



## Historical Society Presents a Special Veterans Day Program

On November 11th the Brighton Township Historical Society presented their annual Veterans Day Program. Mr. Fred Gregorich told the emotional tale of his older brother lost in World War II while on a training flight aboard a B-17 bomber.

Fred was just 11-years old in 1943 when he learned the news that his brother Ed and the other 10 members of the B-17 flight crew were killed when their plane crashed in central Montana. He had always looked up to and admired his older brother Ed, and throughout his life had a desire to visit the crash site to pay his respects, and learn more of the circumstances surrounding the ill-fated flight. It was not until 1997, some 54-years later, that Fred was able to make his journey out west to the crash site searching for details and reasons that resulted in the tragic personal loss.

While visiting the crash site, Fred made an unbelievable find that left the audience spell bound. Fred said that the site still had a crater like imprint on the ground where the plane had crashed and pieces of the wreckage could still be found. Just prior to leaving, Fred had a compelling urge to make one last walk around the perimeter of the crater. It was on this walk that Fred saw a tiny piece of metal protruding from the earth. He stopped to pick it up, and upon realizing what was in his hand, fell to his knees in disbelief – it was his brother Ed’s dog tag.



*Fred holds the dog tag he found at the Montana crash site in 1997.*



### Volunteers Sought for Baker Collection Processing

Do you enjoy working with your hands? Handling old paper and antique objects? Obsession with detail and a passion for historic preservation? And camaraderie with a terrific group of volunteers building something very special in our community? Consider joining the Heritage Museum’s volunteer team processing the Michael Baker Collection and other historic artifact donations in our growing permanent collection. Flexible hours to meet your schedule. Contact [info@beaverheritage.org](mailto:info@beaverheritage.org).

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## Please Support Your Fire Department



The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department is 100% volunteer and depends upon the goodwill donations of our residents and businesses.

One of the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department's primary fundraisers is the mailing of their annual request for donations mailed to each Township resident and business in the Fall. Each household should have received this letter at the end of October.

The Department is 100% volunteer and depends upon the goodwill donations of our residents and businesses. The Department expresses their sincere thanks to all those who have responded with a donation. However, many residents have not responded and your donations are needed to continue the quality fire and emergency medical services that have always been offered. Their service depends largely on the support of the community and your annual donations. Each dollar donated is accounted for and is spent wisely, and all expenditures are subject to an outside professional audit by a CPA firm.

Please do your share and mail your donation to Brighton Township VFD, 84 Grange Road, Beaver, PA 15009 or drop it off at the Municipal Building.

Support the Fire Department by Attending Fish Fries on:

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

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

## Winter Road Maintenance Reminder

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 snow storms 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 prohibits 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.



## Greenways and Trails Network Plan

The Steering Committee for the preparation of a Greenways and Trails Network Plan for the Township has met several times, and recently conducted their first public input meeting at Shultz Lodge in Two Mile Run Park. The preparation of the plan is partially funded by a matching \$16,200 grant from PA DCNR. Through these meetings, the Committee is establishing a vision and goals for greenways and trails in the Township as well as an inventory of recreational and natural resources. Watch for more information on the public meeting dates at [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org). Your input is valued and important to this planning process.



## Eagle Scout Project: Township Picnic Shelter

Justin Petrosky of Troop 558 planned for, designed and coordinated the construction of a picnic shelter in Two Mile Run Park Extension along the walking trail and disc golf course as an Eagle Scout project. The construction materials were donated or funds were raised by a corporate donation and several community residents. The shelter provides a much needed amenity along the walking trail in the park. Thank you Justin for serving the community through this construction project!

## Township Continues Support of Library

The Township has allocated a \$25,000 contribution to the Beaver Area Memorial Library in the 2015 budget. Brighton Township has more library card holders than any municipality utilizing the services of the library. During the year the library provides many programs and classes for both children and adults. At the library you can also enjoy the latest best seller, check out a favorite movie on DVD, download an eBook, download an audiobook, read a newspaper or magazine, get free wireless access and many other opportunities. Check out their wide ranging opportunities – there is something for everyone.

