



Build It and They Will Come: New Diamond, Sidewalks and Trail at Hardy Field Park

The baseball field at Hardy Field Park is undergoing its first major renovation since the first pitch was thrown 50 years ago by Daniel C. Baker, Jr. in 1964 for opening ceremonies. When finished there will be a new baseball field, complete with backstop and fencing. A walking trail will circle the outfield fence and connect with the existing trail around the soccer fields. This phase is being partially funded with a \$100,000 recreation grant from PA DCNR.

Also under construction is the ADA improvement phase that includes side-

walks, access ramp and new stairs. The project is managed by the Beaver County Community Development Office as a result of a \$45,000 grant award for partial funding of the project.

The final phase of the project is the redesign and construction of the parking area near the baseball field. Plans have been submitted to Penn D.O.T. to obtain the necessary Highway Occupancy Permit before the project can be finalized.



Construction crews grade Hardy Field in preparation of the new baseball field surface.



Annual Fall Fundraiser Event at Beaver Library



The Beaver Area Memorial Library's annual fall fundraiser will be held at the library at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 1st.

This year's theme is "Persons of Interest." The event will include a silent auction, theme baskets to be raffled, and a boutique.

Tickets purchased at the library in advance are available for \$12. On the day of the event the cost is \$15 at the door. The library is located at 100 College Avenue.

For more information, please call the library at (724) 775-1132.

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Park & Recreation Board News

The Park & Recreation Board has been hard at work planning a list of year ending fun-filled trips for our residents to enjoy. Not all dates and details have been firmed up, so you'll want to watch future editions of the Township E-News and our message signs for more details as the events draw near.

October: Wine/Chocolate Bus Trip

November: Murder/Mystery Show and Dinner

December 6th: "A Christmas Story" at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center and Dinner

As always, if you have any suggestions for events you would like to see us sponsor, contact any Board Member and we will look into them.



Trick or Treat will be observed in Brighton Township on Thursday, October 30th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

BT VFD Ladies Auxiliary "Fall Fling"

Want to get some holiday shopping done early this year? Then you will want to attend the "Fall Fling" hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brighton Township VFD on Saturday, November 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Brighton Township Social Hall, 5400 Dutch Ridge Road.

The event features vendors, crafters, collectibles and a Chinese auction. Refreshments and much more will be available. All proceeds will benefit the BTVFD Ladies Auxiliary. For more information please call (724) 601-6204 or (724) 775-4953.

Brighton Township Historical Society

The Brighton Township Historical Society will continue their tradition of an annual Veterans Day program. This yearly event salutes the efforts of the men and women of the U.S. military, past and present.

Mark your calendar to attend this year's event beginning at 7:00 p.m. on November 11th at Shultz Lodge, Two Mile Run Park, 1925 Gypsy Glen Road.



TUSCA RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

**Annual
Nature's Bounty
& Greens Sale**

The Tusca Ridge Garden Club will hold their Annual Nature's Bounty & Greens Sale on Saturday, November 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Beaver United Methodist Church, 345 College Avenue, Beaver. You may pre-order fresh roping and wreaths by calling Judy Robertson at (724) 728-5856.

Brighton Township is pleased to host the Club for many of their regular meetings at Shultz Lodge in Two Mile Run Park where they have generously planted and maintain the Butterfly Garden at the Park entrance.

Beaver County Hosts Household Chemical Collection

The Beaver County Recycling Center, located in Bradys Run Park, is hosting a Household Chemical Collection on Saturday, October 11th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The fee for collection is \$2.00 per gallon – cash only.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an average home can easily accumulate as much as 100 lbs. of cleaners, pesticides, paints, automotive fluids and other products containing hazardous components. If you or someone you know can't use them, or if they are simply outdated or no longer needed, you can dispose of them properly at this collection.

Acceptable items include aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, chemistry sets, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), gasoline and kerosene, household cleaners, mercury, paint products (including sealers, thinners and strippers), pesticides/herbicides, photo and pool chemicals. Leaking containers will not be accepted.

The following is a partial list of what is not accepted: ammunition, appliances, bulk waste, drugs, explosives, fluorescent tubes, tires, explosives, medical waste (including needles) and other non-listed items. Looking for more information? Call the Beaver County Department of Waste Management (724) 770-2064 or check www.prc.org.

