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Newsletter *December 2009*

Scout
Project
Completed
at Two Mile
Run Park

With the help of seven volunteers Sean Loose of Brighton Township built and installed a sign marking the new entrance into Two Mile Run Park. The project served as both Sean's senior project at Beaver Area High School and as a leadership project to earn his Eagle Scout Award. Over 100 hours of work went into the planning and building of the sign. Sean also acquired all materials for the

BRIGHTON
TOWNSHIP
TWO MILE RUN
PARK
2195 GYPSY GLEN RD

Sean Loose is shown with the new sign he constructed at the second entrance at Two Mile Run Park. Sean is the son of Greg & Tina Loose.

project with the help of generous donations from 84 Lumber and Verizon, as well as discounted prices from Lowe's. Additional fundraising was undertaken by Sean to cover project costs.

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Free Christmas Tree Disposal at Yard Waste Site

Christmas trees are an excluded item in the Township's refuse collection contract. However, residents can drop-off Christmas trees at no charge at the Township's yard waste site located at 1250 Brighton Road. Trees must be removed from any tree bag and have all tinsel or other decorations removed.



Evelyn Beckley of Coleman Drive admires the door prize she won while returning from the Holiday Bus Trip to the Dutch Haus. These prizes have become a much anticipated part of the Park & Recreation Board's various bus trip events.



Township residents Frank and Roslyn Oberlitner, Rich Cooper, and Terry and Gail Ackland (Clockwise from left) enjoy a scrumptious meal before viewing the dinner show at the Dutch Haus in Columbiana, Ohio sponsored by your Park & Recreation Board.

Southwestern Pennsylvania Memorial for WW II Veterans 2010 Calendars Available at Municipal Building

They sacrificed so much for us – will you please help us honor them now? A Southwestern Pennsylvania Memorial for WW II Veterans is being built on the North Shore in Pittsburgh near the Del Monte Center and stadiums. Commemorative 2010 calendars are available at a cost of \$10 each to raise funds for this worthwhile endeavor. Not only do they make great gifts, with over 1,000 pictures of veterans from the ten counties of Southwestern PA, they are quite a keepsake.

The 2010 calendars are available at the Township Office. For more information, call Jerry or Lydian Fisher at 724-728-5535 or 724-728-9370. You can also visit www.swpawwll.org for a list of local merchants offering the calendars.

Soliciting Permits Required in Township

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

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



At their September 2009 meeting Supervisors Dennis E. Nichols, Jack E. Erath and Harry W. Wolf, Jr. presented Richard C. Gianvito with his Corporal badge and stripes upon his promotion within the Brighton Township Police Department. The promotion was based upon Corporal Gianvito's hard work and commitment to the safety of the Brighton Township community and residents.

4th Quarter and Final Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that 4th Quarter returns for earned income tax are due by January 31st and Final Returns are due by April 15th. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a one percent (1.0%) 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 the Beaver Area it is mandatory that your employer withhold the tax and your obligation is fulfilled except for the filing of a final return by April 15th. However, it is the employed person's responsibility to pay the tax, so payment should be verified. Failure to file a final return, even when no tax is due, makes individuals liable for penalty. Upcoming payment schedules:

Earned Income Period

4th Qtr: October, November, December Final Return - Verification Needed

Payment is Due

On or Before January 31st By April 15th

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

Need help? Representatives of CENTAX are at the Ft. McIntosh building the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. to assist you, and have added March 31st, April 7th & 14th from 12 Noon to 5:00 P.M. to assist with final returns.

Verification of Crime Watch Programs Encouraged

When requested, the Brighton Township Police Department has assisted in the establishment of Neighborhood Crime Watch Programs. These programs are the only crime watch programs that have been established with the assistance of the Township Police Department. If any group claiming to be a neighborhood crime watch association contacts you, please feel free to contact the Brighton Township Police Department to verify the authenticity of the association or program. Unfortunately, false literature has been used under the banner of non-existent crime watch organizations to produce slanderous material. This technique can also be used to improperly solicit donations.

