



Vintage Documents Reveal Township History

A vintage artifact has come to light giving shape to the world of 19th century Brighton Township farmers. The leather-bound 1872 Brighton Township Asset Book, courtesy of Larson Design Group, lists each property owner's name and the number and value of their acreage, horses, cows and buggies. The names in the book are reflected in the naming of township roads or reveal long established families within the community – Bevington, Beacom, Barclay, Dawson, Eakin, Holt, McKinney, Scott and Sebring.

This is a prime example of the historical memorabilia we are seeking to help mark our bicentennial in 2016. Included in the plans are a community day at Hardy Field – a keepsake publication featuring old photos and stories – a weekly social media campaign featuring vintage images – and special webpages – to help spread the message. We will work closely with the Brighton Township Historical Society and other local historical groups.

We need your help! Gathering quality material is one of our top challenges. If you have old photos or documents of people, places and events of township history, and would allow us to borrow and scan them, we would consider using the material for the celebration. We cannot guarantee that everything submitted will be used, but we certainly welcome all submittals. If interested, please contact Bryan Dehart - (724) 774-4800 - bryand@brightontwp.org.



Special "Little Red" Event

The one-room "Little Red" schoolhouse will have a special open house during the 2015 Maple Syrup Festival weekend. The Richmond Schoolhouse Museum is located at 245 Park Road in Brighton Township and is adjacent to Brady's Run Park. Parking and admission are free. The special open house will be held as follows: Saturday, March 28, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 29, 2015 12 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Oral History Program

The volunteer staff at the Brighton Township Historical Society would like to remind you that our Oral History Program is alive and well. You are welcome to contribute your recollections of life in the local area. Your input is appreciated. For more details, please call (724) 774-8292.



Family Fun Night Held at Ice Arena

The Parks & Recreation Board held a Family Fun Night at Brady's Run Ice Arena in February with over 100 attending. Both beginning and experienced skaters enjoyed the event, as well as the snacks. Sign up for the monthly E-News to keep informed of community events and news.

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Brighton Township Planning Commission 2014 Annual Report

The Brighton Township Planning Commission was created by Township Ordinance, which sets the terms of membership and establishes the powers and duties of the Commission. Members of the Commission serve as volunteers, and are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to review land use proposals, such as subdivision and land developments, and make recommendations on their adoption to the Board. They also develop and review amendments to the Township's land use codes. The Commission welcomes all input from residents on the Township's land use policies and other matters that fall under their review.

Following is a brief summary of the Commission's formal activities during 2014. During the year the Commission also heard other citizen comments on plan proposals, zoning and land use matters or code change requests and reviewed the status of existing codes on a regular basis.

2014 Commission Members

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jeffrey S. Maze, Chairman | William L. Snider, Vice Chairman |
| Tim O'Brien, Secretary | Mark Piccirilli |
| Michael Purton | Jenny Strang |
| John A. Weber | Kathryn L. Johnston, Solicitor |

Subdivision Application Plan Reviews

1. Terrazzano Plan of Lot Revision 2 Lots @
(A Revision of Lot No. 10 and Part of Lot No. 11 In The Hamilton Plan)
2. Keller Plan of Lot Consolidation (Combine 2 Lots into 1 Lot)..... 1 Lot@
3. Barclay Hill Estates PRD Final Plan of Lots 303, 304, & 305 12 Lots ALL * @
& Open Space Parcel "M" Revision No. 2 (final plan)
4. Aspen Fields Plan of Lots Phase III..... 29 Lots
5. Diesing & Dumpe Subdivision..... 3 Lots*
(3-lots to be combined into 1-lot)
6. Lehman Plan No. 2 2 Lots * #
(New lot to be consolidated into adjacent lands)*

@ Denotes final approval granted by Board of Supervisors - plan recorded.
* Denotes 1 lot with existing dwelling.
Denotes lot with non-building waiver

Friendship Ridge Land Development

Application for land development approval was filed by Comprehensive HealthCare Management Services LLC for building rehabilitation at Friendship Ridge. The scope of the project is first floor renovations and additions at the main entrance and annex entrance. The annex entrance area includes a new

vestibule with canopy area, small sunroom addition, the addition of a 13 space parking lot, sidewalks, curbing, lighting, patio rehabilitation and stormwater retention and conveyance facilities. The Friendship Ridge Building Improvement Project was recommended for approval by the Commission and subsequently approved and recorded by the Board of Supervisors.

