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Newsletter
June 2010

The Township would like to thank the staff, teachers and administration of the Beaver Area School District for their support of, and participation in, the D.A.R.E. program at Dutch Ridge Elementary School. On June 1st a year-end celebration was conducted during which each student received a Certificate of Completion and D.A.R.E. T-shirt. The Rotary Club of Beaver provided financial support through a cash donation for the purchase of the T-shirts.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a nationally-recognized program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teach children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug-free and violence-free lives. Brighton Township Police Sergeant Peter Benedict is a certified D.A.R.E. training officer and teaches the curriculum at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School.



Shealyn Anderson and Megan Bingle are presented awards for Outstanding D.A.R.E. Book and Best D.A.R.E. Essay for the 6th grade by members of the Brighton Township Police Department: Officer Sanders. Officer Curtaccio. Sat. Benedict and Cpl. Gianvito.

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### **Township Sets 2010 Road Paving Program**

The Township has opened bids for the 2010 road paving program. The streets identified for paving are:

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	Street	From	То	
	Maple Drive	Tuscarawas Road	Beech Street	CON 6
	Spruce Street	Birch Street	Chestnut Street	THE LE
	Sebring Road	1095 - Top of hill	Matthews Drive/Aspen Drive	
	Matthews Drive	Sebring Road	Sebring Road (entire length)	

Street milling will be done in some areas prior to paving. Residents are asked to trim any bushes or low hanging limbs from trees in advance of the paving. A project start date has not been determined.

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

### Fire Hydrants Vital to Public Safety

The presence of fire hydrants are vital to the Fire Department when responding to calls. For this reason the Municipal Authority takes great care to make sure that each hydrant is highly visible and operational. As part of this commitment to the community each hydrant is operated at least annually, and more often in most cases, by the Authority.

This year the Authority has begun to mark each hydrant with a highly visible and reflective marker to make them easily identifiable by emergency response personnel. In order to avoid limiting access to fire hydrants in the case of a fire or other emergency, Township Code prohibits obstructions to be planted, constructed or placed within six (6) feet of any fire hydrant.



It is also unlawful for any person, other than those authorized by the Township, Fire Department or Municipal Authority, to open, tamper with or interfere in any manner with any fire hydrant.

You can help too by keeping fire hydrants located at your property clear of trees, shrubs or other vegetation. Remember, the Municipal Authority also needs clear access to water system operating components such as valves and curb boxes to properly maintain and operate the water system.

### Non-Residential Recycling Requirements

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

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

Each location is also encouraged to recycle clear, brown and green glass food and beverage containers; steel and bimetal food and beverage containers; newspaper and magazines; and PET (1) and HDPE (2) plastics.

### 2010 Summer Playground Program

The Beaver County YMCA is once again conduct a Summer Playground Program at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School for the Beaver Area community! The program is scheduled for June 21st to July 30th and is for students in K-5th grade. The 6-week program is operated Monday to Friday 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, including one field trip and an end of the season party! There is no registration fee to participate in the program. Brighton Township, in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District, sponsors the program.

You can register by calling the YMCA at (724) 891-8439.

### 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. Why? It is quick, convenient, a time saver and eliminates the need for postage or personal delivery.

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 effect until notified by me in writing. My/Our participation in this program is subject to BTMA's approval. I understand that BTMA reserves the right, upon written notification, to terminate my/our participation or terminate the program at any time. If I/We decide to discontinue this payment plan I/We will notify BTMA in writing at their office.

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BTMA/BTSA Account #	Your Telephone #	
Service Location		
Billed to Name		
Bill to Address		
Information for Draft Account:		
Print - Name on the Account	Print - Joint Name on the Account  Joint Account Holder Signature	
Your Signature		
Financial Institution Name:		
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### Brighton Township Baseball Softball Club 2010 Season

On April 24th the BTBSC conducted its annual "Opening Day" ceremonies to much anticipation of the new baseball and softball seasons. The day began with a parade led by the Brighton Township Fire Department. Following was a presentation of the flag by the Vietnam Veterans of America, a visit from the Pirate Parrot, the singing of the national anthem, introduction of sponsors, teams, and players, picture day, and opening day games. Two of the three 2009 John Challis award winners, Mason Rose and Jake Coffield, threw out the first pitches.

