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On May 19th the Brighton Township Police Department conducted a Bike Safety Rodeo at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. Each participant went through a bike riding course and bike safety lesson. The event was co-sponsored by State Farm Agent Pat Protzman. Pictured above are winners of the bicycle raffle Erin O'Neil and Bradley Brummitt (Corporal James Castelli in the background). Steve Cable Tree & Stump Removal generously donated the bicycles.

Sky Bank to No Longer Accept Water & Sewer Payments

On June 5th the Municipal Authority and Sewage Authority were notified by representatives of Sky Bank that water and sewer payments would no longer be accepted after June 29th. **Please note that the current bill stock has printed on the back that payments can be made at Sky Bank. Please disregard this statement until new bill cards are printed.**

Customers have several other options available to pay their water and sewer bills. Payments are accepted by mail, in person during normal business hours and a payment drop box is available at the Municipal Building 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In addition, customers may sign up for the automatic bill payment option to have their monthly bill automatically deducted from their bank account. Forms for this option are available at the Municipal Building and on the Township's web site www.brightontwp.org.

Please remember that payments received after the due date printed on the bill are assessed a ten percent penalty.

Township Seeks Applicants for Building Code Appeals Board

The Township presently has vacancies on the Board of Appeals, which hears and decides upon appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by building officials relating to the application and interpretation of the International Construction Code. The Board of Appeals has no authority to waive requirements of the Code, but may rule on interpretations or applicability of the Code. Members of the Board should be qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to building construction.

Interested parties should submit a letter of interest and resume to the Township Manager at the Municipal Building.



The elite members of the Brighton Township Police Department touring D.A.R.E. basketball team take time to have a picture taken during their recent game with the graduating sixth grade at Dutch Ridge Elementary School. The game was part of the year-end celebration 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- 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. Thank you to the staff, teachers and administration of the Beaver Area School District for their support and participation in this program.

Delinquent Per Capita Taxes May Be Turned Over to Collection Agency

The Tax Collector has sent delinquency notices for all remaining unpaid 2006/07 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. Failure to pay the tax by June 30th may result in the Township 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-to-door 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.



D.A.R.E. Officer Sgt. Peter Benedict is shown with Shirley Lyden, representing the Windy Ghoul Association, who made a donation for equipping the D.A.R.E. vehicle with a light bar. Crivelli Ford donated the Thunderbird. Munroe Auto Body, Crawford Tire, Dobish Signs, Interstate Communications and Steve Cable Tree & Stump Removal have made other donations of services for painting, decaling and equipping the vehicle.

Need to Get Rid of E-Scrap (i.e. TV or Computer)?

Refuse landfills are rejecting items referred to as E-Scrap, such as televisions, computers and computer monitors and related items. Electronic equipment often contains toxic materials such as lead, mercury, and cadmium. When not properly managed there is a risk of groundwater and drinking water contamination, air pollution and more. Fortunately, these items can be disposed of at the Beaver County Recycling Center located in Brady's Run Park for a fee. The cost for typical items, based upon estimated weight, is as follows:

Entire Computer: 15" monitor,	
<i>CPU, Keyboard & Mouse</i>	\$24.00
Monitors: 14 Inch	\$ 7.00
15 Inch	\$12.00
17 Inch	\$18.00
CPU	\$ 9.00
Battery Back-Up Unit	\$ 6.00
Keyboard	\$ 1.00
Printer	\$ 6.00
Scanner	\$ 8.00
Fax Machine / size variations	\$12.00
Smaller Fax	\$ 8.00
VCR	\$17.00
TVs - Greater than 35"	\$20.00
Large Copiers	\$20.00

For more information contact the Beaver County Department of Waste Management at 724-843-9450 or the Brady's Run Park Recycling Center at 724-843-2868. Prices subject to change.

Adopt-A-Roadway Program

In 2006 the Board of Supervisors initiated an Adopt-A-Roadway Program in an effort to clean up litter and improve the overall appearance of roadways and parks. There are now thirteen (13) individuals or families who have volunteered their time and energy for our community. They have been at work and are making a difference. You and your family can become involved too!

Under the program a Township road(s) (or segments) or a park area are adopted by a volunteer group or family who collects litter on a Township road a minimum of two (2) times per year. The Township will provide 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 under the program. Participation in the program is subject to certain conditions and safety recommendations.

This is a great way for families and organizations to become involved in the community in a highly-visible and productive program. Please contact the Township Office at (724) 774-4800 or bryand@brightontwp.org if you have interest in becoming involved. The Township will then schedule an informational meeting with you to review the program.

Park & Rec Board Happenings



Easter Egg Hunt 2007 Grand Prize Basket Winners were Austin Saal, 10 years; Eden Roush, 4 years; and Ben Cestra, 7 years.

Erin Dorsett won the Grand Prize Family Basket at the 2007 Easter Egg Hunt.