Land Use Ordinance Preparation

Zoning Code Amendment:

The Commission prepared amendments to the Zoning Code for small lot farm uses, specifically chickens, and amendments to the regulations for private stables. The Commission prepared a proposal that permits a limited number of chickens on residential lots in certain zoning districts. Roosters are not permitted. The Board of Supervisors approved the recommendations as Ordinance No. 189.

Road Occupancy Ordinance:

The Commission prepared an ordinance to update specifications for occupancy and excavations in Township roadways, to include seismic testing. The Board of Supervisors approved the recommendations as Ordinance No. 190.

Zoning Code Amendment:

During 2014 the Commission prepared amendments to the Zoning Code to come into compliance with PA Act 13 of 2012 – The Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Act. A decision by the PA Supreme Court struck down provisions of Act 13, ruling that municipalities have the right to enact zoning controls on the oil and gas industry. The Commission prepared revisions to the regulations for Oil & Gas Development, Mineral Extraction and established industrial development standards. This ordinance has been forwarded to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for approval.

Other Business Items

Township Greenway and Trail Plan:

The PA DCNR has awarded a grant to the Township for the preparation of the Greenway and Trail Plan. Mr. O'Brien is the Planning Commission's appointee serving on the Study Committee.

Agriculture Security Area – Seven Year Review:

The Commission conducted a seven year review of the Brighton Township Agriculture Security Area (ASA) that was initially recorded in 1993 and subsequently revised on several occasions. The review included notification to all participants that the review was taking place. Advertising and posting notices that new petitions would be accepted. The Brighton Township Planning Commission and Brighton Township Agricultural Security Area Advisory Committee recommended for adoption the ASA consisting of 81 parcels totaling 2,463.633 acres. The ASA was subsequently adopted by the Board of Supervisors following a public hearing and recorded.

Township Supervisors

John Curtaccio, Chairman
James E. Equels, Sr., Vice Chairman
Mark Piccirilli, Supervisor
Bryan K. Dehart, Manager
Harold F. Reed, Jr., Solicitor
Lennon, Smith,
Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Township Engineer

Municipal Authority

(724) 774-4800
Kerien Fitzpatrick, Chairman
Jack E. Erath, Vice Chairman
Gordon R. Sheffer, Ph.D., Secretary
Jeffrey S. Maze, Treasurer
Michael L. Keeliher,
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Sewage Authority

(724) 774-4800
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Jack E. Erath, Vice Chairman
Kerien Fitzpatrick, Secretary
Mark Piccirilli, Treasurer
Gordon R. Sheffer, Ph.D.,
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer



2015 Beaver Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Brighton Township military veterans are invited to march in Beaver's annual Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Mon., May 25, 2015, starting at Third and Beaver Streets. It will proceed along Third Street to the Beaver Cemetery's Receiving Vault and Chapel where a formal program will take place honoring military veterans. The parade also will feature the Beaver Area High School Band and JROTC, including its Fife and Drum Corps. The Revolutionary War-era, First Company, Fort McIntosh Garrison and Civil War-era 63rd Pennsylvania regiment re-enactors will also march. Wreaths constructed by the Beaver County Rehabilitation Center will be placed at the memorials to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country. The parade will also include local fire departments, scout troops and little league baseball teams. Children are invited to ride their decorated bikes in the annual contest sponsored by Snitger's Bike Shop. The memorial ceremony will feature Walter McDermott, President of the Heritage Foundation as master of ceremonies, keynote speaker Robert (Ned) Reader, and the Beaver Area Senior Class President, George Avdellas, who will recite Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Patriotic music will be provided by the high school band and choir. The ceremony will conclude with a military salute performed by veterans and military re-enactors and the releasing of white doves. For additional information, please contact Chuck Snitger at (724) 728-3783.