Questions? Please call the Brighton Township Police Departmet at (724) 728-1134.



WATER BREAKS

Waterline breaks occasionally occur, which affects service to customers of the Brighton Township Municipal Authority, especially during the winter season. When this occurs, the Authority is unable to notify each resident that the water will be temporarily shut off. After the repairs are made, Authority employees flush the water lines to clear them of any dirty water that could 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.

The Authority takes action to expedite repairs to these lines. However, extremely cold or severe weather make 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.

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.



Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office

The Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed March 1, 2010 and the Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed July 1, 2010. If a mortgage company does not hold your taxes in escrow and you do not receive your tax bill, please contact the tax collector.

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

Office Hours: Tuesday - 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 of discount:

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. 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.

Mr. Onuska wishes all residents of Brighton Township a healthy and happy 2010 and looks forward to serving you as your Tax Collector for the next four years.



WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

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

deposit or accumulation of ice or snow of three (3) inches or greater in depth, until the snow has been completely plowed from the full width of the roadway. Violators are subject to a \$15 fine when ticketed by the Police Department, or towing when necessary. The Road Department thanks you for your help in this area.

State Road Maintenance

PA D.O.T. provides winter maintenance on the following: PA Route 60, Tuscarawas Road, Barclay Hill Road, Lisbon Road, Pine Grove Road (from Doyle Drive to Industry), Wildwood Road, Grange Road, Park Road, Brady's Run Road, Achortown Road, and Doyle Drive. Concerns regarding any of these roads should be directed to PA D.O.T. at (724) 774-6610 (answers 24 hours).



Fire Department Appeal Letters Mailed

Each Township resident should have received a copy of the Volunteer Fire Department's annual request for donation. They wish to express their sincere thanks for all those who have responded to the appeal. However, many residents have not responded and your donation is needed to continue the quality fire service that has always been offered by our department. Their service depends largely on the support of the community and your annual donations. Please do your share and mail your donation to Brighton Township VFD, P.O. Box 498, Beaver, PA 15009 or drop it off at the Municipal Building.

The Department sends wishes for a safe and happy holiday to all our residents.

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

January 15 February 5, 19 & 26 March 5, 12, 19 & 26 April 2 & 16

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



Township Continues Support For Library

With a 30% cut in state funding for

libraries, the Beaver Area Memorial Library is relying more upon the local support of its communities and patrons to meet their financial needs. Nearly 1,900 patrons of the Beaver Area Memorial Library, located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver, are from Brighton Township - representing over 20% of all library card holders. The Township is pleased to be able to continue to support the Beaver Area Memorial Library, which is used by so many Township residents, by budgeting a \$19,000 contribution in 2010, an increase of \$1,500. The library also conducts a wide variety of programs for children and adults. We thank the library's staff and Board of Directors for their efforts and hard work in providing the library's many services to our residents. Please consider making a donation of your time and/or money to the library this year. You may contact them at (724) 775-1132.



BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP BASEBALL SOFTBALL CLUB

2010 SEASON

Season's Greetings from the Board of Directors of the Brighton Township Baseball Softball Club. Although technically this time of year is considered to be our off season, planning for the 2010 season has already commenced. We are very excited about implementing some new ideas and prospects regarding activities related to the upcoming baseball and softball seasons.

At the October meeting we held our annual elections for the 2010 season. The new board of directors will begin their term starting January 1st.

BTBSC Board of Directors 2010

President-Doug Berg
Vice President-Rob Sinclair
Secretary-Kim Rose
Treasurer-DJ Ziggas
County Commissioner-Joe Rose
Little League/Minor League Commissioner David Tanner
Knothole Commissioner-Greg Bowser
T-Ball Commissioner-Jeff Suhayda
Softball Commissioner-Char Farkasovsky

All BTBSC league members, coaches, parents, as well as residents of the BT community are encouraged to attend the monthly league meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month @ 7PM at Two Mile Run Lodge. The next meeting is scheduled for January 5th and the full 2010 agenda will be discussed and planned. All input and ideas will be considered as we plot a new course for the new year.