Your Park and Recreation Board has been busy staging events for the enjoyment of Brighton Township residents. If you missed the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7 or the Cleveland Flower Show Bus Trip on May 24, you missed some really enjoyable activities. The Easter Egg Hunt was held in temperatures more conducive to celebrating Christmas. Even with the winter-like conditions, almost 200 children and their parents or grandparents turned out to find the hidden eggs, many of which contained special prize slips. Grand Prize Basket winners were Eden Roush (4 years old); Ben Cestra (7 years old); Austin Saal (10 years old) and the Erin Dorsett Family. The Bus Trip to the Cleveland Flower Show took place in almost perfect weather and the exhibits were something to behold. In addition to the usual dazzling displays of plants and flowers in the botanical gardens, this year's theme of Rhythm and Hues brought out some spectacular displays from all over the country. Various types of music and musical terms were depicted in floral arrangements that were as clever as they were beautiful. An added treat was the Butterfly Glass House where hundreds of butterflies of various types fluttered among trees, plants and flowers.

Earlier in the year, the Board held Bingo & A Movie events at Shultz Lodge in Two Mile Run Park. There are a number of events planned for the rest of this year. Outdoor movies will be held starting at dusk at Ellis Field on June 29 and July 27. The comedy *RV* will be shown on June 29. If you have a favorite you would like shown on July 27, let us know! Another wine tasting/buying bus trip is scheduled for September 20. The vintner location will be determined at a future date. The always popular Autumn Fest will be held at Two Mile Run Park on October 6. This event promises to be bigger and better than ever with a gigantic Jurassic Adventure feature added to the fun. Wrapping up the year, a trip to Cambridge Springs is scheduled on December 1, where we will view the winter holiday wonderland of the area's beautiful hotel and be treated to a luncheon theatre show.

Watch our electronic newsletter and message signs for further information. If you own a computer and have not as yet availed yourself of getting all the news monthly through the Township Email 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. You'll get all the news on events and activities of the Beaver Area updated monthly.



LaRue Lewis, Joan High, Paul Underiner and Pat Grim enjoy a trip to the Cleveland Botanical Garden Flower Show.



As we prepare to wrap up another successful season, there has been and still is a lot happening at the ball fields. For example, the hosting of the Pony League All-Star games at Ellis Field turned out to be a great day for all. Brighton

Township was represented well by two of our players, Troy Johnston and Derek Decouto. Great job guys! At the Minor League and Little League level, we are also hosting All-Star games for both on Saturday, June 23rd at the Dawson and Baker fields with numerous players representing both leagues for Brighton Township. Our Knothole League teams have had another exciting year honing their skills. Look for them to make some noise in the Center Township 7 and 8 year old tournaments. We can't say enough about our T-ball League, with the youngest boys and girls at ages 4, 5 and 6 who are just beginning to learn the game. By fielding another six teams this season, the growth of our Club starts here. Our Girl's Fast-pitch teams have handled themselves well this season. The 8 and under team had another great season, and the 10, 12 and 14 and under teams held their own against a league filled with skilled players. Look for the Beaver County Girl's Fast-Pitch League All-Star games in mid-July. Those locations are yet to be announced.

Attention all players, coaches and parents! The Annual Brighton Township Baseball/Softball Appreciation Day Picnic will be held on Wednesday, July 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Two Mile Run Lodge on Gypsy Glen Road. This picnic is designed as a "Thank You" for all the hard work that was put forth to make BTBC run smoothly again this year. There will be food, fun and plenty of time to rub elbows with your friends and neighbors of our Baseball Club. Can't wait to see you there!

Don't forget we have elections every year. The Club is made up of a board with positions that need to be filled. If you feel driven, dedicated and willing to help, we want to hear from you. Our board meetings are held every month. "Apply within."

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

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National Night Out Celebration!


The Annual National Night Out community celebration will be held from 6:00 to 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 28th at Hardy Field. National Night Out is sponsored by the Brighton Township Police and Volunteer Fire Departments. National Night Out is a day 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 business sponsorships, donations and fund drives. Come out and join in the fun!

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement & Expansion Project

In the September 2005 newsletter it was reported that the Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA), in cooperation with the Vanport Township Municipal Authority (VTMA), approved the design phase of improvements to, and the expansion of, the Vanport Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. This action was taken following a joint study of the treatment plant to look at existing plant hydraulic and organic load capacity, projected time until existing design capacity is reached and options for plant expansion to serve future growth within the Township. With the near completion of the design drawings, permitting and Sewage Facilities Planning have been initiated with the PA DEP for the project. Initial engineering estimates for the expansion of plant capacity, and necessary improvements to many of the existing plant components, is estimated at nearly \$9 million dollars. The BTSA share of the project is estimated to be just under \$6.4 million dollars.

The next phase of the project is to proceed with PA DEP review of permitting and design drawings. In addition, the Boards of BTSA and VTMA will meet jointly to discuss financing options that are most favorable for the anticipated project. Pending review of the financing rates and options, and final contract bids, an increase in the base sewer rate is not expected to exceed \$6.00 per month, or \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. Following the review of financing options, an estimated impact on the user rate will be calculated and reported upon.

