

# BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP

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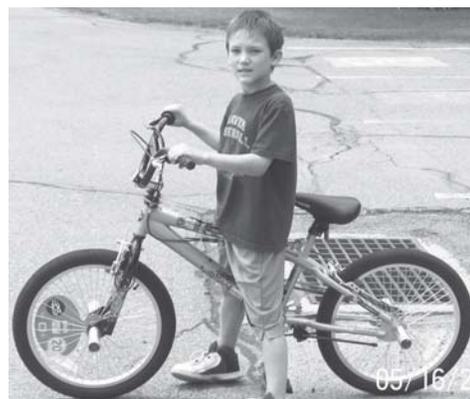
## Penn D.O.T. Projects Beginning Soon in Brighton Township

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will be undertaking three significant transportation construction projects in Brighton Township, beginning late summer or early fall of 2009.

The first project will be the Brighton Road rehabilitation. During the project a crack and seat method will be used on the concrete surface. Thereafter, the road will be repaved with a new asphalt surface. During this project a one directional detour will be utilized on either side of the Brighton Road Bridge. Flaggers will be in place to allow for emergency vehicles to travel in both directions. This project will last up to 10 weeks. We will all enjoy the smoother, safer riding surface at project completion.

The second project will be the replacement of the Brighton Road Bridge over PA Route 60. The project is anticipated to begin in early 2010 and will continue into the summer of 2010. The bridge will be closed to all traffic during construction. Detours will be in place. Brighton Road traffic will be able to flow in both directions to and from the Route 60 ramps.

The third project is the replacement of the Tuscarawas Road Bridge over PA Route 60 near Fire Station No. 2. The road will be closed to through traffic. This project is expected to begin later summer or early fall 2010 following completion of the Brighton Road Bridge project.



**On May 16<sup>th</sup> the Brighton Township Police Department conducted a Bike Safety Rodeo at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. Each participant went through a bike riding course and bike safety lesson. The event was co-sponsored by State Farm Agent Pat Protzman. Pictured above are winners of the bicycle raffle Joshua Nicol and Ryan Appel-Snarey. Steve Cable Tree & Stump Removal and Trish Cable generously donated the bicycles.**

## 2009 Summer Playground Program

The Beaver County YMCA will once again conduct a 2009 Summer Playground Program at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School for the Beaver Area community! The program is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> and is operated for students in K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The 4-week program is operated Monday to Friday from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. YMCA trained staff supervise the program and provide needed resources; including games, crafts, sports and special events, including one field trip and an end of the season party! There is no registration fee to participate in the program. Brighton Township, in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District, sponsors the program.

To register, attend the first day to complete the appropriate paperwork. Any additional information can be obtained by calling the YMCA at (724) 891-8439.

### Park & Recreation Board News

The baseball /softball season is well along, and by the time of this reading, many of the championship teams will have been decided. A record number of kids registered for this year's program and the fields have never been in better shape. And though it's hard to believe, Brighton Township Bears football is just around the corner as sign ups for this year's squads are already underway. Soccer continues to be a most popular activity and our fields are in constant use. Our hats are off to the many parents, coaches and volunteers who continue every year to contribute their time and talents to making these programs so successful. In addition to overseeing these activities, your Park & Rec Board has been busy planning and conducting other activities for the enjoyment of Township residents.

