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Newsletter
March 2010

Be Counted in 2010

For the first time since 1930 all addresses in the United States will receive a census short form. During 2009 census workers canvassed the country to update addresses and maps from the previous census. Locally, the population census determines a portion of the Township's liquid fuels allocation for the next ten years, and is used in determining funding for other grant opportunities. The following timeline applies for the census:

- March 2010 – More than 130 million addresses throughout the nation will receive a census form by mail or from a census worker. All households should complete and return the form upon receipt.
- April 1, 2010 – Census Day! Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies.
- April through July – Because every person matters, addresses that have not responded will be visited in person by a census worker. Census workers can be identified by a census badge.
- December 31, 2010 – The Census Bureau will provide the 2010 apportionment counts to the President. This includes the total population counts and the number of representatives for each state.

For more information go to www.2010.census.gov.

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Township Receives Recognition for Newsletter

Brighton Township was recently awarded a third place finish in the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors' 42nd Annual Township Citizen Communication Contest among townships with a population of 5,001 to 10,000 for its quarterly newsletter. The newsletter was judged on the usefulness of the information presented, how well it was communicated to our residents, and the overall attractiveness and readability of the publication. The Association represents Pennsylvania's 1,455 townships of the second class, which have more residents, 5.4 million, than any other type of political subdivision in the commonwealth.



John Curtaccio takes his oath of office as a Township Supervisor following his election to a 6-year term, and before assuming his office on January 4th. John has been an employee of the Sewage Authority for the past 26 years and is a 32-year member of the Fire Department. John has been a resident of Brighton Township for 47 years. He and his wife Robin have three sons.

Park & Recreation Board News

It's been one heck of a winter, but your Park & Rec Board has been hard at work, between the never ending shoveling of snow, in planning a host of events for the coming year. A Family Night Movie, with free pizza and drinks, was scheduled for February 6 at the Two Mile Run Lodge. But alas the event had to be cancelled because of the two feet of snow that fell on the area over that weekend. The remaining schedule of events follows. It is suggested that you clip this article and save it for future reference. Watch the Township signs for more information as the events near.

- 1 Our 13th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Two Mile Run Park on Saturday, April 3, at 11am. Participants 2-10 years of age will need to register for this, and registration forms can be found on-line at www.brightontwp.org, at the Township Office, or elsewhere in this newsletter. We need completed forms returned by March 30. Adults and children under age two are welcome in the Lodge for refreshments, as are all participants.
- 2 A trip to PNC Park to watch the new Buccos play ball is scheduled for sometime in June. We are working with the Pirates ticket office to secure good seats at a good price. One nice feature of these trips is that the bus drops us off at the gate, so it's really much more convenient and less expensive than driving yourself. Watch for further information when a date is firmed up.
- 3 On Tuesday, August 3, a trip on the Kiski Junction Railroad will be held. This working Railroad has several comfortable coach cars and a caboose, all with tables, to enhance a very scenic hour long trip through the area. The KJRR serves a couple of industries, and so if there is an order, we'll get to watch them switch cars from the siding onto the train. We'll stop for lunch in the area and probably serve a snack and drinks while on the train. To view details of this exciting excursion, go to www.kiskijunction.com.
- 4 Our popular visit to wine country has been scheduled for Thursday, September 30. Tentative plans call for a trip to an Ohio vineyard, with lunch at the winery, followed by a visit to one of the area's cheese making facilities. This is always one of our most popular trips.
- 5 For the very first time, we are planning a family Halloween Party for Saturday evening, October 30. The event will be held at Two Mile Run Park with activities in and outside of the Lodge. There'll be food, fun and contests befitting the Holiday, so mark your calendars now.
- 6 After a one-year break, we'll be going back to the Riverside Inn in Cambridge Springs, PA for our Holiday Bus Trip on Saturday, December 11. The Inn is always beautifully decorated for the season, and we will be enjoying another sumptuous meal and entertaining stage play in their dinner (luncheon) theatre.

Finally, we are considering a Murder Mystery Dinner at Shakespeare's in North Sewickley Township for an undetermined, as yet, date. Shakespeare's has not yet set a schedule, but when one is established we will discuss getting a Group Rate from them to attend. We would probably not charter a bus for this trip, but have everyone carpool, given the short distance involved.