BTBSC Donates Funds to Township

The BTBSC donation, presented at the Board's February meeting, was instrumental in the Township being able to secure State grant funds for the Hardy Field Renovation project. Support for projects from private donors and organizations are a significant component in the grant ranking process. The Club's cooperation with the Township is an important part in providing quality facilities and programs for the youth of Brighton Township.

Above: Carrie Ray, Vice-President of the Brighton Township Baseball Softball Club presents a \$10,000 donation to John Curtaccio, Chairman of the Township Supervisors. Also present are Supervisors James E. Equels, Sr. and Mark Piccirilli.



Free Bus Trip for WWII & Korean War Veterans

May 5th is the next date for a one day trip to visit the National WWII Memorial and the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC. The trip is for WWII and Korean War Veterans and is free. The bus departs at 5:45 A.M. from the Beaver County Parking Garage (next to Courthouse) and returns around 9:00 P.M. There is a nurse on each bus as well as several assistants. Meals and drinks are provided and wheelchairs are available for those that need them. The goal is to fill every seat with a veteran and therefore we are unable to accommodate family or friends.

RESERVATIONS: For more information and/or reservations, please call Lydian Fisher (724) 728-9370.

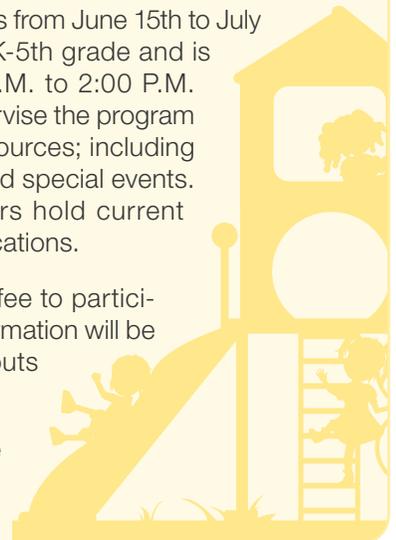
Six-Week Summer Playground Program

Looking for a fun and safe environment for your elementary age children this summer? Then you will want to participate in the 2015 Summer Playground Program! Brighton Township, in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District, has once again contracted with the YMCA to conduct a Summer Playground Program at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School.

The 6-week program runs from June 15th to July 24th, is for students in K-5th grade and is operated from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. YMCA trained staff supervise the program and provide needed resources; including games, crafts, sports and special events. All YMCA staff members hold current CPR and First Aid certifications.

There is no registration fee to participate in the program. Information will be provided through handouts to the children at school.

Please watch for more details later this year.



VFD 2014 Annual Report

Fire Chief Joshua Curtaccio has issued the following 2014 statistical report for the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

| TYPE | NUMBER |
|---|------------|
| Structural | 20 |
| False Alarms..... | 71 |
| Brush | 9 |
| Vehicle | 5 |
| Vehicle accident with persons entrapped. | 3 |
| Vehicle accident with injuries | 26 |
| Carbon Monoxide | 13 |
| QRS | 146 |
| Misc. calls for service | 30 |
| Mutual Aid..... | 40 |
| Total Calls | 323 |

Remember, your Fire Department is TOTALLY VOLUNTEER. The Department is looking for members 18 years of age or older. The Department permits Junior members ages 16 and 17. Volunteers are also needed for the Ladies Auxiliary. Stop in at Fire Station No. 3 on Grange Road on Mondays from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. or email us at station63@comcast.net if you want more information or are interested in volunteering.