- On April 11, almost 200 kids and their parents enjoyed the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Two Mile Run Park. Prize winners included 3 year old Cailin Downer of Morrow Lane; 6 year old Trinity Sharpless of Spruce Street; 8 year old Shawn Livingston of First Street; and the David Gorrell Family of Spring Lane. In addition to the candy found in the eggs, cookies and soft drinks were provided to all attendees.
- Outdoor Movies will be shown at the Ellis Fields Complex in July and August. Emphasis is placed on showing family-oriented films that are suitable for both kids and adults. Watch our Township message signs for dates and titles. Movies start at dusk and the refreshment stand is open during the showings.
- Another of our popular wine and chocolate tours is scheduled for September 17. Please note that the details of the trip have CHANGED from those listed in our last newsletter. We will now be visiting the Daffin Chocolate Factory in Farrell, PA before visiting the Mastropietro Winery in Berlin Center, Ohio. After a tour of the winery, we will have lunch at their fabulous restaurant and then visit the Maize Valley Winery before returning home. Watch the Township message signs for dates on which tickets will go on sale.
- On October 15, another bus trip is planned as we visit Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens to view the "Life in the Garden. Frabel Glass at Phipps". The exhibit features the hand-created glass sculptures of German-born artist Hans Godo Frabel. While people may compare this exhibit to the Chihuly Exhibit of last year, they are as different as the artists and their methods. Afterwards, we will lunch at the Hofbrauhaus before returning home. Watch the Township message signs for ticket sale information.
- On December 4 we will take a trip to the Dutch Haus in Columbiana, Ohio for a dinner theatre engagement. This popular Holiday event has been well attended in the past, so you'll want to watch the message signs for details on signing up.

We continue to recommend that if you haven't already done so, that you sign up for the Township's electronic newsletter now. Just go to [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org), page down once or twice to where it says "Register for the Email Newsletter", enter your email address and name (name not required) and click on the submit button. You'll then be added to our subscriber list and will get the most comprehensive news available of events and activities in the Beaver Area, updated monthly.

### Emergency Notification System Established - Residents Asked to Update Contact Information



To comply with PA DEP Public Notification Rules, the Municipal Authority has implemented the services of Swiftreach Networks, Inc. as its emergency notification provider. The Swift911™ system is designed to make phone calls on a Township-wide basis, or to specific people or areas, in the event of an emergency, and can make hundreds of calls a minute to convey recorded messages. It can also be used to share important information. The system is also available for use by emergency services or other Township Departments who can give notice of road closures, missing persons or other information.

The Swiftreach Network data has been provided by a third party data provider and only includes listed phone numbers. It is important for residents and business owners to verify the accuracy of the information provided to us, and to provide additional contact information such as unlisted, unpublished or cell phone numbers and even email addresses. Accurate information in the database helps to ensure emergency notifications will be passed on to everyone in a timely manner.

**How do you update your information?** Log on to the Brighton Township web site [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org) and look for the Swift911™ link to provide updated information. You may also remove yourself from the list. If you do not have access to a computer you may call 724-774-4800 to provide Emergency Notification Information: Name, Address, Primary Phone and Alternate/Cell Phone. Please be assured that this information will not be provided to any outside agencies or companies.

### Brighton Twp. Bears Football Registration

The Brighton Township Bears football teams play in the Beaver County Youth Football League against the best teams in Western Pennsylvania. Teams are from the Big Seven, MAC and Parkway Conferences. Registration is open to students from the Beaver Area, Western Beaver and Midland School Districts.

#### Maximum Weight and Age Requirements:

Twerps: 85 lbs.– Must be age 5 by August 1, 2009  
Termites: 100 lbs.– Must be age 8 or 9 by August 1, 2009  
Mitey Mite: 125 lbs.– Must be age 10 or 11 by August 1, 2009  
Midgets: 145 lbs.– Must be age 12 or 13 by August 1, 2009

**Registration Dates:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Locations and Fees:

Brighton Township's Hardy Field, 4900 Tuscarawas Road. The fee is \$65 due at the time of registration. Make checks payable to "Brighton Township Bears". Be part of the proud Bear tradition! Come and join us.

## Real Estate Tax Information

The 2009-10 Beaver Area School Real Estate Tax bills and Per Capita Tax bills will be mailed on July 1, 2009. As in the past, installment payments may be made for the School Tax. The amounts and pay schedule will be located at the top right hand corner of each tax bill.

Office Hours: Tuesday - 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Last two (2) Saturdays of each  
 Month during discount period:  
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

The tax collection office is located in the lower level of the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road.

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.