As always, if you have an idea for something we can look into, don't hesitate to contact any Board Member. And if you aren't receiving the latest Brighton Township area news, log onto our monthly E-Letter. Just go to 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.

Township Plans for Disc Golf Course Grand Opening

Plans are underway to have an official grand opening event at the Brighton Township Disc Golf Course the first weekend in May. The Par 35 course has 9 baskets, and is located within the Two Mile Run Park Extension beyond the Public Works Garage at 1250 Brighton Road. The course is a combination of woodlands and open meadows and is fun to play, but challenging. The Township Public Works Department will be putting the finishing touches on the course this spring in preparation for the event.

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).

Mark your calendars, and watch for more information on this upcoming event!

Please Support the Fire Department's Paper Recycling

Residents are urged to continue supporting the Brighton Township VFD's paper recycling efforts to raise funds. Abitibi Consolidated has placed their familiar green and yellow recycling containers at the Social Hall, 5400 Dutch Ridge Road and Fire Station No. 2 on Tuscarawas Road. During 2009 the Department collected over 98 tons of material. The success of the program benefits the Department. Also, with the addition of a tipping fee by the recycling center for the residential program, this is a way to reduce the cost of recycling.



Please do not drop off unacceptable materials. Please follow these instructions:

Acceptable Items: Magazines, Cards (greeting and post), Office Paper, Reader's Digest, Hard back books (covers removed), Calendars, Junk Mail, Newspapers & Inserts, NCR Paper, Catalogs, Manila folders, Notebooks
Any of these items can be placed in a brown paper bag – NO Plastic Bags Please!

Unacceptable Items: Cereal boxes, Milk Cartons, Food Cartons, Phone Books, Cardboard, No kitchen or bathroom paper products, No thin gray packaging material.

Winter Weather Draws to Close – Spring Road Maintenance to Begin

A winter to remember descended upon Brighton Township this year, with February being especially memorable for its large snowfall the first weekend of the month and the continued snow throughout the remaining days. These events have kept the Township Road Department very busy as they responded to the winter road maintenance needs of our residents. We would like to recognize them for their dedication and efforts through those long hours and nights.

The winter weather has stretched the budget dollar too, as additional salt and anti-skid materials were needed for the winter. As we enter spring the Department will be at work again to address the effects of the winter on our roads. In the coming months the Board of Supervisors, Road Foreman and Township Engineer will be evaluating the road conditions and setting work schedules for the oil & chip program, storm drainage, road paving and related work.

Real Estate Tax Information

The Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills were 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 did not receive your tax bill, please contact the tax collector.

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

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 the discount period:
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

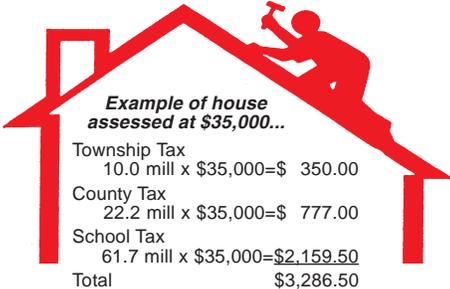
Mr. Onuska will hold extended office hours from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, the last day of the discount period.

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.

| Taxing Body | 2010 Mills Assessed |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Brighton Township | 10.0 |
| Beaver County | 22.2 |
| BASD | 61.7 |
| Total RE Millage | 93.9 |

Real Estate Tax Bill



Example of house assessed at \$35,000...

| | |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Township Tax | 10.0 mill x \$35,000=\$ 350.00 |
| County Tax | 22.2 mill x \$35,000=\$ 777.00 |
| School Tax | 61.7 mill x \$35,000=\$2,159.50 |
| Total | \$3,286.50 |



Building 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 processing and review of your permit application if you are planning a construction project this year.

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

Building Permit Activity for 2009

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Single Family Dwellings | 4 |
| Quadraplex | 1 |
| Trailer | 1 |
| Residential Additions/Sunrooms | 9 |
| Porches/Decks | 19 |
| Roof | 8 |
| Garages | 7 |
| Sheds/Out Buildings | 17 |
| Swimming Pools | 6 |
| Signs | 4 |
| Nonresidential | 13 |
| Other (Ramp) | 1 |
| Expired Permits Reissued | 2 |
| Estimated Construction Value | \$13,224,530 |

Township to Host Town Hall Meeting

Brighton Township will host a Town Hall Meeting for State Representative Jim Christiana on Wednesday, May 12th in the Municipal Building from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The Town Hall Meeting is for residents in the communities of Brighton Township, Patterson Heights Borough and Patterson Township.

