**BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP** 

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# Howard Blinn Appointed Chief of Police

Effective January 2007 the Board of Supervisors appointed Howard Blinn as Chief of Police for Brighton Township. Prior to this appointment Chief Blinn served five years as a Sergeant with the Department and is very active and well respected in the community. If you see Chief Blinn, please congratulate him on his selection as Chief of Police.



Chairman John R. McCandless, Jr. congratulates Howard Blinn on his promotion to Chief of Police. Also present are Supervisors Harry W. Wolf, Jr. and Jack E. Erath.

# Regulation Reminders

Here are some Township laws you will want to remember. Violators of these rules are subject to fines and penalties. Your cooperation in complying with these regulations is appreciated. If you wish to file a complaint please contact the Zoning Officer (724-774-4800) or Police Department (724-774-1789). You may also send an email to brightwp@brightontwp.org.

<u>Unsafe Structures</u> - Any structure in a state of dilapidation or deterioration is considered a public nuisance and must be remedied.

<u>Grass or Weeds</u> - No occupied lot shall have a yard with grass or weeds in excess of ten (10) inches.

**Swimming Pool Fencing** - Township Zoning Code requires swimming pools to have fencing no less than four (4) feet in height to prevent unauthorized access.

<u>Fire Hydrants</u> - 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.

<u>Dogs</u> - 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.

**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.

**Parking** - Vehicles must be parked on the right-hand side of the road.

<u>General Storage</u> - No lot or premises shall be used as a storage area for junk automobiles, appliances or other storage or collection of any miscellaneous items.

<u>Curfew</u> - 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.

## Real Estate Tax Information

The Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills were mailed on March 1, 2007 and the Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed July 1, 2007. 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. - Friday: 10 AM to 3:00 PM Last two Saturdays of each month during discount period: 9 am to 12 Noon

The tax collection office is located in the lower level of the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. A drop box has been installed at the tax collector's office for your convenience. For more information, you may call Mr. Onuska at (724) 774-2622.

# Sewer Meters Available

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA), in cooperation with the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA), will permit users 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 dollars (\$100.00). 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 in the Municipal Building.

# Property Address Numbering

In conjunction with the 911 emergency telephone system and in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of our residents, the Township previously adopted an ordinance for the purpose of establishing a uniform numbering system of all buildings in the Township. Display of house numbers shall be in accordance with the following standards.

- Except for a building located at a distance greater than 50 feet from the nearest public roadway, each building to which a house number has been assigned shall have the house number displayed upon the building, and, at the owner's option, upon a post within 20 feet of the public roadway. All other buildings shall have the house number displayed upon a post within 20 feet of the public highway.
- The assigned house number shall be either affixed directly to the building or post or displayed upon a sign affixed to the building or post. The house number shall be displayed in such a manner that the numbers will contrast in color with the background and will be observed and readable by those traveling in either direction on the adjoining public street or other thoroughfare providing access to the building, i.e., signage required on both sides of a mailbox. All numbers shall be in standard Arabic numbers, not less than 3 inches in height, and shall be reflective for greater nighttime visibility.
- If, for any reason, the house number of a particular building is not readily identifiable
  by posted signage along the roadway whether due to the proximity of multiple buildings with different house numbers or some other reason, then the house number should
  be affixed to the building as well as posted by the road. Similarly, if a single building
  has multiple house numbers or apartment numbers, such as professional buildings or
  apartments, a building directory should be posted at the main entrance of the building.
- The numbers shall be placed so that trees, shrubbery, porches or any extension of the building will not obstruct them.

Thank you for your cooperation in complying with these regulations.

# Crime Watch Meetings Being Scheduled

Sgt. Pete Benedict of the Brighton Township Police Department is coordinating Crime Watch Meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for: April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 p.m. –

#### Northview Circle, Wickham Heights, Waltington Estates

The meeting will be conducted in the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road.

If you have questions, or would like to schedule a Crime Watch meeting for your neighborhood, contact Sgt. Benedict at (724) 728-1134. The program includes training for residents to be the eyes and ears for the police by effectively observing and reporting crimes and suspicious activities. Watch for announcements of future meetings covering other areas of the Township.



The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department 2006 Annual Report issued by Fire Chief John Curtaccio included the following statistics regarding calls for assistance:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Structural	91
Brush	28
Vehicle	7
Vehicle Rescue	29
Miscellaneous	30
Carbon Monoxide	7
QRS	126
Mutual Aid	
Total Calls	349
Total Volunteer Man Ho	
*Does not include volun	
training, department	
maintenance and public ed	ducation & fund

# Walking Trails Available

raising activities.