2007 Tire Disposal Date Set for October 20th

The Township's prior Tire Collection programs conducted in cooperation with the Independence Marsh Foundation  have been a big success! Over 240 tires were collected and disposed of during last fall's collection. So we have scheduled another event for this fall on October 20th. More information on the fee schedule and time will follow in the next newsletter.

More information is available on the Independence Marsh tire collection program at www.independencemarsh.org/communitytire.html.

Rental Registration Reminder

Semi-annual rental property registrations will be due on or before August 1, 2007. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Township web page at www.brightontwp.org. **It is the responsibility of the landlord to file in a timely manner.** Notices are not sent by the Township. If you have had no tenant changes, you may report the information by calling 724-774-4800. Have questions? Please call the Township Office.

Meter Reader's Dilemma

The Municipal Authority's meter readers need your help by clearing shrubs, etc. 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.

Fire Hydrant Ordinance

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.

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

Fee for Certified Shut-off Notices to Increase

Effective July 1, 2007, the Brighton Township Municipal Authority and Brighton Township Sewage Authority will increase the fee assessed for certified mailings from \$8.00 to \$12.50. The increase is to cover the cost of increased postage and the administration, preparation and mailing of certified shut-off notices for delinquent water and sewer charges. These charges are added to customer accounts when it becomes necessary to send such notices.

Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective With 3rd Year of Contract

The third year of the contract begins July 1, 2007 with an effective rate of \$8.64 per month calculated as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008	\$8.49
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective January 1, 2006	\$0.17
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective July 1, 2006	\$0.10
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective April 1, 2007	\$0.11
Tipping Fee - Extra Charges - approved effective April 1, 2007	\$0.15
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective July 1, 2007	<u>\$0.10</u>
Total Monthly Refuse Rate effective July 1, 2007	\$9.12
Total Quarterly Refuse Rate effective July 1, 2007	\$27.36

- 1. 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 tipping fees charged by the landfill(s) utilized by the contracted haulers. Fuel costs are calculated on a specific formula included in the contract. Based upon posted prices by the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) fuel increased approximately \$0.37 since contract inception resulting in a \$0.10 per month refuse rate increase. Landfill tipping fees have increased three times over the course of the contract, and most recently additional fees (environmental charge & fuel surcharge) have been added, resulting in additional cost increases that are noted above.

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 curbside service in the bid contract.

- 2. 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.

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

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

- 4. Recycling** – There are no changes to the recycling program. Residents are to continue to place designated items for recycling out for collection in the same manner as is currently being done. The collectors will continue to collect recycling curbside every other week. There are no changes to routes or schedules. Residents are to use an easily identifiable green container for placement of the recycling. 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.

Remember -

The Brighton Township Fire 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 for numerous paper products.

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.

Township Sets 2007 Road Paving Program

Bid specifications have been prepared and bids opened for the 2007 road paving program. At this writing, the Township is in the process of preparing final contract documents with the low bidder. The Township has scheduled the following streets for paving during 2007: Overlook Drive, Highland Drive, Spring Lane, First Street, Pleasantview Drive, Ridge Avenue and Neville Road (Tuscarawas to Sycamore). Residents are asked to trim any bushes or low hanging limbs from trees in advance of the paving.

Brighton Township

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MEETING SCHEDULE

*All meetings are held at the Municipal Building.
Meetings are subject to change - call to confirm
meeting date and time — 724-774-4800*

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Second Monday of each month - 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

First Monday of each month - 7:30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month - 8:00 p.m.

SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month - 6:45 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

As requested

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Fourth Wednesday of each month - 7:00 p.m.
Third Wednesday in November & December.

Brighton Township Historical Society

The Annual Dinner Meeting of the BTHS was held on May 8, 2007 at Shultz Lodge, Two Mile Run Park. Following dinner, Matthew and Brian Cocoran, members of the Balmoral Highlanders Pipe and Drum band, gave a program. They presented a brief history of the instruments and uniforms along with several musical selections. Matthew and Brian are the grandsons of Patrick and Jean Haffey, lifetime residents of the Township.



Coming Events:

The members of BTHS and Beaver Area Heritage Foundation will hold a Pot Luck Dinner at Two Mile Run Park on Tuesday, July 24th at 6:30 PM.

The Society has scheduled a bus trip to Washington County on August 28th. The trip will include tours of two historical homes, the David Bradford and the Le Moyne, as well as the Trolley Museum. Tickets will be on sale from June 25th through August 3rd at the Municipal Building. The bus will leave the Firemen's Social Hall at 8 AM and return at approximately 5 PM. Lunch is not included. A lunch stop has been scheduled at King's restaurant. The cost of the trip is \$43 per person.

Real Estate and Per Capita Tax Information

The Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills and the Per Capita Tax bills will be mailed on July 1, 2007.

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

Tuesday: 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Friday: 10 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

**Last two (2) Saturdays of each
month during 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. For your convenience, a drop box is available to receive your payments.

For more information, call Mr. Onuska at (724) 774-2622.