The Fire Department is also looking for individuals over 18 who would like to join as a Social Member and assist with fundraising activities, such as our Fish Fries and our annual golf outing. Please call (724) 495-3803 or email us at station63@comcast.net for more information.

Annual Fire Department Golf outing to be held on July 17, 2015 at Rolling Acres Golf Course. For more information, visit btvfdgolfouting.wix.com/golfouting.

- **Fire Hydrants** – Township Code makes it unlawful for any person, other than those authorized by the Township, Fire Department or Municipal Authority, to open, tamper with or interfere in any manner with any fire hydrant. No obstructions are to be planted, constructed or placed within six (6) feet of any hydrant.
- **Burning** – Burning of household papers or other permitted refuse must be done within a salamander wire basket or masonry enclosure with a top to prevent fly ash from escaping. Such burning is prohibited on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays or legal holidays. Burning is permitted Wednesday through Saturday between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Please monitor all outdoor burning activity closely to prevent brush and other wild fires.



Upcoming Fish Fries

March 20 & 27
April 3 & 17
May 1 & 15
June 5

Police Department 2014 Annual Report

Chief of Police Howard Blinn has issued the following Department statistics for 2014:

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| Hours Worked | 21,916 |
| Miles Patrolled..... | 166,643 |
| Accidents Investigated | 77 |
| Criminal Arrests..... | 96 |
| Moving Traffic Citations Issued | 1,416 |
| Nonmoving Traffic Citations Issued..... | 49 |
| Traffic Warnings Issued | 115 |
| Parking Violations..... | 103 |
| Fines Collected | \$29,248 |
| Homes Security Alarms Answered | 159 |
| Assists to Other Departments..... | 62 |
| 911 Calls | 113 |
| Aid to Sick or Injured | 441 |
| Animal Calls | 171 |
| Vacation Checks | 69 |
| Business Check/Closure | 1,132 |

Chief Blinn thanks all Township residents for their kind support to the Department and encourages the reporting of all suspicious activity to the Police Department. Please be reminded of the following:

- **Lock Vehicles** – Vehicles parked outdoors should be locked at all times, especially when parked upon a street. Do not leave valuables (purses, laptops, etc.) within the vehicles. Unlocked vehicles are an easy and common target for theft.
- **Vacation Checks** – If you are going to be away from your home for a period of time, the police department will make periodic checks on your residence while you are away. Prior to leaving, phone the department at (724) 728-1134 with departure and return dates.
- **Dogs** – It is unlawful for the owner of any dog in Brighton Township to permit the dog to run at large upon any street or upon the property of any other than the owner or keeper. Dogs are prohibited in Township Parks.
- **Soliciting or Peddling** – Soliciting and peddling is regulated within the Township and requires the securing of a license. Soliciting or peddling is prohibited on Sundays and holidays, before 9:30 A.M. or after sunset or 6:00 P.M., whichever occurs first.
- **Parking** – Vehicles must be parked on the right-hand side of the road with the flow of traffic or it will be subject to ticketing.
- **Curfew** – It is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to be or remain in or upon any street, park or public place in the Township between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. unless a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody, accompanies the person.

Real Estate Tax Information

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE EFFECTIVE 2015

Due to new banking requirements, it is mandatory that separate checks be issued for Township Real Estate taxes, School Real Estate taxes and Per Capita taxes. Brighton Township Real Estate taxes must be made payable to Brighton Township Tax Collector. Beaver Area School District Real Estate taxes and Per Capita taxes must be made payable to Beaver Area School District Tax Collector. Thank you for your cooperation with this change.

The 2015 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills were mailed March 1, 2015. Unpaid 2014 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be filed April 1, 2015 at the Court House.

If a mortgage company does not hold your taxes in escrow and you did not receive your tax bill, please contact the tax collector.

The elected tax collector, James W. Onuska, holds office hours as follows:

Office Hours:

Tuesday: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Wednesday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
 Last two (2) Saturdays of each of the discount months
 (March & April): 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Personal appointments may be made by contacting the tax office.