**Officer Richard Gianvito of the Brighton Township Police Department hands a motorist information on the "Click-it or Ticket" campaign at a recent seat belt check point.**

## Buckle Up Brighton Township

The Brighton Township Police Department continues to be an active participant in the Buckle Up Pennsylvania program as part of a seat belt enforcement and educational campaign. The program is funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Under the program additional patrol hours are funded for the Township Police Officers to operate seat belt check points during various times of the year. At each check point Officers hand out "Click-It or Ticket" warning cards or information on DUI. These cards serve as a public relations tool with the community and reinforces the point that law enforcement cares about educating the motoring public on the importance of seat belt use. The cards also serve as reminders that Pennsylvania's seat belt and child restraint laws are being enforced and that you could be cited for not wearing a seat belt if you are stopped for any other violation.

## Delinquent Per Capita Taxes To Be Turned Over to Collection Agency

The Tax Collector has sent delinquency notices for all remaining unpaid 2008/09 per capita tax bills for those persons who have failed to make payment. The Per Capital Tax is an annual tax of \$15 (\$5 Brighton Township, \$10 Beaver Area School District) authorized by Act 511 and payable by each adult (18 years or older) residing in the Township. With penalty, the total amount due is \$16.50. Failure to pay the tax by June 30<sup>th</sup> results in the Township turning over the listing of unpaid accounts to a professional collection agency for collection. Once turned over, the collection agency will attach additional fees for their services in pursuing collection, which range from additional notices, wage attachments and door-to-door visits. Fees can be substantial in nature. If you failed to respond to the delinquent notice, or want to be sure you are not on the list, please immediately contact James Onuska, Tax Collector, at 724-774-2622.

## Rental Registration Reminder

Semi-annual rental property registrations are due on or before August 1, 2009. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Township web page 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.

## Township Begins Construction of Disc Golf Course

The Road Department work crew has begun construction of a 9-hole disc golf course within the Two Mile Run Park Extension, located beyond the Public Works Garage at 1250 Brighton Road. The fairways have been cleared and the locations of the tees and baskets identified. The course layout is a combination of open meadows and woodlands, and should be a fun, but challenging course. The course was specifically designed to be compatible with the existing one-mile walking/biking trail in the park. The project was initiated in 2008 when, on the recommendation of the Brighton Township Parks & Recreation Board, a site feasibility study and plan for a Disc Golf Course layout was prepared.



Disc golf is played much like traditional golf, but a player utilizes a flying disc, similar to a Frisbee, instead of clubs and balls. A player starts from a tee pad with the goal of making the fewest throws of a flying disc to the basket (hole). Watch for an announcement on the course's grand opening later this summer!

## Need to Get Rid of E-Scrap (i.e. TV or Computer)?

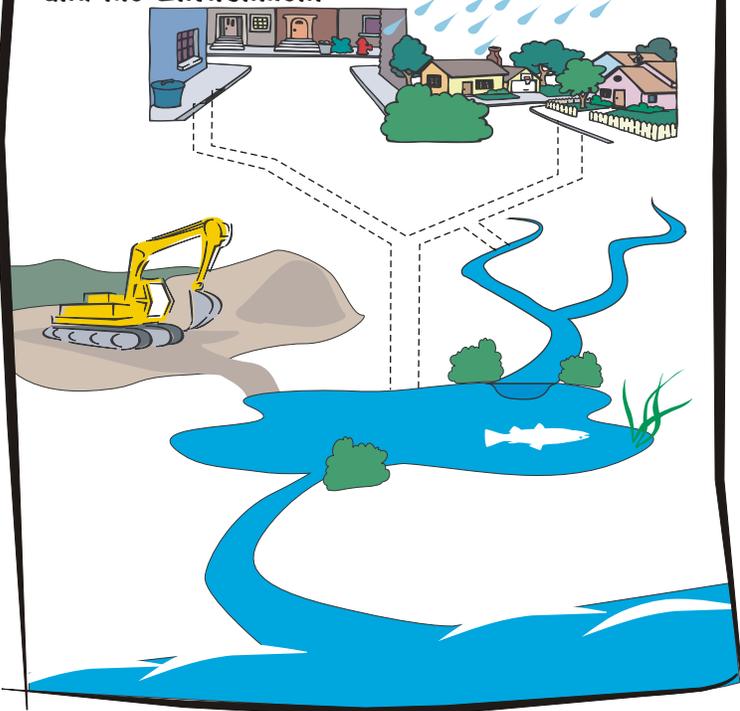
Refuse landfills are rejecting items referred to as E-Scrap, such as televisions, computers and computer monitors and related items. Electronic equipment often contains toxic materials such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. When not properly managed there is a risk of groundwater and drinking water contamination, air pollution and more. Fortunately, these items can be disposed of at the Beaver County Recycling Center located in Brady's Run Park for a fee. The cost for typical items, based upon estimated weight, is as follows:

