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## Newsletter

Spring 2013

### **Veteran's Memorial to Be Constructed at Veteran's Memorial Bridge**

The Veteran's Memorial Bridge is currently under construction to span the Beaver River at the northern end of Bridgewater and the southern end of New Brighton. Funds are being raised for the construction of a Veteran's Memorial to honor all veterans. The sponsoring organization is the Vietnam Veterans Beaver County Chapter 862.



*Artist's rendering of completed bridge*

The memorial will be constructed in the quadrant closest to Bridgewater. Funds are being raised through direct donations, and the selling of T-shirts, engraved bricks and paper bricks. More information on the memorial design and how you can help fund its construction can be found at [www.beavercovetsbridgемemorial.com](http://www.beavercovetsbridgемemorial.com) or by calling committee member Jerry Fisher at (724) 728-9370.

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### **Senior Gardening Plots Available**

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

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

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

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

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

# Brighton Twp. Planning Commission - 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

The Brighton Township Planning Commission is comprised of Township residents who are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as an advisory body in matters related to land use within the Township. As part of their function the Commission reviews subdivision and land development plans, and prepares and reviews amendments to land use codes. The Planning Commission was created by Township Ordinance, which sets the terms of membership and establishes the powers and duties of the Commission. Members of the Commission serve as volunteers. The Commission welcomes all input from residents on the Township's land use policies and other matters that fall under their review.

Following is a brief summary of the Commission's formal activities during 2012. During the year the Commission will hear other citizen comments on plan proposals, zoning and land use matters or code change requests. The Commission continues to review the status of existing codes on a regular basis. The Commission's goal is to maintain and improve the character of the Township.

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## Subdivision Application Plan Reviews:

1. Witten Plan of Subdivision ..... 2 Lots @\*
2. Dutch Ridge Associates, L.P. Plan of Subdivision  
(Application in 2011, Commission recommendation 2012) ..... 6 Lots
3. Azur/Gefert and Eggers/Gagianas Plan of Lot Line Revision ..... 2 Lots @\* Line Adjustment
4. Spring Hill Farms Subdivision No. 2 ..... 3 Lots @\*\*
5. El Shaddai Estates Consolidated Plan (combine 3 lots into 1 lot) ..... 1 Lot @\*
6. Perry Subdivision No. 1 ..... 2 Lots @\*
7. J.K. Turbish Plan ..... 2 Lots @\*\* Line Adjustment
8. Ridgeway Plan of Subdivision No. 3 ..... 2 Lots @\*#
9. Plan of Subdivision McCarthy and Sheffer ..... 2 Lots \*\* Line Adjustment
10. Plan of Subdivision Powers & Coleman ..... 2 Lots @\*
11. Spokane Consolidation Plan (combine 2 lots into 1 lot) ..... 1 Lot @\*

@ Denotes final approval granted by Board of Supervisors - plan recorded.

\* Denotes 1 lot with existing dwelling.

# Denotes lot with non-building waiver

**Sewage Planning Modules:** The Commission reviewed and approved PA DEP Sewage Planning Modules as follows:

- For one new on-lot system for the Spring Hill Farms Subdivision.
- For a non-building waiver on Lot No. 4 of the Ridgeway Plan of Subdivision No. 3.
- For a non-building waiver and non-building declaration for the McCarthy & Sheffer Plan of Subdivision.

**Conditional Use Application for Chesapeake:** A Conditional Use application was filed by Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC c/o Chesapeake Energy Corporation, 151 Hillpointe Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317 for Oil and Gas Development (natural gas well site) for Jenkins Pad A located at 985 Neville Road on the property owned by Leroy James Jenkins, Sr. & Lois Jean Bobish. Oil and Gas Development is a permitted Conditional Use in the R-2 Agricultural Residential District. The Commission prepared a comprehensive list of conditions as part of their approval recommendation. Conditional Use approval was subsequently issued by the Board of Supervisors.

## Land Use Ordinance Preparation:

**Zoning Code Amendments:** The Commission prepared amendments to the Zoning Code to come into compliance with PA Act 13 of 2012 – The Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Act. The ordinance proposal was filed in July 2012 with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for an advisory opinion on the ordinance's compliance with PA Act 13 of 2012 (The Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Act) and the PA MPC. However, certain provisions of the Act are before the PA Supreme Court to determine their compliance with PA Constitution. The Court heard arguments on October 17<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh. A decision has not been issued by the Court. Therefore, further consideration of the ordinance proposal has been deferred.