We are actively seeking any volunteers willing to assist with coaching, committees, and sponsorship. Please contact any board member with any requests, suggestions, or questions. Our 2010 membership registration drive will begin near the end of January and will close on March 1st. Please continue to monitor our website @ www.btbsc.org for updates relating to registration times and locations, as well as winter indoor training opportunities.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tire Collection Program a Success

The Township's September 26th waste tire collection program was a big success, with 217 tires collected. The program was conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy at the Township Public Works Site located on Brighton Road. Overall, the Conservancy collected 3,069 tires at various host sites throughout the year. The goal of the program is to provide a legitimate means for the disposal of tires and to prevent their illegal dumping.

Brighton Township Historical Society

The November 10th meeting of the Brighton Township Historical Society featured a presentation by Vietnam Veteran Tom Forster. Tom detailed his experiences flying a Chinook helicopter during the war. Jerry Fisher also shared first person biographies of three local veterans who died during various conflicts.

The society is in the process of merging with the Richmond Little Red Schoolhouse membership, a move aimed to strengthen both organizations. Other projects include producing a map containing old Township road and place names, locating and marking a Revolutionary War campground and researching local pre-Civil War houses.

New members are welcome. Dues will be applied to 2010. To join see below:

	Brighton Township Histor Membership Applic	
Name:		Referred Stateships The Land Rad Books Transfer The Land Rad Books Transfer
		Membership Dues: \$5.00/family/year
•	State: ZIP:	
		3465 Tuscarawas Road Beaver, PA 15009
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Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement & Expansion Project Nears Construction Phase

The PA DEP previously approved an amended Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan and, thereafter, permitting for the upgrade and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Vanport Township. These actions cleared the way for project bids, opened in November. The Boards of BTSA and VTMA are now meeting jointly to discuss financing options that are most favorable for the nearly \$12 million project. As financing options are decided upon, the user rate increase needed to fund the project will be calculated and reported upon.

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.



HDPE



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

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

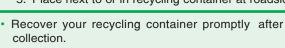
Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

- 1. Rinse thoroughly, remove caps.
- 2. Flatten to save space.
- 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.
 - · 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.



- 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.
- 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.







Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective January 1, 2010

As has been reported on in prior years, the contract for the collection of refuse and recycling includes provisions for changes to the monthly collection charge for fuel cost adjustments on a semi-annual (6-month) basis or if there is an escalation in the tipping fees charged by the landfill(s) utilized by the contracted hauler. Fuel costs are calculated on a specific formula

included in the contract. Based upon posted prices by the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS), the cost of fuel has increased since the implementation date of the contact. The extra tipping fees for the landfill were also recalculated. The calculations result in an increase of \$0.28 per month, based on the contract start date. However, the temporary \$0.15 per month tipping fee recovery for the period April to December 2009 will expire. Therefore, the net effect is an increase of \$0.13 per month. Based on the calculations, the new rate will be as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010	\$9.00
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective January 1, 2006	\$0.17
Tipping Fee escalation calculated effective July 1, 2006	\$0.10
Tipping Fee escalation calculated effective April 1, 2007	\$0.11
Tipping Fee escalation calculated effective July 1, 2008	\$0.09
Tipping Fee Extra Charges – approved effective January 1, 2010	\$0.23
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2010	\$0.13
Tipping Fee - Recycling Center effective April 1, 2009	\$0.33
Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2010	\$10.16
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2010	\$30.48

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.

Please place refuse at the curb for collection by 6:00 AM on your scheduled collection day.