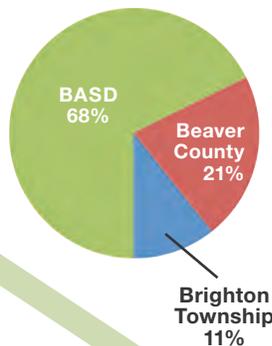
The tax collection office is located in the lower level of the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. A drop box has been installed for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact James W. Onuska, Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Collector at (724) 774-2622.

NOTE: When mailing, please do not include your tax payments within the same envelope as your water & sewer payments. These items should be mailed independent of each other. Those utilizing bill payment services should also notify their bank of this requirement.

Real Estate Tax Dollar

| Taxing District | Mills Assessed |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Brighton Township..... | 11.0 |
| Beaver County | 22.2 |
| Beaver Area School..... | 69.6 |

Real Estate Tax Distribution



Example of House Assessed at \$35,000

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Township Tax | |
| 11.0 mill x \$35,000= | \$ 385.00 |
| County Tax | |
| 22.2 mill x \$35,000= | \$ 777.00 |
| School Tax | |
| 69.6 mill x \$35,000= | \$ 2,436.00 |
| Total | \$3,598.00 |



Building & Zoning Permit Requirements

The International Construction Code (ICC) is in effect for all construction within Brighton Township, with the exception of a few items that have been excluded pursuant to The Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, as amended. However, a Zoning Permit is required for all construction activity, including items excluded by the Act.

Confirmation of compliance with the ICC is by site inspections by certified building inspection officers. The Township has contracted with the Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA) to perform plan reviews and inspection services. MDIA also issues final occupancy permits. Applicants for building permits are required to submit documentation with the application that the proposed construction complies with code. These codes apply to general construction, plumbing, electrical and HVAC/Mechanical.

Due to the plan review requirements of the ICC, please allow more time for the processing and review of your permit application if you are planning a construction project this year. You may also visit the Applications and Forms Page within the Resident's Center at brightontwp.org where Customer Assistance Guides have been posted to assist you through the permitting process.

Do you have code questions? Contact: John Balsler, Building /Plumbing/Electrical Inspector at (800) 662-6342.

Building Permit Activity for 2014

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|---|---------------------|
| Single Family Dwellings..... | 36 |
| Quadrplex (4-units each) | 1 |
| Residential Additions | 5 |
| Porches/Patio Enclosures/Decks..... | 27 |
| Roof | 4 |
| Garages/Carports | 16 |
| Handicap Ramps | 2 |
| Sheds/Out Buildings..... | 19 |
| Swimming Pools..... | 4 |
| Signs..... | 1 |
| Nonresidential | 14 |
| Demolitions | 1 |
| Estimated Construction Value | \$13,165,192 |

Final & First Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Final Earned Income Tax Returns are due by April 15th. 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 were/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 | Payment is Due |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Final Return - Verification Needed | By April 15th |
| 1st Qtr: January, February, March | On/before April 30th |

The EIT Collector for all of Beaver County, including Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District, is Berkheimer. All 2014 final returns and 1st Quarter 2015 estimated payments should be sent to Berkheimer. Forms can be obtained from the Berkheimer web site at www.hab-inc.com. They can also be reached at 1-866-701-7206.

The PSD Code for Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District is – 040303.

NOTICE: If you are self employed, work out of state or are a federal employee, local earned income tax is not deducted from your pay by your employer, so you are required to pay the tax quarterly or be subject to additional penalty, interest and costs.

Brighton Township Receives Grant Awards

Brighton Township has secured grant funding through two sources for important projects.

The Police Department has received \$49,900 in funding through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency for a digital forensic improvement project. The grant provides funding for the purchase of equipment that can significantly enhance digital media for video and audio analysis to assist in criminal investigations and prosecutions. Brighton Township is the lead agency on this project being done in cooperation with the Beaver County Detective Bureau, which will allow this expertise to be shared and utilized throughout the County.

