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FREE BUS TRIP FOR WWII VETERANS National WWII Memorial

October 4th is the next date for a one day trip to the National WWII Memorial in Washington, DC. The trip is for WWII Veterans and is free. There are various boarding areas around Pittsburgh and one in Beaver. Locally, the bus departs at 5:45

A.M. from the Beaver County Parking Garage (next to Courthouse) and returns around 9:00 P.M. There is a nurse on each bus as well as several assistants. Boxed meals are provided and wheelchairs are available for those who need them. For more info and/or reservations, please call Lydian Fisher at 724-728-9370.

As time permits, other memorial stops may take place. Please note that Korean Veterans will be taken on a standby basis if all seats are not occupied by WWII Veterans.



WWII Veterans Steve Hazy and Robert Hines visit the National WWII Memorial in Washington DC on a recent bus trip provided at no cost to WWII Veterans.

Pictures Wanted for 2013 WWII Calendar

Pictures of WWII Veterans (living or deceased) are wanted for placement in a 2013 memorial calendar that is being created to raise funds for a Southwestern Pennsylvania Memorial for WWII Veterans on the North Shore in Pittsburgh near the Del Monte Center and stadiums, to be dedicated this Veteran's Day. For more information, call Township resident and Memorial Committee member Jerry Fisher at his place of business at 724-728-5535 or his home at 724-728-9370.



Township Adopts Revised Regulations for Oil & Gas Development

The Brighton Township Board of Supervisors has recently adopted amendments to the Zoning Code to regulate Mineral Extraction, Natural Gas Compressor Stations and Processing Plants and Oil and Gas Development. The drilling for natural gas is taking place in adjoining communities and is expected at some future date within Brighton Township. The adopted regulations establish oil and gas development (including drilling) as a permitted conditional use within all zoning districts in the Township. The revised code establishes procedures for application and regulations for fencing, lighting, noise abatement, emergency preparedness & planning and other provisions. Previously, the Township amended the Traffic Code to require the execution of an excess maintenance agreement for over posted weight vehicles to use Township roadways.

To a large extent, the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act preempts local regulation and puts regulatory authority into the hands of the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The Act preempts local regulations of any kind where it regulates the same features of oil and gas well operations regulated by the Oil and Gas Act. This includes most of what are the technical and environmental aspects of the operations. However, the Township has taken these measures to regulate those areas that still fall under local jurisdiction under the authority of the Municipalities Planning Code.

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**Leaf Waste
Collection
Program
Returns.
The Fall
Drop Off Site Will
Remain Operational**



Brighton Township will continue this fall with the curbside collection program for leaf waste to comply with State regulations that mandate curbside recycling, including yard waste. Please note that the yard waste drop-off site will continue to operate on the same basis as it currently is and, therefore, participation in the curbside collection program is optional. With 75 miles of roads, curbside collection of leaves and other yard waste is a significant undertaking for the Township and is costly in terms of labor and equipment operation. It is hoped that many homeowners will continue to use the drop-off site, or compost the leaves in their own yards.

The collection of leaves and yard waste has been established as a fee-based program whereby residents purchase biodegradable paper collection bags at a cost of \$2.00 each within which the leaves, garden residues, shrubbery clippings or tree trimmings must be placed. Bags must be placed at the curb on collection days to be designated. Bags will be pre-sold at the Municipal Building and must be purchased from the Township, not from another source, such as a home improvement store. Watch for newspaper announcements of the collection dates and when the leaf bags will be available for purchase.

**What we feed into our storm drains
can poison our rivers.**

When the rain falls and the snow melts, a flood of water runs off our roofs, roads and yards and down into our streets. Everything the water touches is swept down those streets and fed directly into our storm drains. And then flows out into our rivers—the major source of our drinking water.

Trash. Paint. Oil. Fertilizers. Animal waste. Anything in the path of the storm water can find its way to our rivers through our storm drains.

But there is something we can do about it. In fact, a lot of



dedicated people and municipalities are working on it right now. You can help too.

Use environmentally friendly lawn and garden products. Properly dispose of oil, paints and other household chemicals. And please, don't litter the street or the landscape.

To find out more, visit our website. And discover how to keep our rivers from going down the drain.