Monitors and TVs:	
14 Inch .....	\$ 7.00
15 Inch .....	\$12.00
17 Inch .....	\$18.00
TVs 18" through 34" .....	\$20.00
TVs 35" and Larger .....	\$35.00
Laptop Computer .....	\$ 7.00
CPU .....	\$ 9.00
Battery Back-Up Unit .....	\$ 6.00
Keyboard .....	\$ 1.00
Printer/Desk Top Copier .....	\$ 6.00
Scanner .....	\$ 8.00
Fax Machine/size variations .....	\$12.00
Smaller Fax .....	\$ 8.00
VCR .....	\$ 4.00
Telephone .....	\$ 1.00
Large Copiers .....	\$20.00
Fluorescent Tubes/Compact Fluorescent Bulbs ..	\$ 0.50

For more information, contact the Beaver County Department of Waste Management at 724-770-2066 or the Brady's Run Park Recycling Center at 724-770-2064. Prices subject to change.

# 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.



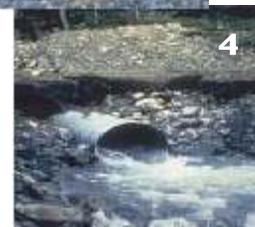
Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.

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 Savy!

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 above right)



## 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.



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

## Water & Sewage Utility Bill to Have New Look

To comply with U.S. Postal requirements, the blue utility bill card utilized by the Municipal Authority and Sewage Authority for monthly billing will have a new look. The biggest difference is the placement of the perforation on the card, which will change from a vertical alignment to a horizontal alignment. The card will have the same information as has been historically provided, but will be rearranged to accommodate the changed location of the perforated line. When making payment, you will now enclose the bottom portion of the bill card with one check made payable to "BTMA/BTSA".

As a reminder, your water and sewage billings through the Municipal Authority (BTMA) and Sewage Authority (BTSA) can be automatically drawn from your checking account. Enrollment forms are available on the Applications & Forms page of the Brighton Township web site.

## Meter Reader's Dilemma

The Municipal Authority's meter readers need your help by clearing shrubs or removing other obstacles from the area of your remote meter. Reading the meter becomes very difficult when covered by shrubs or flowers. Please help us by keeping this area open for the meter readers.

## Pennsylvania Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act 132

In 2008, the Pennsylvania Legislature passed the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act. The law requires that all contractors who perform at least \$5,000 worth of home improvements per year register with the Attorney General's Office by July 1, 2009. The law requires written contracts between the contractor and consumer when the total cash price of all work agreed upon exceeds \$500. The law also establishes minimum insurance requirements for contractors; requires contractors to provide their registration number in their ads and contracts; establishes required contract terms for home improvement contracts; prohibits unfair business practices; and creates a criminal penalty for home improvement fraud.