A \$43,987 grant has also been secured from the PA DEP, primarily for improvements at the yard waste drop-off and processing site. This will include paving of the process area to address stormwater runoff issues, and to enhance the operations. Funding is also provided for educational materials.



RECYCLING IS EASY!



RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

All Paper





Manila & Brown Folders



Newspaper & Phone Books



Glossy Paper & Magazines



Junk Mail



Tin & Aluminum



Glass



Aseptic Containers



Plastic
All containers labeled #1-7

How to Prepare Your Materials

Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

- All containers labeled # 1-7 are accepted!
- Rinse, flatten and securely fasten cap back on.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Containers that originally held oil or chemicals must be completely emptied and not contain any potentially hazardous material
- No plastic bags or buckets.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Aluminum, Bi-Metal & Tin Food and Beverage Containers and Aluminum Foil

- Rinse and flatten or crush containers.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Glass (Clear, Brown and Green Bottles and Jars)

- Rinse.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Do not break glass.
- Do not include auto glass, light bulbs, porcelain, ceramic, plate glass or crystal.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Aseptic Containers (Milk Cartons)

- Rinse and flatten containers.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Newspaper and Other Paper Products

- Include newspaper, magazines, phone books, junk mail, and all other paper.
- Do not place in plastic bags.
- Cereal and cracker type boxes can be included – remove inner bags or liners and flatten.
- Place directly in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Remember...

- Place your recycling container at roadside on the same day as your regular garbage collection during the recycling weeks.
- Place recyclables directly into recycling container. Do not place items in separate bags or they will not be collected.
- Recover your recycling container promptly after collection.
- Green recycling containers are available for purchase at the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road.

NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Food Waste



Glass Pane & Pyrex



Food Containers



Ink/Toner Cartridges





New Rate Effective April 1, 2015

Brighton Township's contract with J. Young Refuse for the collection of all residential refuse and recycling includes a provision for change to the monthly collection charge if there is an escalation in the fees charged by the landfill utilized by the hauler. Based upon a landfill fee increase of \$2.20 per ton, a new rate effective April 1st has been calculated as follows:

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|---|----------------|
| Base Rate July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015..... | \$ 10.89 |
| Tipping Fee Cost Adjustment calculated effective July 1, 2011 | \$ 0.04 |
| Tipping Fee Cost Adjustment calculated effective July 1, 2012..... | \$ 0.05 |
| Tipping Fee Cost Adjustment calculated effective April 1, 2015 | \$ 0.17 |
| Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2015 | \$ 0.15 |
| Monthly Refuse Rate effective April 1, 2015..... | \$ 11.30 |

J. Young Refuse is also authorized to recover a one-time fee of \$1.02 for a prior period adjustment related to the implementation of the fee increase at the landfill.

New Rate Effective July 1, 2015

The current refuse and recycling contract expires June 30th. The Township opened bids on February 9th for a new 3-year contract effective July 1st. J. Young Refuse was the successful bidder.

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| Base Rate July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016..... | \$ 11.08 |
| Quarterly Refuse Rate effective July 1, 2015 | \$ 33.24 |

Two other bids were received, with the next lowest bid at \$15.59 per month. 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.

Contract terms and conditions remain the same under the new contract. Participation in the contracted refuse and recycling collection program is mandatory for each residence.

Senior Gardening Plots Available

Spring is just around the corner, and thoughts of flower and vegetable gardens race through our heads. But, maybe you don't have a suitable garden plot.

If you are age 60 or older and a resident of Beaver County, you qualify for a garden plot at the senior gardens located on Western Avenue on County property located in the township. The Senior Gardens are sponsored by the Beaver County Office on Aging and the Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program.