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

Third Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that Third Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns are due on or before the end of October for the quarter including July, August and September. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a 1% tax on gross earnings. This tax is paid to the Beaver Area School District and Brighton Township at 1/2 of 1% each. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty. If you are employed in the Beaver Area it is mandatory that your employer withhold the tax and your obligation is fulfilled except for the filing of a final return. However, it is the employed person's responsibility to pay the tax so payment should be verified.

Earned Income Period

3rd Qtr: July, August, September

Payment is Due

On or before the end of October

The EIT Collector for Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District is the Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CENTAX), 438 Line Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117. CENTAX can be reached at 1-800-569-6704 or (724) 752-3350 for more information or questions. Forms are available at www.centaxgroup.com.

Need help? Representatives of CENTAX will be at the Ft. McIntosh building the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. to assist you.

Volunteer Fire Department to Conduct Annual Appeal!



Watch your mailbox for the annual appeal letter from Brighton Township's Volunteer Fire Department, typically received during the month of October. These funds are vitally important to the operation of the Department. In 2010 the Fire Department responded to 413 calls, with 2,582 hours volunteered by Department members in response to these calls. This does not include the hours spent for training, maintenance activities and fund raising efforts, such as the fish fry. Please be generous in response to their request.

Upcoming Fish Fries: October 7, October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, December 16

Fish fries are held at the Firemen's Social Hall on Dutch Ridge Road from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. The price is \$9.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children. Takeouts are also available.

"Heart and Home" Event Returns to Library

The Beaver Area Memorial Library is sponsoring a special night out called HEART and HOME on Saturday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the library. The event will feature items for the home that have been made or decorated by local artists. Raffles, a silent auction, The Knit Shoppe and La Boutique will also be part of the event. The advance price of \$10 a ticket or \$12 at the door, includes light refreshments. Tickets can be purchased at the Beaver Area Memorial Library, 100 College Avenue. The HEART and HOME is sponsored by the Friends of the Library to supplement library services. For more information, please call 724-775-1132.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TRICK OR TREAT

WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM.

Billing Procedures for Water & Sewer Service

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority and Sewage Authority bill jointly for water and sewer services. Bills are sent monthly to each account. The monthly charge for the typical residential account is \$23.90 for water and \$30.00 for sewer. The Township is divided into three billing districts, and each month one district has a water meter reading. Therefore, each meter is read once every quarter (each three months) or four times per year. Any use over 12,000 gallons is classified as excess usage and is billed at a rate of \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons of excess water and \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons of excess sewage.

The bill shows a gross amount and a net amount. The net amount is the amount billed and due on the date shown on the left-hand portion of the bill. The gross amount is the amount due if payment is made after the due date, and includes a 10% penalty for late payment. Payment can be made with a single check made payable to "BTMA":

- By mail;
- At the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; or

- Through the payment drop after hours and on weekends or holidays.

Please enclose the payment stub with your payment. Refer to the back of the billing card for Service Code identification.

Online Credit Card Payments

The Municipal & Sewage Authorities have added online payment capability to their utility billing operations. Please read this important announcement below.

Important Billing Notice

Each account is invoiced monthly and bill cards should be received around the 1st of each month. If you do not receive your bill card please contact the Municipal Building to inquire about your account. Payment of the monthly billing is required by the due date to avoid penalty. Lost or misplaced bill cards are not the responsibility of the Authority.

Owners of rental properties are reminded that the water and sewage charges stay with the property if unpaid. Please contact the Authority for account status or duplicate invoice if desired.

Online Credit Card Payments Now Available!

The Municipal & Sewage Authorities have added online payment capability to their utility billing operations. Customers may now access their current account information through the Utility Billing link on the home page of the Brighton Township web site www.brightontwp.org. This is available only after a customer establishes their online account.

- You will need your account number as listed on your bill card to log on.
- You will be asked to create a unique user password.
- When registering you must list your name and address **EXACTLY** as it is listed on your bill card.
- The on-line account will show your current billing/balance only.
- Only one transaction can be posted to your account within a 24-hour period.
- The minimum payment is \$20. The maximum payment is \$1,000.

- You can print a receipt after you have made your transaction.
- There is an automatic logoff after your payment is entered.
- Online payments may take up to 24-hours to be posted to your account as you see it online.
- Due to the volume of transactions please allow at least seven days for mail or drop-off payments to be posted to accounts.
- Credit card transactions are subject to a merchant fee of \$3 per \$100, or portion thereof as follows:

Transaction Amount	Fee
\$0.01 to \$100.00	\$3.00
\$100.01 to \$200.00	\$6.00
\$200.01 to \$300.00	\$9.00
etc.	