Even with rain intruding upon aspects of the morning, the day provided excitement and all the promises of spring and a new ball season. We are all thankful for the day and the overwhelming response from the community and our supporters. The BTBSC Board of Directors would like to thank all of the club sponsors, players, coaches, and volunteers for their hard work in making the 2010 opening day ceremonies a great success.

Presently, the BTBSC is into the heart of the season. This 2010 season has more teams and players participating in the great games of baseball and softball than ever before. It is a great privilege for members of the club to be a part of the growth of the program and especially the enjoyment and development of the young athletes. Soon many of the teams will be entering the playoff stage of their schedule. In July, many of the players will move on to compete in advanced play All Star tournaments. We hope that everyone will consider coming out to the community ballparks to catch a game.

On June 30<sup>th</sup> BTBSC will be hosting their annual league picnic at the Shultz Lodge at Two Mile Run Park. The league picnic is organized yearly to show the club's appreciation to the members and to celebrate together as a community the success of the current season. In July the BTBSC will begin to register players for the 2010 fall ball season. Please continue to monitor the BTBSC website at <a href="https://www.btbsc.org">www.btbsc.org</a> for up to date information and important dates.

A special thank you to all of you who give tirelessly trying to make a difference in a child's life.

### Thanks!



At the April 24th BTBSC Opening Day ceremonies a trophy presentation was made to Township Supervisor Dennis Nichols from the 2009 BT 8 year old tournament championship team. The trophy is now on display in the lobby of the Municipal Building.

Players from BTBSC surround the Pirate Parrot during his visit to the club's Opening Day ceremony.



### Sewer Meters Available

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA), in cooperation with the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA), permits 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. The sewer deduct meter is read at the

same time as the 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.

### **Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office**

The 2010/11 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax Bills will be mailed July 1, 2010. As in the past, installment payments may be made for the School Tax. The amounts and pay schedule will be located at the top right hand corner of each tax bill. The 2010/11 Per Capita Tax Bills will also be mailed July 1, 2010.

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

### Office Hours:

Tuesday - 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Last two (2) Saturdays of each month during the discount period:

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

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

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



### **Brighton Township Historical Society**

The program at the most recent meeting of the Brighton Township Historical Society concerned Consolidated Flint Glass of Beaver Falls. Earl and Joanne Autenreith covered the history of the company, and displayed many items featured in their book.

The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2010 at Shultz Lodge, Two Mile Run Park, with a program entitled "Blacksmiths of Brighton Township". Led by resident Pat Haffey, who remembers many of the shops, it will delve into their locations and work. There will be a display of tools and explanations of their

You are welcome to join us and learn more of the history of the Township. Please do.



### Adopt-A-Roadway **Program**

Looking for a way to serve your community on a regular basis? The Township has such opportunities through the Adopt-A-Roadway Program to clean up litter and improve the overall appearance of roadways and parks. Many other individuals and families have already agreed to volunteer their time and energy to accomplish this goal as active participants in the program. This is a great way for families and organizations to become involved in the community in a highly-visible and productive program. You and your family can become involved too, and make a difference!

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

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

The Tax Collector has sent delinquency notices for all remaining unpaid 2009/10 per capita tax bills for those persons who have failed to make payment. The Per Capital Tax is an annual tax of \$15 (\$5 Brighton Township, \$10 Beaver Area School District) authorized by Act 511 and payable by each adult (18 years or older) residing in the Township. Current penalty amounts total \$16.50. Failure to pay the tax by June 30th results in the Township & School District turning over the listing of unpaid accounts to a professional collection agency for collection. Once turned over, the collection agency will attach additional fees for their services in pursuing collection, which range from additional notices, wage attachments and door-todoor visits. Fees can be substantial in nature. If you failed to respond to the delinquent notice, or want to be sure you are not on the list, please immediately contact James Onuska, Tax Collector, at 724-774-2622.

### 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

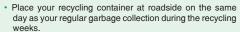
- 1. Rinse thoroughly, crush cans.
- 2. Place in green recycling container.

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#### Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

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

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



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



- 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.
- · 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

### BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP **RECYCLES**

### **Calligraphy** Anyone?

Over the years the Township has had proclamations or similar documents reproduced for public display using calligraphy. Examples of these documents are framed and displayed within the meeting room at the Municipal Building. The Township is looking for someone with these skills that could be of service by reproducing such documents. If you or someone you know can help in this area, please contact the Township Manager by phone (724-774-4800) or email at brightwp@brightontwp.org.