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Two Mile Run Park Reservations

Brighton Township residents may begin reserving the Two Mile Run Park facilities for 2015 dates on Saturday, October 11th, 2014. Reservations will be taken in person only at the Municipal Building on Saturday, October 11th from 8:00 a.m. until Noon for Brighton Township residents only. Payment is due at the time of reservation. Telephone reservations for residents of Brighton Township will not be accepted until Monday, October 13th starting at 8:00 a.m. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week. Please call (724) 774-4803 to make reservations.

- If you are reserving Shultz Lodge for June, July or August, only one reservation per person will be taken for those summer months on Saturday, October 11th.
- Shultz Lodge, Shelter #1 and Shelter #2 will not be available for rental after September 7th, 2015. For more information, see the article below about the Shultz Lodge renovation project.
- Residents from Beaver, Bridgewater or Vanport may make reservations on or after December 15th, 2014. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week.
- Please be reminded that the person signing the rental agreement must be present when the facility is opened and closed.
- Also available for rental is a large screen television with a DVD/VCR. TV rental costs \$10 plus a \$20 key deposit, which will be refunded with returned key.

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

Rental Fees for Lodge

Residents

Monday thru Thursday.....	\$75
Friday thru Sunday.....	\$85
Holidays and the day before	\$85

Non-Residents

Monday thru Thursday.....	\$100
Friday thru Sunday.....	\$110
Holidays and the day before.....	\$110

Rental Fees For Shelters

Residents

Monday thru Thursday.....	\$30
Friday thru Sunday.....	\$35
Holidays and the day before	\$35

Non-Residents

Monday thru Thursday.....	\$40
Friday thru Sunday.....	\$45
Holidays and the day before	\$45

Shultz Lodge Renovation Project, Two Mile Run Park



Brighton Township has made application for grant funding through the PA DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program for the renovation of Shultz Lodge, including the parking lot area. The total project cost is \$290,000 and grant funding of \$246,500 has been requested. If funded, the project construction will be the period between Labor Day 2015 to Memorial Day 2016. As a result, reservations for Shultz Lodge, Shelter #1 and Shelter #2 will not be available after September 7th, 2015.

The renovation of Shultz Lodge will include construction of a new main entrance in the location of the stage area. The new entry

way will provide full ADA access and permit full use of the main room for increased seating. Flooring, lighting, ceilings and window replacement will take place. The parking lot will be reconstructed to provide a lower profile, improve drainage and provide a drop-off circle to the new entry vestibule. This area will also serve the adjacent picnic shelter. The first entrance into the parking lot will be closed due to the steepness of the entry driveway and to improve overall traffic circulation in the parking lot. This will also allow for relocation of the refuse storage area that is located in the location of the new entry vestibule. Shultz Lodge is in use over 225 days per year. Renovation will allow the park to remain viable for service to the community many years into the future.

If grant funding is not secured, a determination will need to be made to proceed or not proceed with the project. If the Township does not proceed with the project the rentals for the period after September 1st, 2015 will be made available. A decision on grant funding is to be made by the State prior to December 1st, 2014.



Leaf Waste Collection Program Returns This Fall Drop Off Site Will Remain Operational

This fall the Township will provide a fee-based curbside collection program for leaf waste to comply with, and implement, State regulations that mandate curbside recycling, including yard waste. The yard waste drop-off site will continue to operate on the same basis as it currently is and, therefore, participation in the curbside collection program is optional. With 75 miles of roads, curbside collection of leaves and other yard waste is a significant undertaking for the Township, and is costly, in terms of labor and equipment operation. It is hoped that many homeowners will continue to use the drop-off site, or compost the leaves in their own yards.

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

Is your roof flushing raw sewage into our rivers?

Whenever it rains, water flows off hundreds of thousands of roofs, into downspouts and down our storm drains. If our downspouts are connected to the underground sewer lines, storm water can overload the lines. Causing sewage to overflow into our rivers —the source of the water we use everyday.

Fortunately, there's a solution. Many dedicated people and municipalities are working on it.

You can help too. Check with your local community about whether you need to disconnect



your downspouts from the sewer system.