Garden plots, usually 15' X 20', are available on a first come basis. For the gardener's convenience there is a small shelter and picnic tables, as well as a small shed for storing some gardening tools. Water is also available for a nominal, one-time annual fee. A special raised garden bed area is available for those who are confined to a wheelchair or have problems bending or stooping. There are many experienced gardeners at the site. So, even if you are a first-time gardener, have no fear, these gardeners have great ideas and suggestions to help you out.

Gardening is a great way to stay active and eat healthy. The friendships developed with fellow gardeners add to the enjoyment experienced by many at the Senior Gardens. An annual summer event called "Taste and Tour" brings all the gardeners and their families together for an evening of food and fellowship at the gardens. And, it is a great way to show off your garden!

To receive an application call the Penn State Extension Office, located at 1000 Third Street, Beaver, at (724) 774-3003.



Non-Residential Recycling Requirements

Commercial and other non-residential establishments are reminded that participation in the Township's recycling program is mandatory. Township ordinance requires that all businesses must separate high-grade office paper, aluminum food & beverage containers and corrugated paper (cardboard) from the waste stream, and store the materials until collection. Each location is also encouraged to recycle clear, brown and green glass food and beverage containers; steel and bimetal food and beverage containers; newspaper and magazines; and PET (1) and HDPE (2) plastics. An annual report must be submitted to the Township by the establishment or their contracted hauler disclosing the type and weight of materials recycled during the previous year. The Township is required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection to report annually the types and amounts of materials recycled by both residential and commercial sources.

Time to Renew Your Yard Waste Permit!

All 2014 Yard Waste Composting Site Permits expired February 28th and must be renewed for use of the site. Permits may be renewed as follows:

1. In person at the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. Cost of the permit is \$10.00.
2. By mailing a check in the amount of \$12.00 (\$2.00 to cover return postage) along with the number from your previous permit. Your new permit will be issued and mailed to you within five days. (This form is also available on the Applications & Forms page in the Resident's Center of our web site at www.brightontwp.org.)

First time permit applications must be made in person, with proof of residency, at the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009.

During the past year the township experienced numerous occasions of improper use of the site. Only grass, leaves, brush/tree limbs are to be deposited at the site. Please refer to the rules and regulations for site use. Plastic bags, stones, boards, landscape timbers and garbage are not acceptable. Disposal of unauthorized materials can damage the equipment used to operate the site, and can cause other hazards. Use of the site without a valid permit, or in violation of the rules, can result in enforcement action. The site is under video surveillance.

If you have any questions about our composting site, please call (724) 774-4800.



Park Rules & Regulations Reminder

With spring upon us, the Township parks will once again soon be in full use. Residents and guests are reminded of the following park rules and regulations as established by Township Ordinance:

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

The Following Are Strictly Prohibited:

- Smoking or use of tobacco within any building or structure or within 25-feet of any athletic field, playground, building or structure.
- Possession, use, or under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.
- Boisterous, immoral, or indecent conduct.
- Threatening, abusive, profane or obscene language.
- Damaging, defacing, destroying or moving Township-owned property.
- Fires except in facilities provided for such purposes.
- Mini bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts, ATVs or other motorized vehicles.
- Bicycles on or around any playing field or surface.
- Climbing on fences, backstops or buildings.
- Hitting golf balls on any playing field or surface.
- Littering.
- Dogs within any area devoted to athletic activities or outdoor gatherings – including Dawson Ridge Park, Ellis Field, Hardy Field and Two Mile Run Park lodge and picnic areas.*
- Soliciting.
- Cleaning, servicing or repairing vehicles.
- Leaving vehicles in park after closing hours.

Violations May Be Subject To A Fine Of Not More Than \$1,000.00 – A complete list of rules & regulations are available at the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. The above are enforced in accordance with Township Code Chapter 133.

***Note:** Dogs on a leash are permitted on trails and open space areas – including Aspen Trail, Ashley Ridge Trail and Two Mile Run Park Extension Walking Trail.