Emergency Notification System Established - Residents Asked to Update Contact Information



The Municipal Authority has implemented the services of Swiftreach Networks, Inc. as its emergency notification provider to comply with PA DEP Public Notification Rules. 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 and look for this 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.

Beaver Area Heritage Museum celebrates 100 years of Scouting

The spring exhibit of the Beaver Area Heritage Museum celebrates 100 years of Scouting, honoring the formation of the Boy Scouts of America from several youth groups, with an emphasis on BSA's Old Fort McIntosh District (1943-1990). The Beaver Area's scouting leaders, such as Dr. Everett Partridge and George Wildman, were ahead of the nation with innovative endeavors. Doc Partridge, seeing a need for older boys to have more adventurous excursions than those offered by the Boy Scouts, began taking his Scout unit on Canadian wilderness canoeing trips, forming the Canoe Trails program in 1947, two years before BSA started the Explorers, Scouting's high adventure program. In 1965, George Wildman, who had both a son and a daughter, took over training of the Canoe Trails boys. Under Wildman's leadership, Canoe Trails allowed Girl Scouts to go on canoeing adventures in 1966, three years before the Boy Scouts of America became co-ed in 1969. Today, Beaver County's 870 Eagle Scouts attest to the strong heritage of Scouting in the area.

The exhibit will include a treasure trove of scouting-related artifacts: a 1911 Boy Scout Handbook in pristine condition; a Fort McIntosh District BSA flag (donated to the Museum by Mike Shovlin, Scoutmaster of Troop 406); and Scouting patches, photographs, and equipment belonging to local Scouts through the years. Also on display is the artwork of Norman Rockwell, an unknown portrait painter who walked into the Boy Scouts of America's national office in New York City to offer his services. Rockwell, who had done artwork for WWI war bonds, was hired as an illustrator for *Boys' Life* magazine in 1913, and was the artist for the Boy Scouts' calendar. This work propelled Rockwell's career, landing him a job with the Saturday Evening Post. Tying the exhibit together is a timeline spanning from the late 1890s to present day, charting BSA's national development.

The exhibit opened with a ribbon cutting on March 13th. While the exhibit is open, several local troops will camp beside the log house. All former troop members are asked to come and visit the current troops as they camp, bringing pictures and memories to share.

Brighton Township Historical Society

The Brighton Township Historical Society recently merged with the Richmond Little Red School House Committee, producing one stronger organization. The most recent program conducted by the Historical Society was on March 9th at Schultz Lodge with featured speaker Sarah Buffington, curator at Old Economy.

The society actively seeks any documents relating to Brighton Township. Latest acquisitions for archives include ledgers for the Zinkan gas station and store once located at the corner of Dutch Ridge and Brady's Ridge Roads, donated by Kristine Totstky, and "Down a Country Road" by Audrey McLaughlin Bair as well as a history of the Morgan family donated by Ed Zinkan.

New members are welcome. To join see details below.



Brighton Township Historical Society Membership Application



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail address: _____

Membership Dues:
 \$5.00/family/year

Remit to:
 John McGreal
 3465 Tuscarawas Road
 Beaver, PA 15009

Additional Family Members: _____

Membership-Publicity: _____ Oral History: _____ Archives: _____

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

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 2010 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 program is operated for students in K-5th grade, is 4 weeks in length and is operated from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. YMCA trained staff supervise the program and provide needed resources; including games, crafts, sports and special events. There is no registration fee to participate in the program, which will begin near the end of June. Please watch for more details later this year.

Final & First Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that Final Earned Income Tax Returns are due by April 15th. 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 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 parties 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
 Final Return - Verification Needed
 1st Qtr: January, February, March

Payment is Due
 By April 15th
 On or before April 30th

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 and 14th from Noon to 5:00 P.M. to assist with final returns.