Home improvement includes all of the following activities when they are done in connection with land or a portion of the land adjacent to a private residence or a building or a portion of the building which is used or designed to be used as a private residence for which the total cash price of all work agreed upon between the contractor and owner is more than \$500:

- *Repair, replacement, remodeling, demolition, removal, renovation, installation, alteration, conversion, modernization, improvement, rehabilitation or sandblasting.*
- *Construction, replacement, installation or improvement of driveways, swimming pools, pool houses, porches, garages, roofs, siding, insulation, solar energy systems, security systems, flooring, patios, fences, gazebos, sheds, cabanas, landscaping work (other than work performed under the Plant Pest Act), painting, doors and windows and waterproofing.*
- *Without regard to affixation, the installation of central heating, air conditioning, storm windows or awnings.*

New home construction is not considered a home improvement under the law. Additional information on who must register, exemptions and other important information can be found on the Office of the Attorney General web site: [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov).

**1. Trench** – 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:

### 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 or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

## **Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective July 1, 2009**

J. Young Refuse is the collector of all residential refuse and recycling within Brighton Township, including the routes previously served by Gary Bixler Refuse. Contact information is as follows: **John H. Young, Jr.**

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

The fifth year of the current contract begins July 1, 2009 with an effective rate of \$10.03 per month calculated as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (Year 5) .....	\$9.00
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective January 1, 2006 .....	\$0.17
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective July 1, 2006 .....	\$0.10
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective April 1, 2007 .....	\$0.11
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective July 1, 2008 .....	\$0.09
Tipping Fee – Extra Charges – approved effective April 1, 2009 .....	\$0.15
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective July 1, 2009 .....	(\$0.07)
Tipping Fee – Recycling Center effective April 1, 2009 .....	\$0.33
Temporary Tipping Fee Recovery April to December 2009 .....	\$0.15
Monthly Refuse Rate effective July 1, 2009 .....	\$10.03
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective July 1, 2009 .....	\$30.09

**1. Cost Adjustment Items:** During the term of this contract the rate per quarter per residential unit can be adjusted for fuel cost adjustments on a semi-annual (6-month) basis or if there is an escalation in the tipping fees charged by the landfill(s) utilized by the contracted haulers. Fuel costs are calculated on a specific formula included in the contract. Based upon posted prices by the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) fuel has decreased. Landfill tipping fees have increased several times over the course of the contract, and have also added additional fees (environmental charge & fuel surcharge), resulting in additional cost increases that are noted above. Most recently the recycling centers have initiated tipping fees due to declining markets for their materials.

Please remember that additional fees are assessed for services other than curbside collection (backyard or at door service where specific contract restrictions apply) or streets that were not specified for curb service in the bid contract.

**2. Mandatory Participation** – Each residential unit is required to participate in the contracted refuse and recycling collection program. Brighton Township is also mandated by State law to provide curbside collection of recyclables to each residential unit. Township ordinance requires mandatory participation in these programs.

As the contracted haulers provide the Township with the names and addresses of non-participants, notices will be sent. Continued non-participation can result in the filing of an enforcement notice with potential fines of not less than \$100 nor more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution, for each violation.

**3. Excluded Items** – Contract specifications require the collection of rubbish and other bulky waste. However, there are items excluded from collection. Following is a list of items excluded from curbside collection as part of the contract. However, this list should not be considered as a final complete list, as there is always the chance that an unforeseen circumstance or item has not been considered. Refuse should be placed for collection in bags not exceeding 40 pounds or 40 gallons in size.

Excluded items are: Tires, Televisions, Computer Monitors or CPUs, Yard Waste, Christmas Trees, Construction Debris, Vehicle Parts or Batteries, Paints, Liquids or Fluids and Hazardous Wastes. 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. Contractors are 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.

**4. Recycling** – The collectors will continue to collect recycling curbside every other week. Residents are to use an easily identifiable green container for placement of the recycling. Holes should be placed in the bottom of the container for drainage. Recycling bins are available for purchase at the Township Office for a cost of \$10.00. 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.