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. The library is located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver. You may contact them at (724) 775-1132.

### Township Supervisors

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# 4th Quarter and Final Earned Income Tax Returns

4th Quarter returns for the 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 (1.0%) 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 Pennsylvania, it is mandatory, with a few exceptions, 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 all of Beaver County is Berkheimer. 4th Quarter 2014 estimated payments and Final payments/returns are to be sent to Berkheimer. Forms can be obtained from the Berkheimer web site at [www.hab-inc.com](http://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**

## **Residency Certification Form**

All employers in Pennsylvania (with a few exceptions) are required to withhold the local EIT for all employees. Consequently, if you

are employed within Pennsylvania, your employer (with a few exceptions) is required to withhold your tax at the rate where you live (1.0% with ½% to each Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District) and it will be directed to your home municipality and school district.

Each employee is required to file with his or her employer a Residency Certification Form. Therefore, it is important that you properly complete this form by identifying Brighton Township as your place of residence. Political Subdivision Codes are used to identify the municipalities and school districts for each tax collection district.

## **NOTICE**

**If you are self employed, work out of state or are a federal employee you are required to pay the tax quarterly or be subject to additional penalty, interest and costs.**

## **Employer Obligations Under Act 32**

First, all employers within Brighton Township should be registered with Berkheimer.

Second, employers are to fill out a Residency Certification Form for each of their employees and have it signed by the employee. Employers retain this form for their records. The employee must provide updated information, sign and date a new form upon change of address.

Third, send withheld taxes for all employees to Berkheimer. The Berkheimer web site is [www.hab-inc.com](http://www.hab-inc.com). They can also be reached at 1 (866) 701-7206.

# Beaver Station and the Heritage Campus... Permanent Legacy Investments

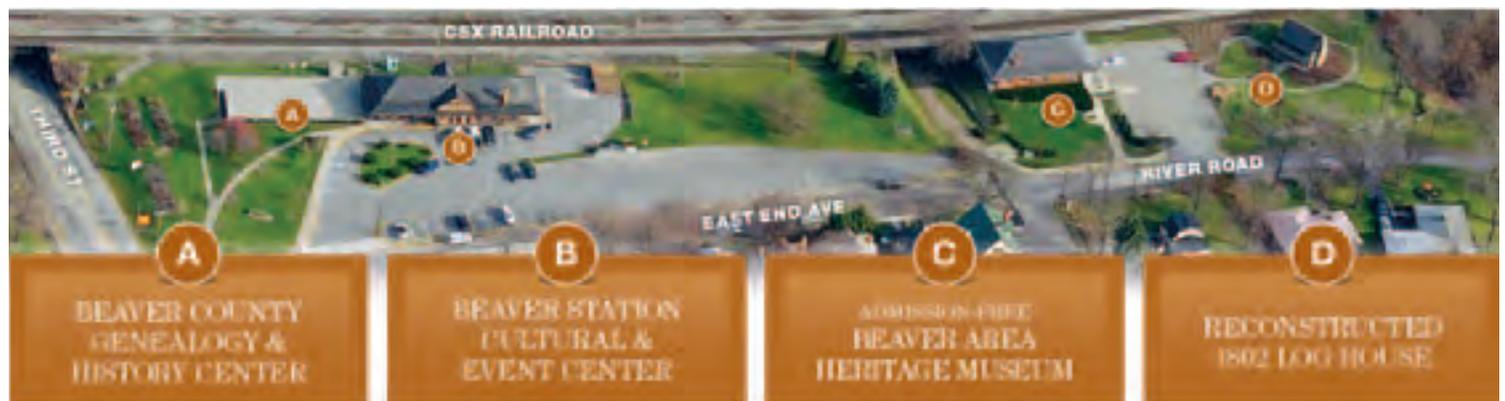
An important part of Beaver Area Heritage Foundation's (BAHF) mission since its 1967 founding is the preservation and stewardship of significant community legacies. The most visible examples are the identification of Fort McIntosh, transformation of a dilapidated P&LE Freight House into the Heritage Museum and reconstruction of the 1802 Log House. A less visible "legacy in process" is our expanding Heritage Museum Collection & Research Center. In early 2011 the borough asked BAHF to save and repurpose the Passenger Station and former County 911 Center, by far their most ambitious undertaking.