**Zoning Code Amendments:** The Commission prepared amendments to the Zoning Code that would create a MU-1 Mixed Use District out of parts of the current C-2 Highway Commercial District. Further consideration of those amendments was put on hold following a public meeting where the proposal was reviewed for the affected property owners.

## Other Business Items

**Official Map – Ordinance No. 180:** The Board of Supervisors, following a public hearing, adopted Ordinance No. 180 – adopting an Official Map. Planning Commission prepared the Official Map after authorization by the Board of Supervisors to do so. An Official Map is a planning process authorized by the PA Municipalities Planning Code to designate areas for current and future public land use and facilities. The Official Map process was recommended for consideration during the comprehensive plan process. The Official Map prepared and recommended by the Commission identifies two properties for future parks and open space acquisition. The proposal was sent to the Beaver County Planning Commission for their review and comment, and to all adjacent municipalities as required by the PA MPC prior to its adoption.

**Comprehensive Plan Review:** The Planning Commission will prepare during the following year a RFP for an update to the existing plan or preparation of a new Brighton Township Comprehensive Plan.

**FREE BUS TRIP FOR WWII VETERANS** - May 21<sup>st</sup> is the next date for a one day trip to visit the National WWII Memorial and the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC. The trip is for WWII Veterans and is free. For more information and/or reservations, please call Lydian Fisher 724-728-9370.

## Growing Up On A Brighton Township Family Farm

The Brighton Township Historical Society presents this article as a nostalgic view of childhood on a family farm in Brighton Township. Our backdrop is the rolling hilly landscape of the Township circa early 1940's. A panoramic perspective of the area at the time would have revealed a landscape of farm houses, large barns and fields.

Our focus centers around two young kids, a boy and a girl, growing up on two separate farms. Now long into adulthood, both shared with us a few memories and reflections of family life on a Brighton Township farm.

Both farms are now long gone and only exist on memory lane. But those memories are still very vivid for Patrick Haffey. The Haffey Farm could only be characterized as a "family farm." In the early 1940's the farm was owned by Pat's parents Edward and Hazel. Started in 1889 by his Grandfather, the 99 acre farm was handed down. Pat was one of seven sons and three daughters.

The Haffey Farm was located in the general area of the Friendship Ridge complex. Specifically, a two-story red brick house was located at the present site of the American Red Cross. A long, straight dirt lane from Dutch Ridge Road led to the family farmhouse. Near the house were a large barn of weathered wood and two large well-used chicken coops. By 1940 the house had electricity and water. Water was supplied by five wells. Incredibly, as Pat points out, the wells were hand dug and at least forty feet deep.

The primary function of the Haffey Farm and other local farms in the early 1940's was milk production. Milk was by nature immune to the seasonality of farming. Milk, a cash crop, produced a steady flow of income throughout the year. The Haffey operation also incorporated chicken and egg production. The farm size could support as many as twenty to twenty-five cows and 1,000 chickens. Chickens were raised to maturity and sold or kept as egg-laying hens. Like other working farms in Brighton Township, vegetable gardens, orchards and hog raising were to lesser extent part of the farm mix. Field crops, corn and grains were generally used as animal feed.

In 1940 Pat was 10 years old and recalls each day starting at around 6:00 am. The first order of business was cow milking and barn cleaning. He said at that point in time hand milking prevailed. Hand strength was the key to milking a cow fast and efficiently. Pat mentioned, laughingly, you could always tell a real dairy farmer by his hand shake. "You thought he was going to crush your hand." Everyone was busy at that time of the morning and chores were completed about 7:30 am. The cows were released in the pasture. Typically and traditionally, a farm breakfast was then served. Then off to school, walking to one of Brighton Township's one room schools. Pat attended the Armstrong School. The one room school was conveniently located adjacent to the farm. It still exists today as a private residence.

Three and a half miles beyond the Haffey Farm was the Jones Dairy Farm which was owned by Jefferson and Hazel Jones. Three daughters, two of which were twins, and an Uncle resided on the farm. The twin daughters were named Velma Jean and Wilma Jane. Velma Jean or as she is called "Jean" shares with us her recollections.