### **Township & Fire Department Begin Construction of New Fire Station**

On June 1<sup>st</sup> Brighton Township and the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department initiated construction of a new Fire Station at 1120 Dutch Ridge Road. The new two-bay Fire Department substation replaces Fire Station No. 1 on Dutch Ridge Road. The old station is too small and obsolete for the size of today's fire trucks, and is not currently used by the Department to house fire trucks. Hancock Architecture has designed the building and will act as construction manager. As a result of the public bidding process the Township has issued contracts totaling \$604,100 to the lowest bidders as follows:

Contract No. 1 General Construction: United Contractors of Northeast Ohio, Inc. ....	\$433,000.00
Contract No. 2 Plumbing: Shipley Bros. Construction Inc. ....	\$ 71,600.00
Contract No. 3 HVAC: J.B. Mechanical Inc. ....	\$ 47,500.00
Contract No. 4 Electrical: Houston Electric, LLC .....	\$ 52,000.00

In addition to these contracts the Township will extend water and sewage service to the new building with the cooperation of the Municipal and Sewage Authorities. Completion and occupancy are scheduled prior to the end of 2009.

To make this project possible the Township entered into a lease agreement with the Valley Medical Facilities, Inc. for a 1.5-acre parcel of land at the hospital campus of Heritage Valley Health System. The Township extends their appreciation to the hospital administration for their cooperation and support of the Township's efforts to obtain the land lease for the location of a new fire station. Their cooperation in providing the lease location has resulted in significant savings.

## Non-Residential Recycling Requirements

Recycling in Brighton Township is mandatory in compliance with Pennsylvania Act 101. The following is provided to non-residential establishments as a reminder of the requirements they must follow. The designated materials to be recycled by a place of business or other non-residential establishment are:

1. High grade office paper;
2. Aluminum food & beverage containers;
3. Corrugated paper (cardboard); and
4. Leaf waste.

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.

## National Night Out Celebration!

The Annual National Night Out community celebration will be held 6-10 p.m on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Hardy Field. The Brighton Township Police and Volunteer Fire Departments sponsor National Night Out. National Night Out is a day set aside to emphasize and educate the residents on crime prevention and emergency services in an atmosphere of fun and community involvement that culminates in a fireworks display. The event is made possible through business sponsorships, donations and fund drives. Come out and join in the fun!

## Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement & Expansion Project One Step Closer to Construction Phase

PA DEP has recently given approval to the amended Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. The amendment was a submittal of the Preliminary Design Report for the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Vanport Township. The Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA), in cooperation with the Vanport Township Municipal Authority (VTMA), are now in the permitting phase of the improvement and expansion of the Vanport Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is now anticipated that the project could go to bid this summer, subject to final permit approval. The Boards of BTSA and VTMA previously met jointly to discuss financing options that are most favorable for the anticipated project. Initial planning estimates placed the increase in the base sewer rate from \$23.80 per month to \$30.00 per month. This would move the rate from \$5.95 to \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. As final construction bid costs are tabulated a more detailed review of financing options will be possible, and an estimated impact on the user rate will be calculated and reported upon.

## 2009 Tire Disposal Date Set for September 26th

The Township's prior Tire Collection programs conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy have been a big success! In 2008 360 tires were collected and disposed of during the collection program. So we have scheduled another event for this fall. The collection will be from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon on Saturday, September 26th at the Public Works site, 1250 Brighton Road. The fees are as follows:

Size:	Up to 17" off rim	\$ 2.00 each
	Up to 17" on rim	\$ 4.00 each
	Tractor trailer up to 22.5" (no rims please)	\$20.00 each
	Farm tractor rear (no rims please)	\$20.00 each



You can pay in cash or check (with proper ID). The collection is provided for individuals and small businesses, and there is no limit to the number of tires you may bring. Proof of residency is not required. Additional donations are welcome to help this non-profit organization's drive to eliminate illegal dumping and littering.

## Brighton Township Historical Society

The May meeting of the Brighton Township Historical Society featured a covered dish dinner. This was followed by a first person presentation of a recently discovered Civil War narrative, accompanied by a display of Civil War weapons.

The September meeting will study the history of Hull pottery, led by Ethel Icenhour. Those attending are invited to bring examples they wish to have identified and evaluated.

One of the ongoing projects is a map designating the old road names in Brighton Township. Do you know where Coal Pit Hollow Road, Farmer's Lane and Stone Quarry Road were (are) located?

