. Permitting and Sewage Facilities Planning have been initiated with the PA DEP for the project. The Boards of BTSA and VTMA have met jointly to discuss financing options that are most favorable for the anticipated project. The increase in the base sewer rate is not expected to exceed \$6.00 per month, or \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. As final construction bid costs are tabulated a more detailed review of financing options will be possible, and an estimated impact on the user rate will be calculated and reported upon.

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. In fact, the fire department is behind by 30 percent of last year's donation. 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.



Support the Fire Department by Attending Fish Fries on the Following Dates!

January 16
February 6, 20 & 27
March 6, 13, 20 & 27
April 3, 10 & 17

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



Spring is just around the corner and that means it is time to think about Brighton Township Youth Baseball and Softball!!!

Registrations for T-Ball, all levels of Baseball, including

Legion, and Girl's Fast Pitch Softball will be held in the Dutch Ridge Elementary School lobby on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 21: 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 24: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28: 6 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 31: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Check us out on the web for further details regarding age requirements and fees at www.btbsc.org.

All BTBSC league members, coaches, parents, as well as residents of the BT community are encouraged to attend the monthly league meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The meetings are held at Two Mile Run Park in Shultz Lodge. The next meeting is January 6th at 7 p.m. and the full 2009 baseball/softball agenda will be discussed and planned. All ideas and input will be invaluable as we plot a new course for a new year.

BTBSC is currently looking for community members who are interested in volunteering their time, talent, and/or resources to the organization. If you are a business owner and could provide input or assistance toward one of our many levels of sponsorship; or if you could help by assuming a coaching staff position or becoming a member or chair of a committee, please notify any board member listed on the website for details. The organization is solely dependent upon the goodwill and tireless contributions of volunteers and sponsors. Additional help is always needed.

The children of our community need your support in order to make the 2009 season as enjoyable as it has been in the past, and for a brighter future!

Seasons Greetings! And a prosperous New Year!
Brighton Township Baseball Softball Club
Board of Directors

Township Continues Support For Library

Nearly 2,000 patrons of the Beaver Area Memorial Library, located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver, are from Brighton Township – representing 22% of all library card holders. The Township is pleased to be able to continue to support the Beaver Area Memorial Library, which is used by so many Township residents, by budgeting a \$17,500 contribution in 2009. The library also conducts a wide variety of programs for children and adults. 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 this year. You may contact them at (724) 775-1132.



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 one percent (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: October, November, December
Final Return - Verification Needed

Payment is Due

On or Before January 31st
By April 15th

The EIT Collector for Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District is the Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CENTAX), 438 Line Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117. CENTAX can be reached at 1-800-569-6704 or (724) 752-3350 for more information or questions.

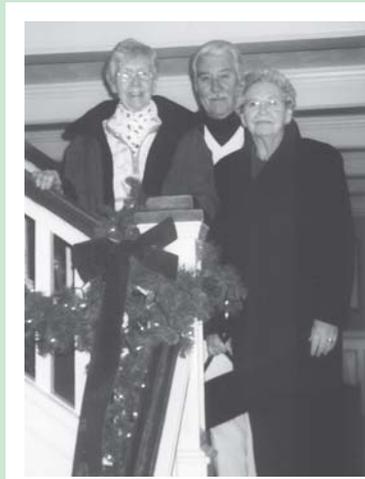
Need help? Representatives of CENTAX are at the Ft. McIntosh building on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. to assist you, and have added April 1st, 8th and 15th to assist with final returns.

Park & Recreation Board News

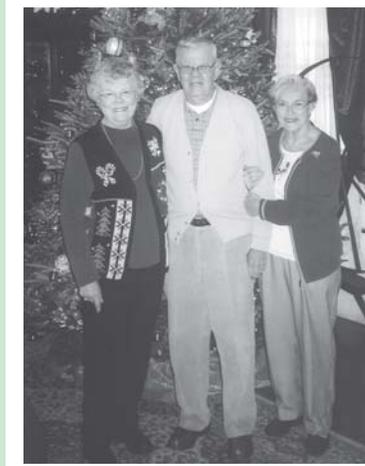
Your Park & Recreation Board has been busy developing a series of events for 2009. While finalization of the events cannot occur before press time, we wish to set forth the following information for your guidance at this time. Further details will be forthcoming in the next quarterly Newsletter and in the appropriate monthly E-Letter. Plans to date include:

- A Family Movie Night at Two Mile Run Lodge on January 23. Pizza and soft drinks will be served.
- Bingo and A Movie afternoons in February and March at Two Mile Run Lodge. Watch for dates on our message signs also.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Two Mile Run Park on April 12.
- A bus trip to Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs for a luncheon show in June.
- Outdoor Movies at Ellis Field in July and August at dusk.
- Wine and Chocolate Trip in September.
- Holiday Bus Trip to the Dutch Haus in Columbiana, Ohio for dinner show on December 4.

On December 13, fifty residents were treated to a great bus trip and luncheon show at the Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs. The Show, **Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings** was most enjoyable, as was the scrumptious holiday meal that was served. Demand for tickets for this event was unprecedented and we tried to secure another bus to accommodate all who had requested tickets. While show tickets were still available, we could not contract for another bus for the date.



Clair Restaine, Paul Underiner & Tillie Ingram (top photo) and Carolyn Thomas, Richard Cooper & Bea Cooper (bottom photo) enjoy the December Holiday Bus Trip to Riverside Inn at Cambridge Springs.



Brighton Township

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BEAVER, PA 15009

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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.

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