Just a reminder, the Township has constructed a multi-purpose walking and biking trail in Two Mile Run Park Extension. This park is located adjacent to the Public Works Site at 1250 Brighton Road. Access to the trail is through the Public Works Site (where the yard waste site is located), past the Maintenance Garage to the end of the parking lot. Please be careful, as this is an active work zone and there is equipment and vehicles operating in this area. The trail is approximately 1-mile in length if you start at the entrance gate, walk the entire trail loop and return to the gate. The Township also has a paved walking track available at Hardy Filed around the soccer fields. Lets get

# National Night Out Celebration!

Mark your calendar! The annual National Night Out community celebration will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 28th at Hardy Field. The Brighton Township Police and Volunteer Fire Departments sponsor National Night Out. This day is set aside to emphasize and educate the residents on crime prevention and emergency services in an atmosphere of fun and community involvement that culminates in a fireworks display. The event is made possible through buiness sponsor-ships, donations and fund drives. Come out and join in the fun!

# Building Permit Requirements

The 2006 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 excluded items.

Confirmation of compliance with the 2006 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 will also issue 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.

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

# Building Permit Activity for 2006

Single Family Dwellings	17
Duplex	1
Quadraplex	1
Residential Additions	3
Porches/Decks	18
Garages	6
Sheds/Out Buildings	
Swimming Pools	10
Building Repairs/Renovation	
Signs	
Demolitions	8
Nonresidential	10
Other	3
Estimated Construction Va	lue \$8 544 276

Aluminum, Bi-Metal & Tin Food and Beverage Containers and Aluminum Foli 1. Rinse thoroughly, crush cans 2. Place in green recycling container

# Supervisors Promote Officers within Police Department Following the appointment of Howard Blinn as the new

Chief of Police, the Board of Supervisors took action to promote other Officers within the Department. The promotions were well deserved and are reflective of the Officers' hard work and commitment to the safety of the Brighton Township community and residents.



Chairman John R. McCandless, Jr. and Chief Howard Blinn present Nick Bernardi with his Sergeant stripes upon his promotion.



Supervisor Jack E. Erath presents Donald Yates with his Corporal stripes upon his promotion. Also present are Supervisors Harry W. Wolf, Jr. and John R. McCandless, Jr.



Chairman John R. McCandless, Jr. and Chief Howard Blinn congratulate Officer Richard C. Gianvito on his hiring as a fulltime patrolman with the Police Department.

# Recycling is Easy! HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MATERIALS

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

- ilass Clear, Brown and Green Bo.
  Rinse remove styrofoam labels.
  Remove metal lids and rings.
  Place in green recycling container.
  Do not break glass.
  Do not include auto glass, light bulbs,
  porcelain, ceramic, plate glass or crystal.

- 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.
- Containers that originally held motor oil, antifreeze, or other chemicals are not recyclable Place in green recycling container.
   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

# Do not place items in separate bags or they will not be collected. Place recyclables directly into recycling container.

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.

Recover your recycling container promptly after collection.

1. Fold newspapers once and slide into paper bag along with magazines.
2. Do not the 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.

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BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP RECYCLES

# 2007 Summer Playground Program

Brighton Township and Beaver Borough, in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District, have contracted with the YMCA to conduct a 2007 Summer Playground Program from June 18th to July 27th at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. The program is operated for students in grades K-4th grade, is 6 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. Please watch for more details later this year.

## Park & Recreation Board News

The Park & Recreation Board has been busy developing a slate of activities for the coming year. In addition to the schedule listed below, we are investigating the feasibility of developing a Disc Golf Course in the vicinity of the new walking trail in Two Mile Run Park Extension. Keep watching this newsletter for further information. Springtime will signal the start of the baseball, softball and soccer programs. The Township and athletic clubs have gotten the fields in great condition; plan on taking in some games this season.

The following is a calendar of remaining events for 2007. It is suggested that you clip this schedule and keep it handy for future reference.

April 7	Easter Egg Hunt - Two Mile Run Park; Register by April 2*
May 24	Cleveland Botanical Garden Flower Show; Sign up by May 1**
June 29	Outdoor Movie at Ellis Field; Rain Date June 30
July 27	Outdoor Movie at Ellis Field; Rain Date July 28
September 20	Winery Trip to vineyards in Ohio or Pennsylvania
October 6	Autumn Fest - Two Mile Run Park; bigger than ever
December 1	Dinner Theatre at Riverside Inn, Cambridge Springs, PA

<sup>\*</sup> The Easter Egg Hunt will start promptly at 11:00 AM. All kids, ages 2-10 are invited. Cookies and drinks will be served after the Hunt.