The web link is on a secure server and the data is not in danger of being stolen, including your credit card information, which is not kept online. Credit card payments can also be made in person at the Municipal Building.

A Reminder from Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office

The second installment payment for the 2011 School Real Estate taxes is due by October 31st, 2011.

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

Office Hours:

- Tuesday - 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**
Wednesday - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
Thursday - 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Personal appointments may be made by contacting the tax office.

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

Municipal Authority Adopts New Water Connection Fee Schedule

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority has approved a Service Connection Fee Analysis prepared by their Consulting Engineer, Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. The analysis was prepared in accordance with the provisions of PA Act No. 2003-57 and includes the Connection Fee, Customer's Facility Fee and Tapping Fee components. The analysis was prepared for each of the following: 5/8" Meter; 1" Meter; and 2" Meter. Based upon the analysis the water connection and tapping fees are as follows effective July 1, 2011:

	5/8" Meter	1" Meter	2" Meter
Connection Fee	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$2,500
Customer's Facility Fee	\$ 0	\$ 500	\$1,900
Tapping Fee	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL:	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$5,900

These fees are payable at the time of application for a building permit. The typical water connection and tapping fee for a single-family home is \$3,000 for a 5/8" Meter, and remains unchanged. The larger size meters may be needed when a fire sprinkler system is installed, or in special circumstances where the service line is longer than normal, or increased flow is desired.

The tapping fee component is based on the equivalent residential dwelling unit (RDU) served per connection. Each connection is a minimum of 1 RDU.

Emergency Notification System Established

As previously reported, the Municipal Authority uses the services of Swiftreach Networks, Inc. as its emergency notification provider to comply with PA DEP Public Notification Rules. The Swift911™ system is designed to make phone calls on a Township-wide basis, or to specific people or areas, in the event of an emergency, and can make hundreds of calls a minute to convey recorded messages. It can also be used to share important information. The system is also available for use by emergency services or other Township Departments who can give notice of water service disruptions, road closures, missing persons or other information.

Residents Asked to Update Contact Information

The Swift911™ system is the primary method utilized by the Authority to notify residents of scheduled service disruptions for water system repairs and/or upgrades. If current contact information is not available, prior notification will not be received.

The Swiftreach Network data was provided by a third party data provider and only included listed phone numbers. It is important for residents and business owners to verify the accuracy of the information provided to us, and to provide additional contact information such as unlisted, unpublished or cell phone numbers and even email addresses. Accurate information in the database helps to ensure emergency notifications will be passed on to everyone in a timely manner.

How do you update your information?

Log on to the Brighton Township web site www.brightontwp.org and look for the Swift911™ link pictured below to provide updated information. You may also remove yourself from the list. If you do not have access to a computer you may call 724-774-4800 to provide Emergency Notification Information: Name, Address, Primary Phone and Alternate/Cell Phone. Please be assured that this information will not be provided to any outside agencies or companies.



Community Day Set For October 15 at Hardy Field BTBSA Halloween Cup

As a part of Brighton Township Community Day, the Brighton Township Beaver Soccer Association will present its annual "Halloween Cup" on Saturday, October 15th at Hardy Field. This Halloween-themed event is open to all residents of Brighton Township and will involve an Exhibition Soccer Tournament for the Under 10, Under 8 and Under 6 teams. There will also be a "Coaches Death Match" between the In-House and Travel Coaches. BTBSA will sell concessions (chili, hot dogs, walking tacos, pizza, etc), candy, snacks and drinks. Various soccer items will also be available for purchase. For the little

ones, there will be Halloween tattoos, chalk art, and fun crafts. Tickets will be sold for raffles and a 50/50 drawing. There will also be games and prizes for children of all ages. The Brighton Township Park and Recreation Board will be providing inflatable attractions from among such attractions as the Giant Slide, Jumbo Bouncer, Pittsburgh Pirate Obstacle and The Trackless Train, a very popular ride from last year's event. Please join us as things begin at 10:00 A.M. and continue through the day!