V.F.D. 2009 Annual Report

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department 2009 Annual Report issued by Fire Chief John Curtaccio included the following statistics regarding calls for assistance:

| TYPE | NUMBER |
|--|---------------|
| Structural | 68 |
| Brush | 7 |
| Vehicle | 10 |
| Vehicle Rescue | 27 |
| Miscellaneous | 36 |
| Carbon Monoxide | 4 |
| QRS | 184 |
| Mutual Aid | 18 |
| Total Calls | 354 |
| Total Volunteer Man Hours | 2,501* |

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

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 or legal holidays, before 7:00 A.M. or after 7:00 P.M. Please monitor all outdoor burning activity closely to prevent brush and other wild fires.

2009 Annual Police Department Report

Chief of Police Howard Blinn has issued the following Department statistics for 2009:

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| Hours Worked | 21,159 |
| Miles Patrolled | 143,020 |
| Accidents Investigated | 91 |
| Criminal Arrests | 97 |
| Moving Traffic Citations Issued | 1,653 |
| Nonmoving Traffic Citations Issued | 81 |
| Traffic Warnings Issued | 101 |
| Parking Violations | 89 |
| Fines Collected | \$39,692 |
| Home Security Alarms Answered | 137 |
| Assists to Other Departments | 138 |
| 911 Calls | 125 |
| Aid to Sick or Injured | 353 |
| Animal Calls | 167 |
| Vacation Checks | 76 |
| Business Check/Closure | 1,199 |



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 A.M. or after sunset or 6:00 P.M., whichever occurs first.
- **Parking** - Vehicles must be parked on the right-hand side of the road with the flow of traffic.
- **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 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. unless a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody accompanies the person.

Meter Reader's Dilemma

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.

Brighton Twp. Planning Commission - 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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The members of the Brighton Township Planning Commission are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as an advisory body in matters related to land use within the Township. The Commission is comprised of Township residents who volunteer their time to review land use proposals, such as subdivision and land developments, and who also develop and review amendments for land use codes. 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 activities during 2009. During the year the Commission also heard 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 members each take pride in their community and strive to maintain and improve the character of the Township.

Subdivision Application Plan Reviews:

1. Aspen Fields Plan of Lots Phase II 24 Lots
(Application filed in 2008, Planning Commission approval in 2009)
2. Oakwood Plan No. 3 2 Lots* Line Adjustment
(Application filed in 2008, Planning Commission denial in 2009)
3. Donald & Judith Lang Plan of Subdivision 2 Lots *
(Application filed in 2007, Planning Commission denial in 2009)
4. Robert T. & Patricia J. Skerlec and David F. & Lynne S. Masters Plan of Lot Revision 2 Lots* @ Line Adjustment
5. Arthur C. & Mary E. Krepps Plan of Lot Consolidation 2 Lots Combined into 1 * @
6. Friendship Commons Plan of Subdivision 2 Lots @

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

* Denotes 1 lot with existing dwelling.

Land Development Application Review:

Friendship Commons Land Development Plan – Beaver County: Application was filed by the Beaver County Community Housing Development Organization for the construction of a 24-unit senior housing facility adjacent to Friendship Ridge. The units are for single occupancy and are income and age restricted. Conditional plan approval was recommended by the Commission, and subsequently by the Board of Supervisors.

Land Use Ordinance Preparation:

Zoning Code Amendments: The Commission prepared regulations for private stables so they were consistent in both the R1 and R2 zoning districts; established larger setbacks for some accessory structures; restricted the size of some accessory structures; amended sign and outdoor advertising device regulations; and amended fencing language. The Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on the Code amendments and, thereafter, adopted the ordinance establishing these regulations as part of the Zoning Code.

Other Business Items

Agricultural Security Area Modification: A petition was filed by Leonard E. & Connie L. Adkins of 2315 Pine Grove Road to modify the Brighton Township Agricultural Security Area to include two parcels totaling 52.86 acres. The Commission recommended approval of the petition to amend the Brighton Township Agricultural Security Area. The petition was subsequently approved by the Board of Supervisors and recorded.

Reviewed Waiver Request: The Commission approved a waiver of land development application for a 1,402 SF addition at Friendship Ridge subject to a landscaping/lighting plan being prepared and confirmation that the storm water management system is sufficient to accommodate any additional storm water.