In 1940 she is a ten year old on the farm. The 150 acre farm was started in 1909 by her grandfather and was located at what is now the Michael Baker Jr. Corporation site. At that time the farm was located on both sides of Dutch Ridge Road. In fact, two houses



one part of the farm are still in use today. The barn was located along with the family homestead and other out buildings on the north side of Dutch Ridge Road. The Jones Farm supported twenty to thirty milking cows. Also, the Jones' operation sold vegetables in season.

The morning program was not unlike mornings at the Haffey's or other dairy operations in the Township. After school, Jean indicated, the morning routine was duplicated around 7:30 pm. She walked home after school at 4:00 pm with her siblings from the original Barclay one room school, located in the vicinity of the water tower at the intersection of Tuscarawas Road and Dutch Ridge Road. After family supper, the evening routine would begin. Unlike the morning, it also involved the additional effort of herding the cows from the fields back to the milking barn. Jean shared that the kids often rode ponies to accomplish this task. At times cows in the far fields had to cross Dutch Ridge Road on the way back to the barn. While cows were slow, she said, the herd rarely held up traffic. After all, in the early 1940's that part of Dutch Ridge Road was sparsely populated or traveled.

Similarity in the Jones and Haffey Farm operations while obvious do depart in one important aspect. The Jones farm sold milk via home delivery, milk route and milkman. Whereas, the Haffey's sold their milk in bulk to a milk delivery operator in Midland. Pat pointed out that the competition from other farmers engaged in home delivery was intense. Jean's Dad processed and delivered milk door to door in Beaver, Bridgewater, Rochester and Monaca. Also, cleaning and sanitizing milk bottles was a major procedure. However, the Haffey's were not left out of the door-to-door retail business; every Saturday was egg delivery day throughout the area.

This has been a brief glimpse at a farm lifestyle of the early 1940's. But Pat and Jean did not want to end on that note. Pat wanted to make it clear that farm youngsters weren't engaged in endless heavy hard work and drudgery. Jean echoed that sentiment by adding kids never were expected to do anything that they physically were incapable of performing. Everyone pitched in and worked on a family farm. Pat made clear that they had free time though. He and his buddies played mush ball, engaged in horseback riding, hunted and fished. A smile crossed Jean's face recalling sled riding behind the Barclay School with her friends. "Sure we kept busy back then, but that was the way life was." Pat said, "I am proud of the hard work I did."

By now some readers have figured out who Velma Jean Jones is. Other readers have concluded that this article might have been a better human interest tale. After all, two people share similar backgrounds, upbringings and values forged by farm life. They probably should have gotten married; they would have lived happily ever after. As a matter of fact, they did marry. After 63 years, 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, Pat and Jean Haffey still live on a part of the original Jones Farm right here in Brighton Township.

## Non-Residential Recycling Requirements

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

## Real Estate Tax Information

The 2013 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills were mailed March 1, 2013.

Unpaid 2012 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be filed April 1, 2013.

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

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

**Office Hours:** Tuesday - 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
 Wednesday - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
 Thursday - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Last two (2) Saturdays of each month of the discount:  
 (July & August) - 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

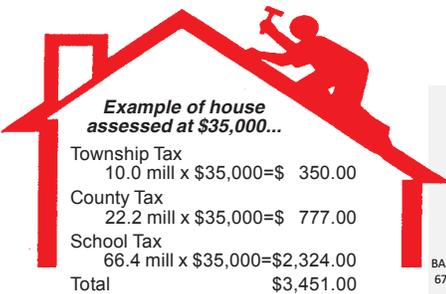
Personal appointments may be made by contacting the tax office.

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

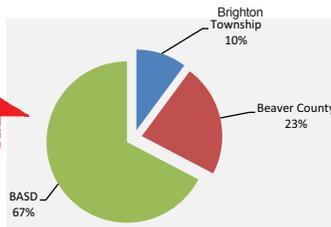
**NOTE:** When mailing, please do not include your tax payments within the same envelope as your water & sewer payments. These items should be mailed independent of each other. Those utilizing bill payment services should also notify their bank of this requirement.

### REAL ESTATE TAX DOLLAR

Taxing District	Mills Assessed
Brighton Township	10.0
Beaver County	22.2
Beaver Area School	66.4



### Real Estate Tax Distribution



## Thank you from the Fire Department

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all those who have responded to their appeal for donations. However for those residents who have not responded, it is not too late to send a donation. These funds are used to continue the quality fire and emergency medical services that have always been offered by the Department. 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. Remember, your Fire Department is 100% volunteer.