The contract requires **Mandatory Participation** – Each residential unit is required to participate in the contracted refuse and recycling collection program. Brighton Township is also mandated by State law to provide curbside collection of recyclables to each residential unit. Township ordinance also requires mandatory participation in these programs. As the contracted hauler provides the Township with the names and addresses of non-participants, a notice to initiate service will be sent. Continued non-participation can result in the filing of an enforcement notice with potential fines of not less than \$100 nor more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution, for each violation.

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

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

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

Loose debris must be in a box or bag. The contractor will not be required to pick-up loose debris. No steel or iron posts or rods that may damage garbage packers. The collector is not expected to dismantle items placed out for collection. Items specified as items to be separated for recycling are not to be commingled with refuse for the purpose of being discarded.

Items containing Freon gas will not be picked up unless the gas or other cooling material has been properly removed in accordance with applicable laws and proof is provided to the collector.

Recycling – The collector will continue to collect recycling curbside every other week. Residents are to use an easily identifiable green container for placement of the recycling. Holes should be placed in the bottom of the container for drainage. Recycling is mandatory under state law and enforceable by Township ordinance. Recyclable items that are prepared improperly, or are mixed with household refuse, will not be collected, or will be disposed of with the refuse. Please help improve the success rate of the Township's recycling program by properly preparing the materials to be recycled and participating fully.

Please place your recycling container out for collection by 6:00 AM on the day of collection, even if the refuse is collected at a later time. The recycling collection vehicles often precede the refuse truck by several hours. Recycling placed out after the collection vehicle has passed through will not be collected until the next scheduled collection date.

Rental Registration Reminder

Semi-annual rental property registrations will be due on or before February 1, 2010. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Township web page at www.brightontwp.org. It is the responsibility of the landlord to file in a timely manner. Notices are not sent by the Township. If you have had no tenant changes, you may report the information by calling 724-774-4800. Have questions? Please call the Township Office.

2010 Brighton Township Recycling Calendar

WHAT: Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars; Aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans; Aluminum (tin) foil;

Plastic bottles and jugs with the numbers 1 and 2 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 in

GREEN print if Route 1 (areas on and off of Dutch Ridge Road, and Dawson Ridge)

or in *RED* print if Route 2 (Tuscarawas Road from Dutch Ridge to Beaver, and Gypsy Glen Road)

Contact J. Young Refuse at 724-573-0170 for any questions.

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Brighton Township

1300 BRIGHTON ROAD BEAVER, PA 15009

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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.

Brighton Township VFD Station No. 1 Dedicated

On Sunday, December 13, 2009 the newly constructed Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department Station No. 1 was dedicated. The new two-bay substation replaces the old Fire Station No. 1, which was located on Dutch Ridge Road near Chapel Road. The old station was too small and obsolete for the size of today's fire trucks, and was not in current use by the Department to house fire trucks.



Mrs. Donna McCandless performed the ribbon cutting at the dedication ceremony for Brighton Township VFD Station No. 1. The station was dedicated in memory of her late husband, John R. McCandless, Jr. Also shown holding the ribbon are Fire Chief John Curtaccio and Supervisors Harry W. Wolf, Jr., Jack E. Erath and Dennis E. Nichols. The dedication plaque reads:

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP VFD FIRE STATION NO. 1 DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF JOHN R. McCANDLESS, JR. **TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR** JUNE 11, 2001 to JUNE 17, 2009 WHOSE INSPIRATION, PLANNING AND PERSISTENCE MADE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS FIRE STATION POSSIBLE Constructed 2009

Disc Golf Course In Final Stage

The 9-hole disc golf course within the Two Mile Run Park Extension is in the final stage. A minimum of one tee box has been placed for each hole, the fairways have been cleared and the baskets set. Signs are being prepared for each tee location to identify the Par and distance to the basket, and an overall course sign will mark the entrance. Although players have tested the course, the Park & Recreation Board looks forward to the grand opening in the spring.