### Township Strives for Effective Citizen Communication

Township officials and staff make an extra effort to communicate effectively with everyone within the community. Communication is key to keeping everyone informed on how to access community services, upcoming parks and recreation events, important ordinance provisions, project status reports and many other items of community interest. The Township employs many different methods in this effort, including:

- A quarterly newsletter that includes information on community events, past happenings, pending projects, departmental reports and a variety of other topics.
- A redesigned web site that provides information about services within the community and provides access to many types of forms and applications. Current or key events are listed on the home page for quick access to what is new. Critical or special notices are highlighted in red text. The site includes a calendar of Township events and meetings to keep you apprised of when the various boards and committees are meeting. A Support Your Local Businesses feature is provided too.
- A monthly e-newsletter of events happening in the Beaver Area. You can register online on the home page of the Township web site to receive this monthly email.
- A new phone system with an after hours message center that can be used to alert residents about special situations.
- The water and sewage bill card can also be used for special messaging.

If you have suggestions on how the Township could better communicate with you, please share your ideas at brightwp@brightontwp.org.

### Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective July 1, 2010

Brighton Township opened sealed bids for the curbside refuse and recycling program on April 12<sup>th</sup>. J. Young Refuse was the successful bidder for a 3-year contract, with renewal options for years 4 and 5. J. Young Refuse's low bid of \$10.21 per month was significantly lower than the next lowest bid of \$13.34 per month. Therefore, J. Young Refuse will remain as the collector of all residential refuse and recycling within Brighton Township. Contact information is as follows:

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

As stated, the new contract begins July 1, 2010 with an effective rate of \$10.21 per month. J. Young Refuse bills quarterly at a rate of \$30.63. The rate will increase on the contract anniversary date as follows: 2012 - \$10.38 and 2013 - \$10.55.

Cost Adjustment Items: During the term of this contract the rate per quarter per residential unit can be adjusted for fuel cost adjustments on a semi-annual (6-month) basis or if there is an escalation in the fees charged by the landfill(s) utilized by the contracted haulers.

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

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

**Excluded Items** – Contract specifications require the collection of rubbish and other bulky waste. Bulky waste includes appliances, furniture, furnishings, rugs/carpet (when cut in lengths of not more than 4-feet and placed in rolls), toilets, and other items. However, there are items excluded from collection. Following is a list of items excluded from curbside collection as part of the contract. However, this list should not be considered as a final complete list, as there is always the chance that an unforeseen circumstance or item has not been considered. Refuse should be placed for collection in bags not exceeding 40 pounds or 40 gallons in size.

Excluded items are: Tires, Yard Waste, Christmas Trees, Construction Debris, Vehicle Parts or Batteries, Paints, Liquids or Fluids and Hazardous Wastes. Loose debris must be in a box or bag. The contractor will not be required to pick-up loose debris. No steel or iron posts or rods that may damage garbage packers. Contractors are not expected to dismantle items placed out for collection. Items specified as items to be separated for recycling are not to be commingled with refuse for the purpose of being discarded.

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

**Recycling** – The collectors will continue to collect recycling curbside every other week. Residents are to use an easily identifiable green container for placement of the recycling. Holes should be placed in the bottom of the container for drainage. Recycling bins are available for purchase at the Township Office for a cost of \$10.00. Recycling is mandatory under state law and enforceable by Township ordinance. Recyclable items that are prepared improperly, or are mixed with household refuse, will not be collected, or will be disposed of with the refuse. Each of you can help improve the success rate of the Township's recycling program.

### **Rental Registration Reminder**

Brighton Township Code requires each owner of rental property located within the Township to register the rental property and the tenants age 18 and over. Thereafter, the registration is to be renewed on or before February 1st and August 1st of each year advising the Township of any changes in the occupancy.

The next semi-annual rental property registrations are due on or before August 1, 2010. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Township web page at <a href="www.brightontwp.org">www.brightontwp.org</a>. It is the responsibility of the landlord to file in a timely manner. The Township does not send notices. If you have had no tenant changes, you may report the information by calling 724-774-4800. Have guestions? Please call the Township Office.