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.

## Building & Zoning Permit Requirements

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

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

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

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

### Building Permit Activity for 2012

Single Family Dwellings	12
Quadrplex (4-units)	1
Residential Additions/Sunrooms	10
Porches/Decks	20
Roofs	2
Ramp	1
Pergola/Pavilion	2
Garages/Carports	10
Sheds/Out Buildings	18
Swimming Pools	16
Signs	1
Nonresidential	13
Building Repairs/Remodels	1
Demolitions	2

**Estimated Construction Value** ..... \$6,450,978.84

## Use of Disc Golf Course Increasing

Become part of the growing group of people who use the Brighton Township Disc Golf Course. New tee pads were installed last year, and a dedicated group of volunteers continues to improve the course by clearing underbrush along the fairways.

The 9-hole par 35 course has both red and white tee boxes, with the course length for the red tees being 3,179 LF and the white tees 4,047 LF. The course is located within the Two Mile Run Park Extension beyond the Public Works Garage at 1250 Brighton Road. A scorecard is available for printing from the Township web site on the Recreation Page located in the Resident's Center. Not sure how to play, the web site also has a listing of rules for recreation play. The course is open during daylight hours seven days per week, and there is no cost to play. If you are looking for other players, send your contact information to brightwp@brightontwp.org and you will be put in touch with other local players who frequent the course.

### Enjoy the Walking Trail Too!

Not a disc golfer? Then you can enjoy the one-mile paved walking trail that is also available in the park. The trail is 10-foot wide, well maintained and has beautiful views of the woodlands and open meadow. The trail has several hills to provide a nice challenge for those who enjoy their exercise. Plenty of parking is available.

## Additional Items Added to Curbside Recycling Program

In addition to newspapers and glossy paper magazines, you may now include phone books, manila & brown folders, junk mail and all paper to your curbside collection items. All plastic containers labeled #1-7 can be included with your commingled items, excluding Styrofoam type takeout food containers. Aseptic containers (milk cartons) can be recycled as well. Continue to recycle clear, brown and green bottles and jars, aluminum, bi-metal and tin food and beverage containers, and aluminum foil. Please refer to the Recycling Is Easy graphic for more information on what

can be recycled and the proper way to prepare your recycling materials!

**Crush & Flatten Recycled Materials** – with more items able to be recycled, and the increase in participation, it is more important than ever to crush and/or flatten plastic containers, aseptic containers, and any other items that can be flattened. These types of containers and items take up a lot of space and limit the volume of recycling that can be collected within the recycling truck. Crushing and flattening the recycled items reduces the time and cost associated with the collection of our recycling.



**RECYCLING IS EASY!**



**RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

 <p><b>Manila &amp; Brown Folders</b></p>	 <p><b>Newspaper &amp; Phone Books</b></p>
 <p><b>Glossy Paper &amp; Magazines</b></p>	 <p><b>Junk Mail</b></p>
 <p><b>Tin &amp; Aluminum</b></p>	 <p><b>Glass</b></p>
 <p><b>Aseptic Containers</b></p>	 <p><b>Plastic</b> All containers labeled #1-7</p>

### How to Prepare Your Materials

#### Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

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

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

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

#### Glass (Clear, Brown and Green Bottles and Jars)

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

#### Aseptic Containers (Milk Cartons)

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

#### Newspaper and Other Paper Products

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

#### Remember...

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

**NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

 <p><b>Food Waste</b></p>	 <p><b>Glass Pane &amp; Pyrex</b></p>
 <p><b>Food Containers</b></p>	 <p><b>Ink/Toner Cartridges</b></p>

## Summer Playground Program

Looking for a fun and safe environment for your elementary age children this summer? Then you will want to participate in the 2013 Summer Playground Program! Brighton Township, in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District, has once again contracted with the YMCA to conduct a Summer Playground Program at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. The 6-week program runs from June 17<sup>th</sup> to July 26<sup>th</sup>, is for students in K-5<sup>th</sup> grade and is operated from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm YMCA trained staff supervise the program and provide needed resources; including games, crafts, sports and special events. All YMCA staff members hold current CPR and First Aid certifications. There is no registration fee to participate in the program. Information will be provided through handouts to the children at school. Please watch for more details later this year.