Connect a rain barrel to your home's downspout so the water can be captured, conserved and used later on your yard or garden. Plant trees and other vegetation to reduce storm water runoff from your yard.

To find out more, visit our website. Because the only thing that should flow into our rivers is clean water.

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.

Winter Road Maintenance Preparations Underway

The Township has contracts in place for the purchase of road salt and cinders for the treatment of roads this coming winter. The local COG bid for salt has increased 97% (\$41.48) per ton compared to the prior winter season. To reduce material costs, anti-skid material is mixed with salt for certain road treatments, and salt brine application equipment has been placed on the trucks to make the melting process more efficient, reducing the amount of material necessary.

The following reminders are provided so you may assist us this winter. Most importantly, please remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. There is reduced visibility for the drivers during snowstorms or at night. Maneuvering a plow truck through parked traffic makes the job of the plow truck driver much more difficult.

- Township Ordinance regarding snow removal does prohibit parking, or allowing to be parked, any motor vehicle or other vehicle on any public street within the Township following the deposit or accumulation of ice or snow of three (3) inches or greater in depth, until the snow has been completely plowed from the full width of the roadway. Violators are subject to a \$15 fine when ticketed by the Police Department, or towing when necessary.
- Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This creates a safety hazard. If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway. Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways or driveway entrances of accumulated snow.
- Cul-de-sacs are difficult to clear to everyone's satisfaction. Snowplows do not have the ability to lift and carry snow from one area to another. The plow pushes the snow. The driver pushes the snow to an area most suitable to expedite the plowing and to open the road for the majority of residents. The Road Department will return to cul-de-sac areas for more thorough clearing after all roads have been properly plowed and treated.



- Mailboxes and posts are often broken from the weight of the plowed snow or simply pushed over by snow. Please check posts for deterioration to reduce the possibility of breakage. Also, install mailboxes as far from the edge of the roadway as permitted by your postal delivery personnel. Installations in the right of way are placed there at the owner's risk.
- Do not drive unnecessarily in a storm, especially during severe snowstorms and freezing rains. If you do drive, be sure to properly clean your windshield and to have winter wiper blade. Verify that your tires are properly inflated and have sufficient tread.

State Road Maintenance

PA D.O.T. provides winter maintenance on the following: Interstate 376, Tuscarawas Road, Barclay Hill Road, Lisbon Road, Pine Grove Road (from Doyle Drive to Industry), Wildwood Road, Grange Road, Park Road, Bradys 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).



September 2014 – The Board of Supervisors present Eric Schwartz with his badge as part of the proceedings promoting him to full-time officer, effective October 1st.



Township Greenways and Trails Network Plan

PA DCNR has awarded the Township a \$16,200 matching grant for the preparation of a Greenways and Trails Network Plan for the Township. The Board of Supervisors has appointed a study committee to work with Pashek Associates to prepare the plan.

The Committee conducted a kick-off meeting on September 4th to begin establishing a vision and goals for greenways and trails in the Township and to establish an inventory of recreational and natural resources. A second committee meeting will be conducted in October, and the first of two community public meetings will be scheduled. Watch for more information on the public meeting date at www.brightontwp.org.

Municipal Authority Plans for Waterline Replacement Projects in 2015

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority recently completed an update of the 1997 Water System Master Plan and Study. The Plan was revised to reflect the current condition of the water system, including storage, pumping and conveyance facilities. This evaluation was for existing and future consumer water demands and fire flows. A list of recommended capital improvements was developed.

To support these capital improvements, the Board of Directors has authorized the issuance of bonds to refund existing debt and to fund \$3.5 million in new money for the waterline improvement projects throughout the Township. 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.

The bond issue will not require a change in existing water rates. The preliminary schedule anticipates construction activity beginning in the spring of 2015 with engineering design and bid document preparation occurring over the upcoming fall and winter months. Future newsletters will provide updates on specific projects.

A Reminder from the Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office

The second installment payment for the 2014 School Real Estate taxes is due by October 31st, 2014.

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

Tuesday:	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.

Size and Weight of Recycling Containers Restricted

A special vehicle is used for the collection of recycling that requires the collector to lift the containers above their head to dump into the collection vehicle. Therefore, it is important that the recycling containers are not too large or too heavy. Containers determined to be too heavy or bulky will not be collected.