Park & Recreation Board News

As the summer winds down, the Park & Rec Board members again wish to thank the many hardworking volunteers who have made the baseball and softball seasons such a smashing success this year. Registration was at an all-time high and the park facilities got a real workout this year. Football season is now upon us and the many coaches and other volunteers who have made our football program so successful over the years are once again hard at work. The improvements the Township has made over the past two years in the area that used to house the elementary school near Hardy Field afford much better opportunities for activities. In addition to increased parking facilities, the new football field has been graded and seeded and should be ready for play in the 2012 season. This will allow some much needed improvements to be carried out on the Hardy Field baseball facility. A grant application has been filed with the Commonwealth for funding assistance in connection with the Hardy Baseball Field improvements.

Upcoming and past events sponsored by the Board since the last Newsletter include:

- A Dinner and Boat Cruise at Lake Arthur on August 18th. A delicious dinner was enjoyed at Brown's Country Kitchen, after which we took a 1 ½ hour cruise on beautiful Lake Arthur at Moraine State Park. Our guide pointed out many interesting features of the lake, including the many different forms of wildlife that inhabit the area.
- A Wine & Cheese Bus Trip to Ohio on September 15th. The trip included three stops, at Raven's Glenn Winery in West Lafayette, where lunch was also served; Yellow Butterfly in Newcomerstown and Heini's Cheese in Sugarcreek.
- A Brighton Township Community Day sponsored in conjunction with the Brighton Township Beaver Soccer Association's "Halloween Cup" on October 15th. This event promises fun for the whole family. An article covering this event in more detail can be found above. There is no registration or tickets required for this event.
- A Holiday Bus Trip to the Kean Theater on the campus of Saint Barnabas where we will have dinner and view the play "Nunsense" on December 9th. Tickets go fast for this popular event so be sure and get yours as soon as they go on sale in November.

And please note, if you are not already a subscriber, log onto our monthly E-Letter by going 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 then start getting up to date information on happenings of interest in our area every month.



*Richmond Schoolhouse
"The Little Red School" - Brighton Township*

The Case of the Lost Sidewalk

Until very recently the Richmond "Little Red" School House had no sidewalk. A fact hardly worth noting, until you read the story and surprise ending of the Little Red School House sidewalk building project. Over the years visitors simply walked from the street, crossed the grass, climbed several concrete steps onto the porch and through the front door. Simple, straightforward and practical, much in keeping with the concept of one-room schoolhouses. Besides, kids tend not to use sidewalks anyway. In fact, even senior members of the Brighton Township Historical Society could not recall a sidewalk at the facility. The few old photographs that still exist of the Richmond dating back as far as 1908 reveal nothing. The rather extensive photo collection and documentation of the early 1970's remodeling, likewise, fail to indicate the presence of a walkway. Members of the Brighton Township Historical Society felt installation of a sidewalk could fulfill several missions, one practical and one aesthetic. The idea was presented to the Township Manager. The proposed enhancements would provide the building with safe easy access and a finished welcoming look. Cost and architectural compatibility were solved when a BTHS member kindly donated large stones of gray slate. On the given day, Township Public Works employees began the task of sidewalk installation. Immediately and surprisingly, they encountered solid material six inches beneath the surface. Fortunately, they used caution and restraint while their careful digging revealed a brick, another brick, yet again and again. By gently poking and probing the area, sensitive to the historic nature of the Richmond School, a pattern of bricks emerged from below. The Township Manager was consulted and BTHS members notified. Sidewalk installation now became somewhat of an archaeological dig. The unearthed pattern of bricks, from the resulting effort, was actually an antique brick sidewalk! The bricks used to construct the "lost sidewalk" appear identical to bricks originally used to construct the building. We thought we needed a sidewalk. Ironically, we were walking on what might be the original or at least a very old sidewalk all these years....it was just hidden six inches below our feet!

"Beaver Valley Album" Currently on Display at Heritage Museum

The Beaver Area Heritage Museum's summer fall 2011 display, *Beaver Valley Album*, features a visually stunning array of vintage, archival photographs of Beaver and surrounding communities. Most of the images are from the Arnold McMahon/Graule Studios Collection in Rochester, comprised of historic photographs and negatives from the 1800's to present day. This large collection, curated by Kevin and Barb Cooke, includes early Beaver County businesses, architecture, people, events, railroads, steel mills and various industries (such as J&L Steel and Fry Glass). It is the largest archive of Beaver County photography, housing several thousand images. *Beaver Valley Album* highlights more than 70 prime selections of images such as a barber shop in Freedom circa 1900, a Baby Bear Bread truck in Beaver in 1933, the last wagon used by Keystone Bakery in West Bridgewater in 1917, Mutual Union Brewery in West Aliquippa in 1910, and a storm scene near the Beaver County Courthouse in June 1924. For more, visit <http://www.beaverheritage.org/current.htm>.