As a reminder, anyone who has internet access should sign up for the Township's Electronic Newsletter. It's published monthly and contains a complete listing of events and activities of interest. Simply sign up by going to <a href="https://www.brightontwp.org">www.brightontwp.org</a>, paging down once or twice to where it says "Register for the Email Newsletter," enter the email address and name (name not required) and click on the submit button.

As always, let us know of any activity that we might include in our programs.

# Continue to Support Fire Department Paper Recycling to Raise Funds

The Brighton Township VFD would like to thank you for your support of the paper recycling efforts to raise funds. The Department has made arrangements with Abitibi Consolidated for the placement of recycling containers at the Social Hall, 5400 Dutch Ridge Road and Fire Station No. 2 on Tuscarawas Road. Please continue your support and tell others to bring their paper products for drop-off too. The Department collected over 70 tons of material in 2006. However, we have had an increase in the drop-off of 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.

### Final & First Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that Final Earned Income Tax Returns are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a 10 mill (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 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:

<u>Farned Income Period</u> 1st Otr: January, February, March

<u>Payment is Due</u> On or Before the end of April

<u>Final Return</u> Verification Needed By April 15th

The EIT Collector for Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District is Sally Frank, 855 Second Street, Beaver, PA 15009. Sally Frank can be reached at (724) 774-0387 for more information or questions.

# Time to Renew Your Yard Waste Permit!

All 2006 Yard Waste Composting Site Permits expired February 28, 2007 and must be renewed for use of the site. Permits may be renewed as follows:

- 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 <a href="https://www.brighton.twp.org">www.brighton.twp.org</a>.)

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.

2007 Yard Waste	Permit Renewal
Name:	
Address:	
Previous Permit No.:	
Signature	

<sup>\*\*</sup> The bus trip cost is \$30 which includes transportation and admission to the Cleveland Botanical Garden's Biennial Flower Show. The bus will leave the Firemen's Social Hall at 9:00 AM and return before 6:00 PM.

# Brighton Twp. Planning Commission - 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

JEFFREY S. MAZE, CHAIRMAN SHIRLEY M. BUCHHOLZ

DWIGHT L. GOFF, VICE-CHAIRMAN JENNY STRANG, SECRETARY MARK MROCZYNSKI JOHN RUTKOWSKI KATHRYN L. JOHNSTON, SOLICITOR

JOHN A. WEBER

The Brighton Township Planning Commission is an appointed body 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.

In addition to the following brief summary of the Commission's activities during 2006, the Commission also heard other citizen comments on plan proposals or code change requests. The Commission continues to review the status of existing codes on a monthly basis.

#### Subdivision Application Plan Reviews:

1.	David & Deborah Cutich Plan No. 1	2 Lots*@ Lot Consolidation
2.	Clark Plan of Lots	2 Lots*@ Line Adjustment
3.	Homan Plan of Subdivision	2 Lots*@
4.	Marvelous Grace Baptist Church of BT	2 Lots**@
5.	Azur/Ward Plan of Subdivision	2 Lots*@
6.	Branthoover Plan of Lots No. 3	22 Lots**

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

## Land Development Application Review:

- 1. Dutch Ridge Learning Trail Phase I: Pashek Associates presented for Commission review and comment the first phase of a learning trail at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School.
- 2. Sal Diana Plan: Application has been made for a 7,968 SF commercial building at Tuscarawas Road and Little Beaver Drive. The plan has been recommended for approval and is pending final approval before the Board of Supervisors.

#### Land Use Ordinance Preparation:

- 1. Alternate Energy Sources: The State of Pennsylvania is providing significant financial incentives to companies who develop alternate energy sources such as wind turbines. Act 213 of 2004 requires that 18 percent of all energy generated in Pennsylvania comes from clean, efficient sources within 15 years. The Commission has been reviewing zoning regulations to determine if any amendments to regulate this type of industry would be prudent for the Township to implement. The Commission has prepared an ordinance amendment proposal for wind energy conversion systems that has been referred to the Board of Supervisors.
- 2. Cemeteries: The Commission identified cemeteries as a land use that had no specific development criteria. The Commission has prepared a zoning ordinance amendment proposal establishing design criteria for cemeteries that has been referred to the Board of Supervisors.
- 3. Building Design Criteria: The Commission has prepared and referred to the Board of Supervisors an amendment to the Land Development Code that establishes design criteria for non-residential buildings within land developments.
- 4. The Commission is updating regulations for mineral extractions that will be presented as an amendment to the zoning code.