At this writing in November over 200 donors have helped BAHF reach 80% of their \$2.3M Beaver Station campaign goal and significant building improvements are complete or underway. When this is read in early 2015 all new mechanical systems and the lower level renovation should be done with historic rehabilitation work continuing on the upper level of the 1897 station

building. Later in 2015 they hope to have the additional donations necessary to finish the site work and landscaping.

The BAHF is seeking families and firms to join with other legacy partners for vital last mile funding of this exciting new 8,500 square foot Cultural & Event Center. If you would like to see replicas of the Patron and Benefactor plaques and how your gift can be recognized, please visit [www.beaverstation.org](http://www.beaverstation.org). The BAHF would also like to acknowledge and thank the generous investors already shown on these plaques. This is great opportunity to help preserve an iconic legacy property and permanently enrich our community.

A print-ready donation form is available at the above web site and campaign literature is available at the Beaver Library. For questions about special giving opportunities, please call (724) 728 4099.



# Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective January 1, 2015

Brighton Township's contract with J. Young Refuse for the collection of all residential refuse and recycling includes provisions for changes to the monthly collection charge based upon a fuel cost adjustment on a semi-annual (6-month) basis or if there is an escalation in the fees charged by the landfill utilized by the hauler. Fuel cost is calculated on a specific formula included in the contract. Based upon the semi-annual adjustment the January 1, 2015 rate is as follows:

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
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2015	\$ 0.15
Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2015	\$ 11.13
<b>Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 33.39</b>

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.

**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 hauler provides 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.

**Excluded Items** – Contract specifications require the collection of rubbish and other bulky waste. Bulky waste includes appliances, furniture, furnishings, rugs/carpet (when cut in lengths of not more than 4-feet and placed in rolls), toilets, and other items. 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, Yard Waste, Christmas Trees, Construction Debris, Vehicle Parts or Batteries, Paints, Liquids or Fluids and Hazardous Wastes. 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 contractor 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** – Recycling is collected curbside every other week. Refer to the Recycling Calendar included with this newsletter to determine your collection week. Please 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. Each of you can help improve the success rate of the Township's recycling program.

**Special Note:** Please crush or flatten the large plastic containers. Otherwise they take up a lot of space and limit the volume of recycling that can be collected within the recycling truck.

## 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. Please use multiple containers when necessary.

## Rental Registration Reminder



Pursuant to Township Code, owners of rental properties located within the Township are required to file a semi-annual report for each rental property, listing the names of all tenants age 18 and over. The next semi-annual rental property registrations are due on or before February 1, 2015. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Applications & Forms Page within the Resident's Center on the Township web site at [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org).

It is the responsibility of the landlord to file in a timely manner. The Township does not send notices. If you have had no tenant changes, you may report the information by calling (724) 774-4800. Have questions? Please call the Township Office.

## Tire Program Has Record Collection



The Township is happy to report that 506 tires were collected during the September tire collection conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy – a record number for the Township site. These are tires that may have otherwise been improperly disposed of. All of the Conservancy workers are volunteers and all funds raised are put back into the local environment through stream bank stabilization,

open space preservation, abandoned mine reclamation and other projects. Additional donations to Independence Conservancy are welcomed to help this non-profit organization's drive to eliminate illegal dumping and littering. More information can be found at [independenceconservancy.org](http://independenceconservancy.org).