At the May 14th Beaver County Police Memorial service, former Brighton Township Chief of Police Christy Netherland was added to the memorial honoring deceased officers who had 20 or more years of distinguished police service. Attending the service was his wife Phyllis Netherland, son John Netherland, a Rochester Borough police officer, and daughter Elizabeth Donavon. Officers of the Brighton Township Police Department served as part of the honor guard during the service.

### **Park & Recreation Board News**

After two years in the planning, design and construction phases, the grand opening of the Disc Golf Course at Two Mile Run Park Extension was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and received great reviews. (You can see the reviews at <a href="https://www.dgcoursereview.com/course.php?id=3826">www.dgcoursereview.com/course.php?id=3826</a>) The course is open to the public at no cost and scorecards can be printed from the recreation page of the Township web site or picked up at the Municipal Building. Come out and give it a try – it is great fun!

Our remaining schedule of events is as follows:

- A summer excursion on the Kiski Junction Railroad is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This trip on a working railroad will have beautiful scenery, which you can enjoy from the comfortable coach cars. More details will be announced later on the Township web site and through the e-newsletter. You can view the details of this trip by checking their web site at <a href="https://www.kiskijunction.com">www.kiskijunction.com</a>. Tickets will go on sale July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If you want to mark your calendar now, 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.
- As mentioned in the March newsletter, 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.
- Here is another event that you will want to mark your calendar for now. 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.

Remember to sign up for the monthly edition of the e-mail newsletter. You will find an up-to-date listing of events and happenings in our community. Sign up at the Brighton Township web site at www.brightontwp.org.

### National Night Out Celebration! BTVFD's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Annual National Night Out community celebration will be held on Saturday, July 17th at Hardy Field. It will commence with a parade at 6:00 p.m., which will begin at Fire Station No. 3 on Dutch Ridge Road, proceed through Dawson Ridge and end at Hardy Field. There will be food, games and many fun activities. The evening will conclude with a fireworks display. National Night Out is a day set aside to emphasize and educate residents on crime prevention and emergency services in an atmosphere of fun and community involvement. The event is made possible through business sponsorships, donations and fund drives. Come out and join in the fun!

### **Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department - A Brief History**

This year's festivity will celebrate the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. In 1940 a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of a volunteer fire department in the Township of Brighton. After a long discussion with the fire chiefs from the City of Beaver Falls, Center Township and Patterson Township a fire company was formed. Twenty-two men from the Township enlisted to be the first members of the newly-formed Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department. The first elections were held on June 29, 1940 to elect business officers of the Department. Al Buckley was elected as the first president with Ben Grove elected as vice president.

On November 19, 1940 the BTVFD voted to purchase two fire trucks from Patterson Township for \$500.00. On December 17, 1940 the first line officers were elected into office with Ben Grove being selected as the first fire chief, serving from 1940 until 1941.

### Township Continues Upgrades to Hardy Field

Many have noticed the continuing activity at Hardy Field beginning last fall and continuing through this spring. Construction is underway for a redesigned parking lot and football field. Last fall the Township Public Works Department excavated areas to expand the parking lot and utilized the Asphalt Zipper to grind and mill the old parking lot asphalt to remove cracks and deteriorated areas. This spring Public Works installed stormwater inlets, placed additional stone and did final grading. The Township has entered into a contract with Youngblood Paving at a cost of nearly \$100,000 to pave the parking lots. Conduit will be added to allow lighting to be extended to the parking areas at a later date. A connecting paved pathway will be added from the parking lot to the walking trail. Additional trees have been planned as well.

Work is also under way on the construction of a future football field. The initial steps are being taken this year to grade and shape the area into a football field, including proper grades for drainage. Once the final grades are set the field will be seeded. The Township's long term goal is to be able to move football activities to the upper location once the field is prepared and in playing shape. This will allow the Township to dedicate the lower area as a baseball field and upgrade it appropriately. The combination field has not allowed the Township to upgrade either facility to its best use for either football or baseball. The Township has filed a grant application with the State seeking partial funding for the baseball field upgrades.

A copy of the site plan for the parking and football field project can be seen on the Parks & Recreation page within the Residents Center on the Township web site. These projects are substantial undertakings, and will occur over a several year period. Everyone's cooperation and understanding during the construction phases is appreciated.