#### Other Business Items

- 1. Dutch Ridge Associates LP: Property owners appeared before the Commission on several occasions regarding a proposal to rezone a portion of their property located within a C-2 Commercial to R-1 Residential.
- 2. Comprehensive Plan Update: On the recommendation of the Planning Commission the Board of Supervisors has hired a planning consultant to prepare an update supplement to the 1999 Brighton Township Comprehensive Plan. A public input meeting was conducted by the Commission during 2005. The scope of the project was expanded in 2006 to include a recreation component. A public presentation of the Plan is scheduled for March 2007.
- 3. Hardy Field: The Commission reviewed the various conceptual plans prepared for the redevelopment of Hardy Field where the Township has proceeded with the demolition of the former Brighton Township Elementary School.

# Township Enacts Changes to Emergency and Municipal Services Tax

Effective for 2007, Brighton Township has enacted the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax at an annual rate of \$52.00. Of this amount, \$47.00 shall be paid to Brighton Township and \$5.00 shall be paid to the Beaver Area School District. All persons engaged in employment within the limits of Brighton Township shall be subject to this Tax.

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes 1 lot with existing dwelling.

# Automatic Bill Payment Established by BTMA & BTSA

Your water and sewage billings through the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) and Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA) may now be automatically drawn from your checking account.

### What are the benefits?

- It is quick just mail the enrollment form.
- It is convenient payment will be automatically deducted on the 20th of the month.
- It is safe electronic debit is completely secure.
- It saves time no more writing or mailing checks.
- It saves money in checks, postage and gas.

#### How does this work?

After application and approval you will continue to receive a monthly bill card by mail. The bill will be imprinted with the statement "Do Not Pay." Please review the bill immediately and notify BTMA/BTSA if you have any questions or disputes regarding the bill. On the 20th of the month, the bill amounts will be automatically drawn from the bank account you have specified. If the 20th is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the withdrawal will be made on the next business day. The statement you receive from your bank or other financial institution will indicate the date and amount withdrawn from your account.

- If your bank account number changes BTMA/BTSA must be notified immediately and a revised enrollment form completed.
- If you wish to terminate the automatic bill payment option, you must notify BTMA/BTSA in writing sixty (60) days in advance. Future reinstatement will be subject to re-enrollment.
- If the transaction is refused by your financial institution for any reason such as insufficient funds, closed or unauthorized account, you will be immediately terminated from the program. In addition, a fee of \$20 will be charged to your BTMA/ BTSA account.
- If you relocate or your BTMA/BTSA account is closed, your final bill cannot be processed automatically; you must make payment by mail or in person.
- To authorize the automatic bill payment option, please complete the enrollment form.
- Questions? Call the BTMA/BTSA offices at 724-774-4800.

#### AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT OPTION ENROLLMENT FORM

To initiate the automatic bill payment option, please complete the enrollment information below and deliver it via mail or drop-off to the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) office at 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009.

I/We hereby authorize Brighton Township Municipal Authority to automatically debit my/our checking account (one account only) for the amount of my Brighton Township Municipal Authority (water) and Brighton Township Sewage Authority (sewage)

utility bill. This authorization will remain in full force and effe program is subject to BTMA's approval. I understand that BTM our participation or terminate the program at any time. If I/We d writing at their office.	ct until notified by me in writing. My/Our participation in this A reserves the right, upon written notification, to terminate my/ecide to discontinue this payment plan I/We will notify BTMA in	
BTMA/BTSA Account #		
Service Location		
Billed to Name		
Bill to Address		
Information for Draft Account:		
Print - Name on the Account	Print - Joint Name on the Account	
Your Signature	Joint Account Holder Signature	
Financial Institution Name:		
Checking - Account Number:	(PLEASE ENCLOSE A VOIDED CHECK)	
Is the specified Account: Residential Business		
ABA Routing #:	(Please verify with your Bank)	
Note: After receipt of your enrollment form, there will be some proc	•	



Spring, 2007. We are ready for another great season of Brighton Township Baseball and Girl's Fast-Pitch Softball. April is a time for rosters, practices, scheduling and in the last week of April some league games begin. In May all league games should be underway and continuing through June. So, come out and take in a game. Where? Dawson-Baker Fields and the T-Ball Field are located on Birch Street, Ellis Fields are located on Orchard Drive and Hardy Field is located on Tuscarawas Road. You should have no trouble finding an exciting game right here in Brighton Township. Age groups range from 4 years to 19 years old.

Some news to remember - Brighton Township Pony League will host the 2007 Beaver County All-Star Games at Ellis Field on June 9th & 10th. Another important date is April 28th, which is Picture Day for all players and coaches. Teams will be scheduled in time slots.