One of the many road maintenance and safety activities conducted by the Road Department is roadside mowing as shown in the above photograph.

Countywide Earned Income Tax Collector Update

PA Act 32 ushered in a new earned income tax collection system throughout Pennsylvania. Pursuant to the Act, a total of 69 countywide EIT Tax Collection District (TCD) are to be established (Allegheny County will have 4). Each TCD is governed by a Tax Collection Committee composed of delegates appointed from each municipality and school district in the TCD. Brighton Township's delegate is Supervisors Chairman Dennis Nichols.

One requirement imposed upon the Beaver County Tax Collection Committee was to appoint one tax collector to collect EIT throughout the TCD, which is all of Beaver County. The Beaver County TCC appointed Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CENTAX) as the district EIT collector, with collections to begin January 1, 2012. CENTAX currently serves as the EIT collector for Brighton Township and the Beaver Area School District.

In the future your employer will require you to complete a Certificate of Residence. You will be receiving information to help you complete this form and ensure that your taxes are directed to your home municipality and school district. The PSD Code established by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for Brighton Township is 040303.

New Earned Income Tax Rules for Employers

Central Tax Bureau of PA, Inc. will be sponsoring tax seminars for employers located in Beaver County to review new earned income tax law changes. Focus of the sessions will be on changes mandated by PA Act 32 of 2008 for withholding earned income tax and filing employer tax reports. Act 32 requires several changes employers must follow in withholding the tax from an employee's paycheck.

Please refer to the CENTAX website www.centaxgroup.com for scheduled dates, times, and locations of seminars to be held in Beaver County. Along with local seminars, employers may also find information on Act 32 at the PA Department of Community and Economic Development Website, <http://munstatspa.dced.state.pa.us>.



Winter Road Maintenance Preparations Underway

The Township is preparing for the snow removal season and has contracts in place for the purchase of road salt and cinders for the treatment of roads. The Township's 2011 budget includes over \$199,800 for the purchase of road salt, cinders and related materials to maintain the roads during winter conditions. To reduce material costs, anti-skid material is mixed with salt for certain road treatments, and salt brine application equipment has been placed on the trucks to make the melting process more efficient, reducing the amount of material necessary.

Each of you can help with the maintenance of the roads this winter by following these winter reminders:

- Remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. There is reduced visibility for the drivers during snow or at night. Having to maneuver through parked traffic does make their jobs much more difficult.
- Township Ordinance regarding snow removal does prohibit parking, or allowing to be parked, any motor vehicle or other vehicle on any public street within the Township following the deposit or accumulation of ice or snow of three (3) inches or greater in depth, until the snow has been completely plowed from the full width of the roadway. Violators are subject to a \$15 fine when ticketed by the Police Department, or towing when necessary.
- Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This creates a safety hazard. If possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway. Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways or driveway entrances of accumulated snow.
- Cul-de-sacs are difficult to clear to everyone's satisfaction. Snowplows do not have the ability to lift and carry snow from one area to another. The plow pushes the snow. The driver pushes the snow to an area most suitable to expedite the plowing and to open the road for the majority of residents. The Road Department will return to cul-de-sac areas for more thorough clearing after all roads have been properly plowed and treated.
- Mailboxes and posts are often broken from the weight of the plowed snow or simply pushed over by snow. Please check posts for deterioration to reduce the possibility of breakage. Also, install mailboxes as far from the edge of the roadway as permitted by your postal delivery personnel. Installations in the right of way are placed there at the owner's risk.
- Do not drive unnecessarily in a storm, especially during severe snowstorms and freezing rains. If you do drive, be sure to properly clean your windshield and to have winter wiper blades. Verify that your tires are properly inflated and have sufficient tread.

State Road Maintenance

PA D.O.T. provides winter maintenance on the following: Interstate 376, Tuscarawas Road, Barclay Hill Road, Lisbon Road, Pine Grove Road (from Doyle Drive to Industry), Wildwood Road, Grange Road, Park Road, Brady's Run Road, Achortown Road, and Doyle Drive. Concerns regarding any of these roads should be directed to PA D.O.T. at (724) 774-6610 (answers 24 hours).