### **FEMA Updating Flood Insurance Rate Maps**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which administers the National Flood Insurance Program, has launched a map modernization program. The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) within Beaver County, including Brighton Township, are being updated using the latest in digital technology to make the FIRMs more accurate.

What is a FIRM? When FEMA maps flood hazards they produce a Flood Insurance Study and a FIRM. The Study is the narrative report of the flood hazards. A FIRM illustrates the extent of flood hazards by depicting flood risk zones and the Special Flood Hazard Area. Used in combination, the Study and FIRM determine floodplain development regulations and who must buy flood insurance.

All communities in Beaver County are being shown on a single of countywide FIBMs. As mentioned

set of countywide FIRMs. As mentioned, the use of digital technology has made the maps much more accurate, and the floodplain boundaries have been updated as a result. All flood elevations used in the Flood Insurance Study now reference North American Vertical Datum of 1988. The Base Flood Elevation additions and changes have occurred within Brighton Township.

How can you find out if your property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area? Visit <a href="www.rampp-team.com/pa.htm">www.rampp-team.com/pa.htm</a> to view the FIRMs and Study. Persons with flood insurance now or who will need it when the new map becomes effective have an especially strong interest in contacting an insurance agent as soon as possible. Information on National Flood Insurance Program is available at <a href="www.floodsmart.gov">www.floodsmart.gov</a>.

### NPDES Storm Water Permit Report Filed. Township Demonstrates Compliance with MS4 Program

Brighton Township has submitted its Annual Report to the Department of Environmental Protection for completion of the specified program requirements for the most recent permitting cycle. These requirements are part of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The Township will continue to implement requirements of the MS4 program to protect water resources in the community. Among other things, the Township has done the items listed herein.

- Under the requirements of the permit, the Township continues to distribute public education material to the residents and other applicable groups. This includes the When It Rains, It Drains brochure. A link to this publication is also maintained on the Township's web site.
- On February 9th the Township conducted a public education meeting on the MS4 program and the Township's implementation efforts.
- The Township also participated in the placement of a stormwater display advertisement in the Beaver County Times newspaper titled - "It's Your Water . . . Protect It!!!" This was organized by the Beaver County Planning Commission for multi-municipal participants as a costsharing method.
- A minimum of 25% of the Township's storm water outfalls are inspected annually for illicit discharges.
- The Township inspects annually the storm water basin at the public works site and conducts maintenance as needed.
- The Township has adopted and enforces all provisions of the PA DEP's model storm water ordinance.
   Engineering review and approval of storm water management plans are required prior to approval of new developments.
- The Township continues to enforce Township ordinance by reviewing erosion and sediment control plans. The Township has also executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Beaver County Conservation District for review and enforcement of erosion and sediment control measures.
- The Township has established procedures for municipal operations, including fueling and vehicle washing, to protect water resources.

### 2010 Tire Disposal Date Set for September 25th

The Township's prior Tire Collection programs conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy have been well attended, demonstrating the need for a continued method for the disposal of waste tires. Tires are excluded from the curbside refuse collection program. In 2009 217 tires were collected and disposed of during the collection program. This year's collection will be Saturday, September 25th from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon at the Public Works site, 1250 Brighton Road. The fees are as follows:



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

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

### **Brighton Township**

1300 BRIGHTON ROAD BEAVER, PA 15009

# prsrt std 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.



A player tees off at the May 8th grand opening of the Two Mile Run Extension Disc Golf Course.



Disc golfers of all ages participated in the May 8th grand opening of the Two Mile Run Extension Disc Golf Course. Disc golf is a recreational opportunity for the entire family.

## **Grand Opening of Disc Golf Course Big Success!**

### **Course Open for Public Use**

The official grand opening event for the Brighton Township Disc Golf Course on May 8<sup>th</sup> was conducted as part of the Worlds Biggest Disc Golf Weekend, and was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Flying Disc Society. Although the weather was not cooperative, 40 participants played the course, and were impressed by the quality of its design and construction, as well as challenged by the variation in hole design. A few T-shirts and disc (drivers or putters) remain available at the Municipal Building from this event at a cost of \$10 each.

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 on the Township web site on the recreation page, or at the Municipal Building. 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.