## Sewer Deduct Meters Available

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority (B TSA), in cooperation with the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA), have made a program available to water customers to have a separate meter installed to measure the flow of water that does not enter the sanitary sewer system. This meter typically reads water used outside for watering lawns or gardens, washing vehicles or **filling swimming pools**. This sewer deduct meter is read at the same time as your water meter at the end of each quarter. The reading on the sewer meter is deducted from the excess use based on the water meter reading. The minimum amount billed during each quarter remains at twelve thousand gallons. Absent a sewer meter, no credit will be given for outside water use, such as filling your swimming pool.

The cost of the additional meter is one hundred & fifty dollars (\$150.00). This one-time charge includes the meter and installation. Payment in advance to BTMA is required. All inside plumbing revisions will be at the expense of the owner and are subject to inspection prior to meter installation. Applications for sewer meter installation are available within the Resident's Center on the Water & Sewage Authorities Page or the Application & Forms Page of the Township web site [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org).



## V.F.D. 2012 Annual Report

Fire Chief Kevin Crawford has issued the following 2012 statistical report for the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

TYPE	NUMBER
Structural .....	57
Brush .....	7
Vehicle .....	5
Vehicle Rescue .....	11
Miscellaneous .....	24
Carbon Monoxide .....	8
QRS .....	177
Mutual Aid .....	39
<b>Total Calls .....</b>	<b>328</b>
<b>Total Volunteer Man Hours .....</b>	<b>1,992*</b>

\*Does not include volunteer hours for training, department and vehicle maintenance and public education & fund raising activities.

Please remember that your Fire Department is **TOTALLY VOLUNTEER**. The Department is looking for members 18 years of age or older. The Department permits Junior members ages 16 and 17. Volunteers are also needed for the Ladies Auxiliary. Stop in at Fire Station No. 3 on Grange Road on Mondays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm if you want more information or are interested in volunteering.

**Fire Hydrants** – Township code makes it unlawful for any person, other than those authorized by the Township, Fire Department or Municipal Authority, to open, tamper with or interfere in any manner with any fire hydrant. No obstructions are to be planted, constructed or placed within six (6) feet of any hydrant.

**Burning** – Burning of household papers or other permitted refuse must be done within a salamander wire basket or masonry enclosure with a top to prevent fly ash from escaping. Such burning is prohibited on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays or legal holidays. Burning is permitted Wednesday through Saturday between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm Please monitor all outdoor burning activity closely to prevent brush and other wild fires.

### Upcoming Fish Fries

March 15, 22, 29 - April 5, 19 - May 3, 17 - June 7

## 2012 Annual Police Department Report

Chief of Police Howard Blinn has issued the following Department statistics for 2012:

Hours Worked .....	21,655
Miles Patrolled .....	152,621
Accidents Investigated .....	105
Criminal Arrests .....	70
Moving Traffic Citations Issued .....	1,398
Nonmoving Traffic Citations Issued .....	38
Traffic Warnings Issued .....	130
Parking Violations .....	69
Fines Collected .....	\$41,448
Home Security Alarms Answered .....	143
Assists to Other Departments .....	101
911 Calls .....	101
Aid to Sick or Injured .....	549
Animal Calls .....	161
Vacation Checks .....	77
Business Check/Closure .....	1,344



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

- **Vacation Checks** - If you are going to be away from your home for a period of time, the Police Department will make periodic checks on your residence while you are away. Prior to leaving, phone the department at 724-728-1134 with departure and return dates.
- **Dogs** - It is unlawful for the owner of any dog in Brighton Township to permit the dog to run at large upon any street or upon the property of any other than the owner or keeper. Dogs are prohibited in Township Parks.
- **Soliciting or Peddling** - Soliciting and peddling is regulated within the Township and requires the securing of a license. Soliciting or peddling is prohibited on Sundays and holidays, before 9:30 am or after sunset or 6:00 pm, whichever occurs first.
- **Parking** - Vehicles must be parked on the right-hand side of the road with the flow of traffic or it will be subject to ticketing.
- **Curfew** - It is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to be or remain in or upon any street, park or public place in the Township between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am unless a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody accompanies the person.

### Please Keep Remote Meter Reading Device Clear

With Spring right around the corner we ask each homeowner to help our water meter readers 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.