Township Adds Two Non-Burning Days

The Township has revised the regulations for open burning to include Monday and Tuesday as non-burning days for outdoor burning. These days are in addition to Sunday and legal holidays. The Township's solid waste management program includes unlimited collection of household refuse, curbside recycling and a yard waste drop-off and composting site. With mandatory participation required in the refuse and recycling collection program, the need to burn household-generated refuse has been significantly reduced. However, outdoor burning of paper and other refuse material that is readily combustible and will not create nauseous fumes, noxious smoke or excessive fly ash does remain available on Wednesday through Saturday from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. subject to the following:

- Burning is to occur within a salamander, wire basket or masonry enclosure with openings not greater in size than ½ inch. The receptacle must be equipped with a top.
- No such outside fire shall be kindled or maintained within 10 feet of any building or within 10 feet of any property line or street line.
- All fires must be tended at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- The burning of garbage, vegetable waste, rubber, plastics, furniture, glass, metals, crocking, car products or any other materials which will create nauseous or noxious fumes, smoke, toxic chemicals or excessive fly ash is specifically prohibited.
- The burning of dry grass and garden waste is specifically prohibited on all lots of ten (10) acres or less. The burning of leaves is prohibited, regardless of the size of the property.

Charcoal or wood fires kindled for the purpose of outside barbecues shall be permitted and shall be considered recreational fires exempt from the burning day restrictions. Such fires shall be contained within a defined burning ring not to exceed 60 inches in diameter. Such fires shall be permitted from 7:00 A.M. to 11:30 P.M.

A person engaged in the business or occupation of farming is exempt from the restrictions.

Beaver County Hosts Household Chemical Collection

The Beaver County Recycling Center, located in Bradys Run Park, is hosting a Household Chemical Collection on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The fee for collection is \$2/gallon – Cash Only.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an average home can easily accumulate as much as 100 lbs of cleaners, pesticides, paints, automotive fluids and other products containing hazardous components. If you or someone you know can't use them, or if they are simply outdated or no longer needed, you can dispose of them properly at this collection.

Acceptable items include aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, chemistry sets, compact fluorescent bulbs, gasoline and kerosene, household cleaners, mercury, paint products (including sealers, thinners and strippers), pesticides/herbicides and other chemicals.

The following is a partial list of what is not accepted: ammunition, appliances, bulk waste, drugs, explosives, fluorescent tubes, tires, explosives, medical waste and other non-listed items.

Looking for more information? Call the Beaver County Department of Waste Management (724) 770-2066 or check www.zerowastepgh.org.

USING WATER WISELY

Water Leaks and What You Should Know About Meter Reading and Billing

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) provides potable water service to over 2,700 customers. The customer owns the water service line between the home and the curb box, which is usually located near the waterline adjacent to the road in front of the home. Municipal Authority regulations require the customer to be responsible to maintain, repair and, if necessary, replace the water service line from the home to the curb box.

Water use is metered for each customer. Most BTMA customers are residential and have the meter located within the home. If the customer does not have a basement, or is a long distance from a public road, the water meter may be located within a meter pit, which is generally adjacent to the public road. BTMA has three billing districts and reads the meters in each district on a rotating quarterly basis. These meter readings are used to bill for water service along with sewage service if the property has sanitary sewer service from the Brighton Township Sewer Authority (BTSA).

More information on water and sewage billing is available elsewhere in this newsletter or on the Brighton Township website within the Residents Center on the Water Sewage Authorities page.

Money Down the Drain

There are many ways to be water wise in and around the home. Following these simple tips can help save money, in addition to helping to conserve water and energy.



Use the water meter to determine if you have a leak. Start by making sure that no water is being used in the home. Check the flow indicator on the dial of the meter. If the flow indicator is moving, and no one is using water, you could have a leak and need to perform other checks.



= Flow Indicator

Leaks Inside Your Home

Toilets - The most common reason for high bills is a toilet leak, because they often go unnoticed. They are normally caused by a problem with one or more of the following parts: bad flapper valve, flapper valve seat, ballcock valve, float arm or overflow tube. To determine if your toilet is leaking, you can take the following steps:

- Remove the lid from your toilet tank.
- Drop a leak detection strip/food coloring into the tank.
- Wait 10-20 minutes. If the coloring appears in the bowl, your bowl has a silent leak and repairs need to be made.