A recycling can with lid can be purchased at the Township Office for \$10, lower than the actual purchase price. These containers are 20-gallons in size. If a larger container is used it must not be filled or it could become too heavy and become a risk for injury to the collector. Please use multiple containers in this instance.

Water Service During Vacation and Winter Get-Aways

Going away for an extended period of time? The Brighton Township Municipal Authority offers a service to have your water service terminated at the curb stop for persons whose home may be vacant for an extended period of time. A service fee of \$10 is charged for both the turn-off and turn-on; a total of \$20. No charges accrue to your account during the period of termination. Accounts turned off prior to the 15th of the month will receive a ½ month's charge, and after the 15th will receive a full months charge.

- **A person must be present within the home when the service is turned back on.**
- **Provide a 24-hour notice of your return to schedule the water turn-on to be certain staff is available.**
- **You will need to call the Authority Office to schedule an appointment for this service.**

Another option is that you can shut off the Stop and Waste Valve which is near the water meter in your home. If the home is vacant for an extended period this will help prevent significant flooding within the home should there be a plumbing failure while the home is vacant. However, unless service is terminated at the curb, monthly billings and charges will continue to accrue during the vacancy.



Paving Preparations

The Road Department excavates and conducts base repairs in advance of the paving. The Township executed a \$261,725 paving contract with Youngblood Paving this year, the lowest among the seven bids received.



**BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

www.brightontwp-vfd.com

84 Grange Road
Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009

Dear Residents of Brighton Township:

A huge "Thank You!" to all the residents and businesses that have donated to last year's annual "Buck-A-Month" fund-raising drive for the Brighton Township VFD. Once again you have been very generous, with over \$40,000 donated. This money has been used to buy small equipment critical to our operations and help with the ever-rising costs of vehicle and equipment maintenance. In the coming month, you will be receiving information on the 2014/15 annual "Buck-A-Month" fund raising drive. We hope you will continue your great support of your Fire Department.

We are in need of volunteers. Like many departments, our active membership has been declining and we need residents willing to join and help serve our community. Have you ever wondered who protects your homes and business? You may be surprised to know that it is your neighbors. Your neighbors make up the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department and they are committed to protecting and serving our community. Our members take this responsibility seriously, and have pride in the quality of their service.

Do you want to join them? All training and equipment is provided by the Department. Volunteering provides an opportunity to serve and give back to the community. If you are interested or just want to investigate membership further, please visit Fire Station #3 located on Grange Road behind the Social Hall on any Monday night between the hours of 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The other volunteers look forward to meeting you and answering your questions.

The next time there is an emergency or you need help, the Fire Department will be there for you. Now they need your help. Will you be there for them?

Brighton Township
Volunteer Fire Department

Brighton Township

1300 Brighton Road
Beaver, Pennsylvania 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.

Save Now!

2% Discount on Water & Sewer Charges Available

Residential accounts enrolling in the Automatic Bill Payment Option receive a 2% discount on water and sewer charges. With this payment option charges are automatically drawn from the enrolled checking account.

To initiate this service complete a simple enrollment form, provide a VOIDED check and deliver it via mail or drop-off to the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) office at 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. The forms are available in the Municipal Building or on the Water Sewage Authorities Page of www.brightontwp.org.

Why do you want to do this? It is quick, convenient, a time saver and eliminates the need for postage or personal delivery. Plus, you still receive in the mail a bill card with the words "Do Not Pay" so you have an opportunity to review the charges in advance of when payments are drawn on the 20th of the month, or the next business day.

Begin your savings now by joining hundreds of other residents who have already signed up for this convenience!



Third Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Third Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns are due on or before the end of October for the quarter including July, August and September. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a 1% tax on gross earnings. This tax is paid to the Beaver Area School District and Brighton Township at 1/2 of 1% each. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty. If you were/are employed in Pennsylvania it is mandatory, with a few exceptions, that your employer withholds the tax and your obligation is fulfilled. However, it is the employed person's responsibility to pay the tax so payment should be verified.

Earned Income Period

3rd Quarter: July, August, September

Payment is Due

On or before the end of October

The EIT Collector for all of Beaver County, including Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District, is Berkheimer. 3rd Quarter 2014 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.