Official Map: The Board of Supervisors authorized the Planning Commission to prepare a proposed official map for their future consideration. An official map is a planning process authorized by the PA Municipalities Planning Code to designate areas for both present and future land and facilities. The Official Map process was recommended for consideration during the comprehensive plan process. The Commission hopes to complete their recommendation on the Official Map in early 2010 and forward it to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

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.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement & Expansion Project Nears Construction Phase

As reported in the December newsletter, project bids for the upgrade and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Vanport Township were opened in November. The Brighton Township Sewage Authority and the Vanport Township Municipal Authority have reviewed financing options that are most favorable for the nearly \$12 million project, including the use of Build America Bonds that are projected to save the Authority approximately \$48,000 per year over the first 15 years. At this writing, the final stages of the bond approval for project financing are nearly completed.

As has been reported previously, initial project estimates projected an increase in the base sewer rate from \$23.80 per month to \$30.00 per month. This would change the sewage rate from \$5.95 to \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. As final bond rates are being determined, it appears that the project estimates have been fairly accurate, and that a rate increase not to exceed this initial estimate will be sufficient to fund the project. At this time the timetable to implement the sewage rate increase, and the final amount of that increase, have not been decided upon. More information will be forthcoming as the bond issue is settled and the debt service schedule is established.

Guess where you're really putting your lawn fertilizer.



Clean water starts in our own backyard. Go to 3riverswetweather.org for a free guide on how you can help.



Every year the snow melts, the rain falls, and the water that runs off your yard carries fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides into our creeks and streams. And finally into our rivers. Depositing pollutants that can harm fish, wildlife, and vegetation. Even compromise our major source of drinking water. Our rivers.

But we can all do something about it and still keep our yards looking beautiful. In fact, a lot of dedicated people and municipalities are already working on it. And you can help too.

Plant more trees and shrubs so you'll have less bare lawn surface that allows storm water runoff. Use eco-friendly lawn fertilizers. If you need pesticides and herbicides, limit their use.

To find out more, visit our website. You'll be helping to protect our most valuable liquid asset.

Our water.

Time to Renew Your Yard Waste Permit!

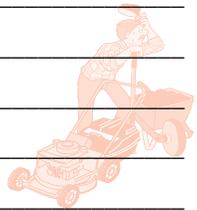
2010 Yard Waste Permit Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

Previous Permit No.: _____

Signature _____



All 2009 Yard Waste Composting Site Permits expired February 28, 2010 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 our web site at 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 15009.

Thanks to all residents for your cooperation in the use of this site. If you have any questions about our composting site, please call 724-774-4800.

Join us for the Thirteenth Annual Brighton Township Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3, 2010

11:00 am

Two Mile Run Park



Register children age 2 thru 10 at the Township Office by Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

Adults and 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!

Brighton Township Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3, 2010 - 11 am Two Mile Run Park

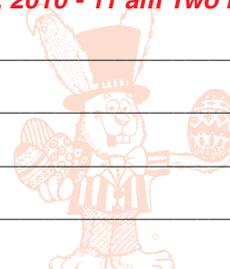
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Name of Resident _____

Address _____



Please return to the Township Office by Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

Brighton Township

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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.

Easter Bunny to Appear in Brighton Township



The Easter Bunny has given advance notice that he will be hosting breakfast at the Firemen's Social hall in the coming weeks as follows:

Easter Bunny Breakfast

Sponsored by the Brighton Township VFD Ladies Auxiliary

Date: March 27, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Place: Brighton Township Firemen's Social Hall on Dutch Ridge Road

ALL YOU CAN EAT regular pancakes, buckwheat pancakes, blueberry pancakes, French toast, sausage, home fries, scrambled eggs, sausage gravy and biscuits, coffee, juice and milk.

Everyone is invited to attend!



Refuse & Recycling Program Current Contract to Expire June 30, 2010

The current contract with J. Young Refuse for the collection of refuse and recycling will expire June 30th. Competitive bids for a new contract will be opened in April. Thereafter, the bids received will be evaluated for compliance with bid specifications, and a contract will be awarded for an effective date of July 1, 2010. Specification changes have been made to broaden the items the hauler will be required to collect as part of the collection of bulky waste and electronic devices.

Prior to implementation of the new contract for the refuse and recycling collection program, another newsletter mailing will occur that will provide detailed information on who the successful contract bidder is, quarterly collection rates, and any changes on collection methods or requirements.