For the latest news and information, check out the Club's web site at www.brightontwpbaseball.20m.com or contact us by phone or email.

#### 2007 BOARD MEMBERS

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Knothole Commissioner: Frank Hacko 724-775-5399

Minor/Little Commissioner: Dwight Goff 724-495-7062 <a href="mailto:dandygoff@earthlink.com">dandygoff@earthlink.com</a>

Softball Commissioner: Char Farkasovsky 724-728-6368 fcharlene4@aol.com

# Police Chief Stanley L. Guza

At the end of 2006 Stan Guza retired from a life of police work, having served Brighton Township as Chief of Police for seven years. Prior to arriving in Brighton Township Stan was the Assistant Chief of Police for the City of Beaver Falls Police Department. He also proudly served in the United States Army Reserves, having retired as a Command Sergeant Major. We all wish Stan much health and happiness as he pursues the other passions in his life – time with his family and fishing!



# Bike Rodeo



A Bike Rodeo, sponsored by the Brighton Township Police Department and State Farm Insurance Agency, will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. Bike helmets will be distributed to the first 75 participants. Two bicycles, one boy's and one girl's, will also be raffled off during the event. Come for a bike inspection and drive through the bike safety course!

# 2006 Annual Police Dept. Report

Chief of Police Howard Blinn has issued the following Department statistics for 2006:

	Hours Worked	. 139,779
	Arrests	178
	Minor Tickets (Parking)	28
m diam.	Fines Collected	\$16,333
2	Homes Security Alarms Answered	166
	Assists to Other Departments	
9	Aid to Sick or injured	
	Animal Calls	

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:

- Free Gunlocks, made available through Project Child-Safe, are available at the Police Department.
- 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.

# Sewage Authority To Increase Tapping Fee

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority has taken action to increase the sewage connection and tapping fees as follows:

Effective April 1, 2007
Connection Fee: \$370
Tapping Fee: \$2,750
Total Fee: \$3.120

This change reflects a total increase of \$345. The tapping fees are restricted funds and are not used for operating expenses. Tapping fees collected by the Authority are placed into special accounts within the Capital Expenditure Fund and are allocated for capital upgrades to the sewage collection system, treatment facility or capital equipment. The fee was last increased in April 1999. This fee complies with the Authority's connection and tapping fee study prepared in accordance with PA Act 57 of 2003.

Consistent with past policy the connection and tapping fees cannot be prepaid. Sewer connection permits will only be issued in connection with building permit approval, or for connection of an existing property.

# **Brighton Township**

1300 BRIGHTON ROAD 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.

# Join us for the Ninth Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 7, 2007 - 11:00 am Two Mile Run Park

Register children age 2 thru 10 at the Township Office by Monday, April 2, 2007

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 Please Saturday, April 7, 2007 - 11 am Two Mile Run Park Return to the Town-Child's Name \_\_\_ ship Office Child's Name \_\_\_\_ April 2, Name of Resident \_\_\_\_\_ 2007 Address \_

# Brighton Township Historical Society Presents - Snippets from the Past

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- Water tower located on Tuscarawas Road, on what was formerly the Barclay property, is one of the highest points in Beaver County.
- In 1927 blight hit the chestnut trees in the Township. Prior to this children would gather to collect chestnuts in sugar sacks.
- Okey Buffington's home on Dutch Ridge caught fire in the late 1930s. As there was no Township fire equipment at this time, neighbors attempted to extinguish the fire with water from the well. By the time Beaver's Fire Department arrived, the house was lost. The house was replaced with a log home which stands near Culley's Curve.
- Tuscarawas Road was called the Big Road and Dutch Ridge Road was called the Back Road. On the Back Road was Pete Morgan's Blacksmith Shop and Web Morgan's Carriage Works.
- Old oil lines from the Chippewa Oil Company ran through the Bradys Run area of DeHaven Road. Oil was processed here after having been brought to the site.
- There were several families of Groves in the Township. Relatives would come to visit and they stayed at the Small Inn that was located on Coal Pit Hollow Road now named Wildwood Road. The inn stood where the pond is now, which is not far off Dutch Ridge Road. One of the relatives related that Dutch Ridge Road got its name from the Holland Dutch that settled along the Ridge. Glecknors lived in the stone house located across the road from the Ward Farm. The Glecknors were Holland Dutch and had a green house business. This property was previously the Small property. Many Dutch family names could be found as property owners along Dutch Ridge Road.

Membership dues are \$5.00 and open to anyone interested in history. Applications are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building.