Brighton Township YARD WASTE PERMIT 2015 RENEWAL

Resident Name

Address

Previous Permit No.

Signature

FEMA Releases New Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Beaver County

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which administers the National Flood Insurance Program, has released updated studies and mapping for floodplains. The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) within Beaver County, including Brighton Township, have been updated using updated mapping which has changed some of the floodplain boundaries.

What is a FIRM? When FEMA maps flood hazards, they produce a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The Study is the narrative report of the flood hazards. A FIRM illustrates the extent of flood hazards by depicting flood risk zones and the Special Flood Hazard Area. Used in combination, the Study and the FIRM determine floodplain development regulations and who must buy flood insurance. A Special Flood Hazard Area is the area that has a 1% or greater chance of flooding in any given year. Development may take place within the Special Flood Hazard Area provided that it complies with National Flood Insurance Program criteria and with the Township's floodplain ordinance.

All communities in Beaver County are being shown on a single set of county-wide FIRMs. As mentioned, the use of digital technology has changed the mapping basis, which resulted in floodplain boundary updates. Floodplains with elevations have been re-delineated using LiDAR data provided by PAMAP



program. Base Flood Elevation additions and changes have occurred within Brighton Township.

How can you find out if your property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area? Visit www.rampp-team.com/pa.htm to view the FIRMs and Study. Persons with flood insurance now, or who will need it when the new maps become effective, have an especially strong interest in contacting an insurance agent. Information on National Flood Insurance Program is available at www.floodsmart.gov.

The Township is now required to adopt a new floodplain ordinance that culminates with the digital FIRM effective date August 17, 2015. The ordinance must comply with all FEMA requirements for property owners to be able to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. The ordinance will set standards for construction or other development within the Special Flood Hazard Area.

Municipal Authority Initiates Preliminary Design for Waterline Replacements



The Board of Directors has closed a bond issue that refunded prior debt and provides \$3.5 million in new money for waterline improvement projects throughout the Township. The bond issue did not require a change in existing water rates. The projects will replace prioritized sections of waterline to increase reliability in pumping mains, replace lines that experience frequent breaks, and to increase system hydraulic capacity. Additionally, limited pump station improvements are planned. These important improvements are pursuant to the Water System Master Plan and Study prepared by the Authority's consulting engineer.

Surveys for waterline replacements will take place on the list identified below with engineering design and bid document preparation occurring thereafter. Future newsletters will provide updates on specific projects.

| Street Name | Area Included in Study |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Tuscarawas Rd. | Little Beaver Dr. to Sebring Rd. |
| Tuscarawas Rd. | Mackall Dr. to Center Dr. |
| Western Rd. | Dutch Ridge to Lynne Haven Dr. |
| Northview Cir. | (Entire Length) |
| Sebring Rd. | Tuscarawas Rd. to McKenney Dr. |

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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.



Easter Bunny to Arrive in Brighton Township!

The Easter Bunny has given notice that he will be making two special appearances in Brighton Township prior to Easter at the Easter Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

His first visit will be to the Brighton Township VFD Social Hall located at 5400 Dutch Ridge Road on March 21st as a special guest of the Ladies Auxiliary for their All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast will include a variety of pancakes and sausage, coffee, juice and milk. The breakfast is available at the bargain price of \$6 for adults and \$5 for children (3-10 yrs.). 2 yrs. and under eat free. Come on out and join the Easter Bunny for breakfast!

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny's second visit will be for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at Two Mile Run Park at 11:00 A.M. Children age 2 through 10 are to be registered for the event at the Township Office by Monday, March 30th to allow the Easter Bunny to plan appropriately for the event. Treat bags will be furnished for the eggs, which are filled with candy and prizes. Adults and children under 2 are also welcome at Shultz Lodge for cookies and beverages.

Easter Egg Hunt Registration Form

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

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Resident Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return this form to the Township Office by Monday, March 30, 2015