## Time to Renew Your Yard Waste Permit!

### 2013 Yard Waste Permit Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



All 2012 Yard Waste Composting Site Permits expired February 28th and must be renewed for use of the site. Permits may be renewed as follows:

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

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

During the past year the Township experienced numerous occasions of improper use of the site. Only grass, leaves, brush/tree limbs are to be deposited at the site. Please refer to the rules and regulations for site use. Plastic bags, stones, boards, landscape timbers and garbage are not acceptable. Disposal of unauthorized materials can damage the equipment used to operate the site, and can cause other hazards. Use of the

site without a valid permit or in violation of the rules can result in enforcement action. The site is under video surveillance. If you have any questions about our composting site, please call 724-774-4800.

## The Annual Brighton Township EASTER EGG HUNT

Will take place on  
Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 11:00 am  
At Two Mile Run Park

### PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Register on line at [www.brightontwp.org](http://www.brightontwp.org) under  
Events Registration on the Home Page

Or

By going to the Municipal Building or mailing  
in the registration form provided.

All Brighton Township Children age 2-10 are  
invited to participate.

There will be prizes for different age  
categories.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Easter Bunny will be there, so be sure to bring  
your camera.

It will be a fun time for all!!!



## 16th Annual Brighton Township Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30, 2013 11:00 am - Two Mile Run Park

Register children age 2 thru 10 at the  
township office by Monday, March 25, 2013

Adults & children under 2 are welcome at Shultz  
Lodge for cookies and beverage

Treat Bags will be furnished for the eggs which are  
filled with candy and prizes.

The egg hunt starts promptly at 11:00 am  
so arrive early to sign in !

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Resident \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



## Final & First Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Final Earned Income Tax Returns are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a 1% tax on gross earnings. This tax is paid to the Beaver Area School District and Brighton Township at 1/2 of 1% each. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty. If you were/are employed in Pennsylvania it is mandatory, with a few exceptions, that your employer withholds the tax and your obligation is fulfilled except for the filing of a final return by April 15<sup>th</sup>. However, it is the employed person's responsibility to pay the tax so payment should be verified. **Failure to file a final return, even when no tax is due, makes individuals liable for penalty.** Upcoming payment schedules:

### Earned Income Period                      Payment is Due

Final Return - Verification Needed    By April 15<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> Qtr: January, February, March      On or before April 30<sup>th</sup>

The EIT Collector for all of Beaver County, including Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District, is Berkheimer. All 2012 final returns and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013 estimated payments should 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.**

### NOTICE

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

## Park Rules & Regulations Reminder

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

- HOURS – SUNRISE TO SUNSET

### THE FOLLOWING ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED:

- Possession, use, or under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.
- Boisterous, immoral, or indecent conduct.
- Threatening, abusive, profane or obscene language.
- Littering.
- Damaging, defacing, destroying or moving Township-owned property.
- Fires except in facilities provided for such purposes.
- Mini bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts, ATVs or other motorized vehicles.
- Bicycles on or around any playing field or surface.
- Climbing on fences, backstops or buildings.
- Hitting golf balls on any playing field or surface.
- Dogs or horses or any domesticated animals.
- Soliciting.
- Cleaning, servicing or repairing vehicles.
- Leaving vehicles in park after closing hours.

VIOLATIONS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF  
NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.00.

A complete list of rules & regulations is available at the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. The above are enforced in accordance with Township Code Chapter 133.

# 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.

## Stay Connected with Monthly E-Newsletter

Want to know what is going on locally? Stay connected with our monthly Current Events e-news. This electronic newsletter is sent around the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and is packed full of current events over the next three months. It is tailored to events that are of interest to residents of Brighton Township, although anyone can sign-up for it. How do you get it? Go to the Township's web site and look for the sign-up link right on the home page in the left hand column. Get connected today!

## Easter Bunny Breakfast



The Easter Bunny will visit the Brighton Township VFD Social Hall located at 5400 Dutch Ridge Road on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am to 12 noon as a special guest of the Ladies Auxiliary for their All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast will include a variety of pancakes (regular, chocolate chip, blueberry & strawberry), sausage, coffee, juice and milk. The breakfast is available at the bargain price of \$6 for adults and \$5 for children 3-10 years old. There will also be a Chinese Auction and an opportunity to have your child's picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Come on out and join the Easter Bunny for breakfast!