If you hear water running, it may mean that water is running over the overflow tube in the tank. This too should be fixed.

Faucet Leaks, Sinks, Tubs, Showers, Hose Bibs - If your faucet drips or it continues to run after you shut it off it needs fixed. Also check hose bibs and faucets in the garage and unheated areas of your home during winter months.

Size of Drop Wasted Gallons per Day

• 1/32"	45
• 1/16"	90
• 1/8"	180
• 3/16"	360

Other Items That Should Be Periodically Checked:

Hot Water Tank – The pressure relief valve is usually near the top of the tank and the drain valve is near the bottom.

Automatic Ice Makers - A leak will cause excessive ice accumulation in the freezer and may also produce small puddles of water under the refrigerator.

Washing Machine and Dish Washer - If you see water on the floor the washing machine or dish washer may be leaking. Over time the hoses from the faucets to the washing machine or dish washer will deteriorate and may start to leak.

Water Softeners - The cycling process is regulated by a timer, and often occurs between 2:00 and 4:00 A.M. You are likely to have a problem in this unit if you constantly hear the sound of running water.

Humidifiers - Water accumulating beneath unit could be a sign of a leak. If the overflow unit discharge is piped into a sewer or drainage line, you may not find any visual signs of a leak. If it is a continuous leak the float may be stuck and could be making a constant sound of water running.

Outdoor Leaks

Faucets and Hose Bibs - Each outside faucet should be checked for leaks. During the winter months inside shut off valves should be closed to prevent the outside faucets from leaking.

Swimming Pools - If the water level stays higher than normal, or the pool overflows when the pool is being used, the automatic shut off valve may need to be checked.

Customer Owned Water Service Lines and Lawn Sprinklers - Soft spots in your lawn may indicate a break in the underground piping that could be leaking and being absorbed into the ground.

Water Service During Vacation and Winter Get Away

Going away for an extended period of time? The Brighton Township Municipal Authority offers a service to have your water service terminated at the curb stop for persons whose home may be vacant for an extended period of time. A service fee of \$10 is charged for both the turn-off and turn-on; a total of \$20. No charges accrue to your account during the period of termination. Accounts turned off prior to the 15th of the month will receive a ½ month's charge, and after the 15th will receive a full month's charge. A person must be present within the home when the service is turned back on. You will need to call the Authority Office to schedule an appointment for this service.

Another option is that you can shut off the Stop and Waste Valve which is near the water meter in your home. If the home is vacant for an extended period this will help prevent significant flooding within the home should there be a plumbing failure while the home is vacant. However, unless service is terminated at the curb, monthly billings and charges will continue to accrue during the vacancy.

Water Service Line Insurance Protection

Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) does not offer any type of insurance plan should your waterline break or develop a leak. However, Duquesne Light as well as Columbia Gas and Peoples Natural Gas offer plans that you can obtain insurance on your water service line for a monthly charge added to your electric or gas bill. BTMA does not endorse or recommend any specific type of insurance that provides this type of protection. The customer should investigate and evaluate these programs individually.

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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.

TWO MILE RUN PARK RESERVATIONS

Brighton Township residents may begin reserving the Two Mile Run Park facilities for 2012 dates on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Reservations will be taken **in person only** at the Municipal Building on Saturday, October 8th from 8:00 a.m. until Noon for Brighton Township residents only. Payment is due at the time of reservation. Telephone reservations for residents of Brighton Township will not be accepted until Monday, October 10th starting at 8:00 a.m. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week. Please call 724-774-4803 to make reservations.



If you are reserving Shultz Lodge for June, July or August, only one reservation per person will be taken for those summer months on Saturday, October 8th.

Residents from Beaver, Bridgewater or Vanport may make reservations on or after December 19, 2011. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week.



Rental fees are as follows:

Lodge: Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$75
Friday thru Sunday - \$85
Holidays and the day before - \$85

Non-Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$100
Friday thru Sunday - \$110
Holidays and the day before - \$110

Shelters: Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$30
Friday thru Sunday - \$35
Holidays and the day before - \$35

Non-Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$40
Friday thru Sunday - \$45
Holidays and the day before - \$45



Please be reminded that the person signing the rental agreement **must be present** when the facility is opened and closed. Also available for rental is a large screen television with a DVD/VCR. TV rental costs \$10 plus a \$20 key deposit which will be refunded with returned key.

Forms needed for reservations can also be found on our website at www.brightontwp.org.