# Increase in Waterline Breaks Expected During Winter Season

During the winter season waterline breaks occur more frequently, disrupting service to customers of the Municipal Authority. When this occurs, the Authority is unable to notify each household that water service will be temporarily shut off while repairs are made. When possible, the Authority will utilize the Swift911™ system to notify residents of service termination during repairs. Please go to the Brighton Township website to learn more about the Emergency Notification System and how to update your contact information for this and related purposes.

If you notice running water or other unusual conditions along a road that you believe could be the result of a broken waterline, please contact the Municipal Office (724-774-4800) as soon as possible, or report the condition to the non-emergency police line (724-774-1789) outside of normal working hours.

The Authority takes action to expedite repairs to waterlines when a break occurs. However, extremely cold or severe weather makes working conditions difficult and can delay the repairs. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding when these breaks occur, and ask your help in keeping the employees safe by driving slowly through the construction zones.

After the repairs are made, Authority employees flush the water lines to clear them of any dirty water that can occur as a result of the waterline break. If you experience dirty water, run the cold water at the lowest point in your home (i.e. a basement laundry sink) until the water appears clear. Do not run the hot water, as this results in the dirty water passing through the hot water tank.

## 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.

### Please Note:

Trees must be removed from any tree bag and all tinsel or other decorations must be removed.





**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.



RECYCLING IS EASY!

**NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

- Food Waste**  

- Glass Pane & Pyrex**  

- Food Containers**  

- Ink/Toner Cartridges**  


# 2015 Brighton Township Recycling Calendar

**WHAT:** Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars; Aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans; Aluminum (tin) foil; Plastic containers with the numbers 1 – 7 inside the recycling logo; Newspapers and magazines.

**WHERE:** Place your recycling container in the same area where the garbage is picked up.

**WHEN:** Your regular garbage collection day during the recycling weeks shown below:

**ROUTE 1: Areas on and off of Dutch Ridge Road, Dawson Ridge and Gypsy Glen Road**

**ROUTE 2: Tuscarawas Road, from Dutch Ridge Road to Beaver**

For questions, contact J. Young Refuse: (724) 573-0170.

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# Reducing and Eliminating Sources of Stormwater Pollution

As part of the requirements of the Township's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, the Township continues to distribute public education materials, including the *When It Rains, It Drains* brochure printed and distributed within this newsletter. It is important to re-emphasize several of the items included in the brochure.

Runoff from rain or snow can pick up several kinds of natural and man-made pollutants and deposit them in our waterways. These are considered non-point sources of pollution and can include:

- Excess fertilizers or herbicides and insecticides used to treat your lawn.
- Viruses and bacteria from decomposing pet wastes.
- Oil, grease and other chemicals from your vehicles.

You can help by:

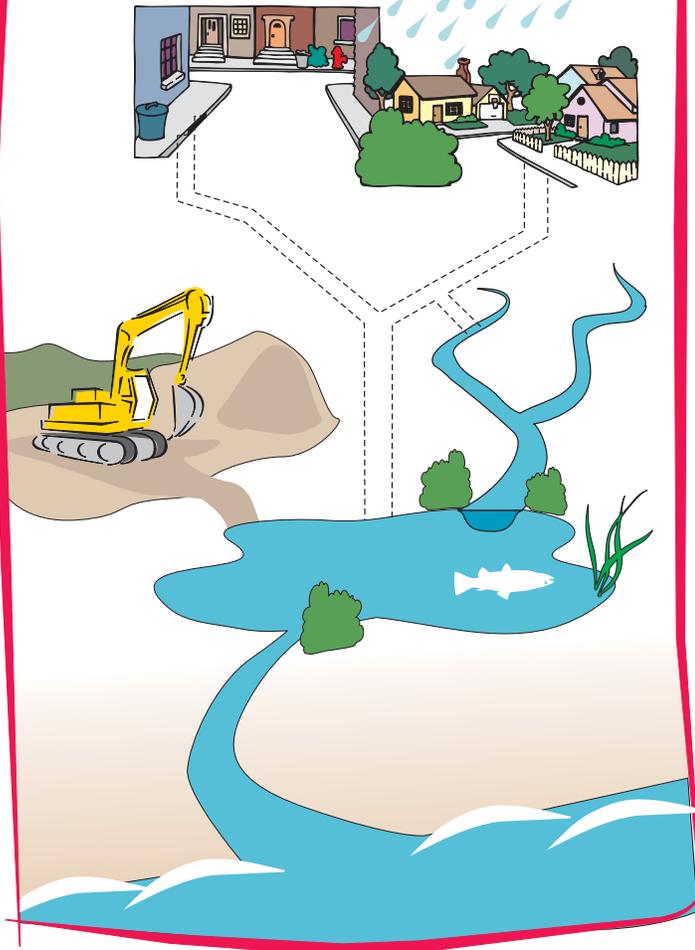
- Keeping debris out of storm sewers and drains.
- Properly disposing of household chemicals

and not into storm sewers and drains.

- Wash your car on your lawn to prevent runoff – or use a car wash.
- Use low-phosphate or phosphate free detergents.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Prevent soil erosion and runoff.
- Participate in litter prevention or clean-up programs.

## When It Rains, It Drains

Understanding Storm Water and How It Can Affect Your Money, Safety, Health, and the Environment



### What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

### Why is Storm Water "Good Rain Gone Wrong?"

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



**Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.**



**Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.**



**Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.**

**Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.**



## What Happens When It Rains?



Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Problems related to storm water runoff can include:

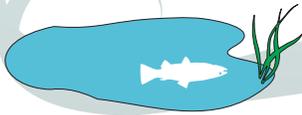


**Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.**

**Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris.**



**Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.**



**More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.**



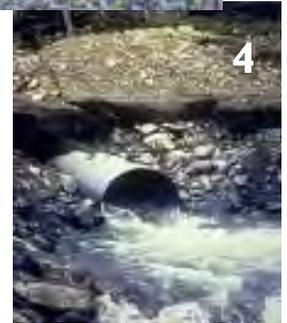
**Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.**

We can help rain restore its good reputation while protecting our health and environment while saving money for ourselves and our community. Keep reading to find out how...

## Test Your Storm Sewer System Savvy!



What does the storm sewer system look like in your community? See if you can identify which pictures are part of the storm sewer system. (Answers are on the back.)



## Park & Recreation Board Reflections

The Park & Recreation Board has concluded another year of planning and implementing activities for the enjoyment of Township residents. These activities included several bus trips this year to dinners and shows that were a lot of fun, and two trips to PNC Park to see the Pirates in action. The annual Easter Egg Hunt at Two Mile Run Park was once again one of our most popular programs with hundreds of children participating. We continued to sponsor a 6-week Summer Playground Program at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District by contracting with the Beaver

County YMCA. These activities are in addition to the very successful baseball, softball, football and soccer programs conducted at Township Parks by the various youth organizations.

Preliminary plans are already underway for events and trips during 2015. As always, the Board is looking for input on events or trips to sponsor for the coming year that you would want to take part in. If you have any ideas on new activities or keeping the old, please don't hesitate to let us know! Our best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!

## Restoring Rain's Reputation: What Everyone Can Do To Help

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- ◆ Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint—never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- ◆ Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- ◆ Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community. (See the back of this brochure for contact information.)
- ◆ Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- ◆ Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather—a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- ◆ Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess—in a backyard or at the park—storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- ◆ Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust

## Where To Go To Continue the Information Flow

Your community is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is . . . water! Contact your community's storm water management program coordinator or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.

**1. Ditch** – Part of the storm sewer system. Most people think that the system is just a series of underground pipes. It can also include ditches used to convey storm water from the land to a receiving lake, river, or stream.