The society seeks donated deeds and other artifacts for its archives. It also seeks new members interested in local history.

Hope to see you Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Shultz Lodge in Two Mile Run Park.

## Township Sets 2009 Road Paving Program

Following the competitive bidding process, the Township has awarded a contract to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$169,610 for the 2009 road paving program. The streets identified for paving are Coleman Drive, Crest Drive, Wishart Drive, Ridgeview Drive and Northview Circle. The Township will also be constructing and paving a cul-de-sac at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Street milling will be done in some areas prior to paving. Residents are asked to trim any bushes or low hanging limbs from trees in advance of the paving, which is expected to begin in July.

The Road Department also conducts an annual oil and chip program for the treatment and maintenance of certain roads to supplement the road paving program, as well as performing other important road maintenance and drainage projects.

### Recycling is Easy!

#### HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MATERIALS

##### Glass - Clear, Brown and Green Bottles and Jars

1. Rinse - remove styrofoam labels.
2. Remove metal lids and rings.
3. Place in green recycling container.
4. Do not break glass.
5. Do not include auto glass, light bulbs, porcelain, ceramic, plate glass or crystal.



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

1. Rinse thoroughly, crush cans.
2. Place in green recycling container.

##### Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

1. Rinse thoroughly, remove caps.
2. Flatten to save space.
3. Containers must have the three arrow recycling logo, with the numbers 1 or 2 inside it.
4. Containers that originally held motor oil, antifreeze, or other chemicals are not recyclable.
5. Place in green recycling container.
6. Do not include plastic bags or buckets.



##### Newspapers and Magazines

1. Fold newspapers once and slide into paper bag along with magazines.
2. Do not tie newspapers, magazines or paper bag
3. Do not use plastic bags under any circumstances.
4. No cardboard, cereal, cracker or pizza boxes.
5. Place next to or in recycling container at roadside.



- Place your recycling container at roadside on the same day as your regular garbage collection during the recycling weeks.
- Do not place items in separate bags or they will not be collected. Place recyclables directly into recycling container.

- Recover your recycling container promptly after collection.

**NOTE:** The recycling container remains the property of Brighton Township and must remain at the residence if you move. Your recycling container is to be used for recycling only.

**BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP RECYCLES**

# Brighton Township

1300 BRIGHTON ROAD  
BEAVER, PA 15009

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U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
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.

## Adopt-A-Roadway Program

The Township operates an Adopt-A-Roadway Program to clean up litter and improve the overall appearance of roadways and parks. Many individuals and families volunteer their time and energy to accomplish this goal as active participants in the program. They are now at work and are making a difference. You and your family can become involved too! This is a great way for families and organizations to become involved in the community in a highly-visible and productive program.

Under the program, a Township road (or segment) or a park area is adopted by a volunteer group or family to collect litter a minimum of two (2) times per year. The Township provides for the installation and maintenance of permanent signs noting the program and the participant, "Litter Crew Ahead" signs, gloves, bags for collection of litter and the collection and disposal of the bags of litter collected. Participation in the program is subject to certain conditions and safety recommendations. Please contact the Township Office at (724) 774-4800 or bryand@brightontwp.org if you have interest in becoming involved. The Township will then schedule an informational meeting with you to review the program.

## Help Maintain Clear Access to Fire Hydrants

In order to avoid limiting access to and the use of fire hydrants in the case of a fire or other emergency, Township Code prohibits obstructions to be planted, constructed or placed within six (6) feet of any fire hydrant. Township Code also 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. You can help by keeping fire hydrants located at your property clear of trees, shrubs or other vegetation. Remember, the Municipal Authority also needs clear access to water system operating components such as valves and curb boxes to properly maintain and operate the water system.

## Upcoming Fish Fries



**August 21**  
**September 4**  
**September 18**  
**October 2**  
**October 16**



Held at the Firemen's Social Hall  
5400 Dutch Ridge Road 4 to 7 P.M.