**2. Fire Hydrant** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Water sprayed from fire hydrants is not storm water, but is allowed by law to enter the storm sewer system.

**3. Curb with Storm Drain Inlet** – Part of the storm sewer system. Many people do not realize that this is an opening leading to the storm sewer system. Anything going into this inlet (e.g., trash, leaves, improperly disposed of hazardous materials) travel directly to a receiving lake, river, or stream without being treated first. Many communities stencil storm drains with "Do Not Dump" messages to let people know.

**4. Storm Sewer Outfall** – Part of the storm sewer system. An outfall is where storm water drains from the storm sewer system into a receiving lake, stream, or river. If there is a flow from an outfall when it isn't raining, there could be a problem with the system or someone has used a storm drain for illegally disposing of materials.

**5. Toilet** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Wastewater from sinks and toilets in houses and businesses travel through a sewer system constructed to carry sanitary wastes. In some instances, older communities may have a combined sewer system designed to carry both storm water and sanitary waste.

**6. Septic System** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Homeowners use septic tanks to manage sanitary wastes on-site. Improperly maintained septic systems can leak and contribute pollutants to the storm sewer system, as well as directly to lakes, rivers, and streams.

**7. Roads and Other Paved Areas** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Roads and other hardened surfaces such as parking lots and sidewalks can accumulate pollutants (e.g., oil, grease, dirt, leaves, trash, pet wastes) that storm water eventually washes into the storm sewer system.

**8. Storm Drain Inlet** – Part of the storm sewer system. This is another example of what a storm drain may look like. Like the storm drain inlet shown in picture #3, anything that enters this drain will go directly to streams, rivers, and lakes without being treated first. It is important to recognize this as a storm drain to prevent it from being used as a trash can.

### Answers to Test Your Storm Sewer System Savvy:



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
www.dep.state.pa.us



## Brighton Township Receives Penn State Extension Award

Michael Durham presents the 2014 Friend of Extension Award to Mark Piccirilli, Township Supervisor. Mike oversees and coordinates activities at the Senior Gardens located on Western Avenue.

Brighton Township was selected to receive the 2014 Penn State – Beaver County Cooperative Extension Association's Friend of Extension Award.

This is in recognition of work undertaken by the Road Department to clear additional areas for the Senior Gardens and extend their private water system. The award was presented during the 59th Annual Beaver County Farm-City Banquet held at the Big Knob Grange. The Senior Gardens are sponsored by the Beaver County Office on Aging and the Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program.

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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.

## Real Estate Tax Information

This is just a reminder for residents who have participated in the 2014 Beaver Area School Real Estate tax installment program. The third installment payment is due no later than December 31, 2014. All 2014 Brighton Township Real Estate and 2014 Per Capita taxes are also due by December 31, 2014.

The 2015 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed on March 1, 2015. If a mortgage company does not hold your taxes in escrow and you do not receive your tax bill, please contact the tax collector.

Unpaid 2014 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be filed April 1, 2015.

**The elected tax collector, James W. Onuska, holds office 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.

Last two (2) Saturdays of each month  
of the discount (March & April): ..... 9:00 a.m. 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.

## Township Begins Preparations for 2016 Bicentennial

Brighton Township will be celebrating its bicentennial in 2016. Preparations to celebrate 200 years will take place during 2015. Although the form and function to properly recognize this occasion are not yet established, we do know that it will take a collaborative effort of many people. Perhaps even you.

We are looking for photographs of people, places and events that have been a part of the Township's history that we can scan for possible use in paper or electronic publication. You can contact Bryan Dehart for this purpose at (724) 774-4800 or bryand@brightontwp.org. We cannot guarantee that all information submitted will be used in any publication, but we certainly welcome all submittals.

Watch for updates in future newsletters also on items or information that the Township may be searching for. This will be an exciting process and we are certain the end results will be very significant.