

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP

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National Night Out Celebration!

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Life Flight medivac helicopter takes off!



BTVFD on Maple Drive during parade.

The Annual National Night Out community celebration at Hardy Field on July 28th was a huge success, with a large crowd and fun for everyone. The evening started out with a parade and ended with a fabulous fireworks display. In between were food, games and other displays. The Brighton Township Police and Volunteer Fire Departments sponsor national Night Out. The event is made possible through business sponsorships, donations and fund drives.

Planning Commission Completes 2007 Update to Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Commission has completed a 2007 Update to the 1999 Brighton Township Comprehensive Plan. Much has happened in the community since the Comprehensive Plan was initiated in 1998, and subsequently adopted in July 1999. The Comprehensive Plan is the Township's most important long-range planning document.

The 2007 Update provides a summary of changes that have occurred in the Township since July 1999 in land use, ordinances and codes, population, parks & recreation and other key areas. The summary includes a list of accomplishments that identify how recommendations of the prior plan have been, or are currently being implemented. The Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission have been very pro-active in the implementation of the "Strategies for Action" identified in the 1999 Plan, a result of focused efforts to review and implement the plan on a continuing basis.

A second component is the Vision and Goal Statements. The visions and goals, and other key points, of the 1999 Plan were reviewed to determine if they are still valid. During the preparation of the 2007 Update the Commission identified new goals, visions and strategies for action. Part of this process included two Community-wide Public Meetings to solicit input and ideas, and a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board to specifically focus park, recreation and open space needs. A future land use map is used as a graphic illustration of the Township's vision and goals with respect to land use.

The Planning Commission has referred the plan to the Board of Supervisors who will conduct a public hearing on the 2007 Update and consider adoption of the plan thereafter. The Board has scheduled the public hearing at the Municipal Building on November 13th at 8:30 P.M.



With winter on the horizon, we can now take a moment to celebrate the success of the 2007 season. Our baseball/softball club board members would like to personally thank everyone involved in making this year run so smoothly. We are all proud of the sportsmanship our players and coaches displayed on the ball fields. Although Brighton Township is not the largest community in the county, our teams continue to rise to the level needed to compete against tough competition.

With that in mind, "The Picnic" went off without a hitch. It was a beautiful evening at Two Mile Run Park for our club's Appreciation Day. The turnout was huge again this year. With lots of good food, fellowship, Bruster's ice cream and a big creek, there was fun for all. A big thanks to the volunteers who made this event possible.

On a more serious note, our club cannot operate without board members who oversee the workings of the whole organization. Without these dedicated volunteers, there would be no baseball or fast-pitch softball in Brighton Township. Every year these positions need to be filled, and this year was no different. Mary Feroce has dedicated over 20 years of service as secretary for our club. This will be her last year. Thanks Mary for a job well done. We will all miss your enthusiasm.

Looking ahead, there is a lot of work to be done. With the improvements being made at Ellis and Hardy Fields, let's continue to show Brighton Township that we are behind them 100%. The effort our Township gives to help this club should be recognized.

Spring is not that far away. Registration dates will be here before you know it. Consider this...sign-ups are always held at the end of January and beginning of February. So pay attention parents. Let's get these boys and girls involved.

Winter is On Its Way



Before you receive your next Township newsletter winter will have arrived. So now is a good time to provide some winter reminders:

- Please help the Road Department this winter by removing 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.

SNIPPETS from the PAST

Brighton Township and "the Greatest Generation"

World War II veterans tended to return home and blend back into peacetime life, neither expecting nor receiving much attention for their exploits. In some cases, though, their achievements were too striking to fade away.

Dale Karger is best known to Brighton Township residents as a long time member of the Fire Department. To military historians, however, he is better known as the man who was once the youngest ace of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Flying a P-51 Mustang, the 19 year old Lt. Karger was credited with shooting down 7½ German planes. Perhaps more importantly, he is also the first man to defeat and destroy a German jet plane in single combat.

The Brighton Township Historical Society would like to congratulate this resident who will forever be a part of history.

Well done, Lt. Karger

**If you would like to learn more about this subject, Dale Karger will be the speaker at an upcoming meeting of the Brighton Township Historical Society.*

• September 11th Brighton Township Historical Society Meeting

Dick Mills, Brighton Township native and veteran of the Pitt Panthers and Detroit Lions presented a program entitled: "Dutch Ridge and Beyond".

• November 13th Brighton Township Historical Meeting

Jerry and La Rue Lewis are long time collectors of antique Christmas ornaments and are the program presenters. Feel free to bring your favorite antique ornament and tell us its story.



Bids Authorized for Two Mile Run Park Improvements

The Board of Supervisors has authorized the letting of bids for the grading contract, which is the first step in the construction of additional improvements at Two Mile Run Park. In advance of the grading a wetlands study and a timber sale was completed within the construction area. Brighton Township has received a \$78,000 matching grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for these improvements. Improvements include a second entrance into the park with parking, picnic shelter, comfort station and ball field. These improvements implement the recommendation of the master plan that was previously prepared for the park. Project completion will occur during 2008.

Delinquent Per Capita Taxes To Be Turned Over to Collection Agency

The tax collector has turned over to the Township all remaining unpaid 2006 per capita tax accounts for those persons who have failed to make payment and respond to delinquency notices. 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. After evaluation of the list the Township will turn the unpaid accounts over 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 contact the Township office for verification.

A Reminder from the Real Estate Tax Collector

The second installment payment is due no later than October 31, 2007 for those residents who have participated in the new 2007 school real estate tax installment program. The payment must be **exactly one third of the face amount**. If the second payment is late that payment and the final payment will be penalized at **ten percent**.

The tax collector will hold additional office hours on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., the last day of the school face period.

If you have questions or concerns, please call James W. Onuska, Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Collector at 724-774-2622.

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 10 mill (1%) tax on gross earnings. This tax is paid to the Beaver Area School District and Brighton Township at 1/2 of 1% each. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty. If you are employed in the Beaver Area it is mandatory that your employer withhold the tax and your obligation is fulfilled except for the filing of a final return. 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 Sally Frank, 855 Second Street, Beaver, PA 15009. Sally Frank can be reached at (724) 774-0387 for more information or questions.



TWO MILE RUN PARK RESERVATIONS

Brighton Township residents may begin reserving the Two Mile Run Park facilities for 2008 dates on Saturday, October 13, 2007. Reservations will be taken **in person only** at the Municipal Building on Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. Payment is due at the time of reservation. Telephone reservations for residents of Brighton Township will not be accepted until Monday, October 15 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 13.

Residents from Beaver, Bridgewater and Vanport may make reservations on or after December 17, 2007. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week.

Rental fees are as follows:

Lodge:

Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$65

Friday thru Sunday - \$75

Holidays and the day before - \$75

(January 1, May 26, July 3,

September 1, November 26 & 27,

December 24 & 25)

Non-Residents

Monday thru Thursday - \$90

Friday thru Sunday - \$100

Holidays and the day before - \$100

(January 1, May 26, July 3,

September 1, November 26 & 27,

December 24 & 25)

Shelters:

Residents - \$25

Non-Residents - \$30

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.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



TRICK OR TREAT



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

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.

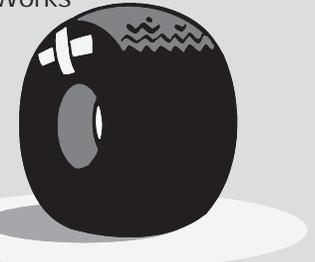
NOTE: The recycling container remains the property of Brighton Township and must remain at the residence if you move. Your recycling container is to be used for recycling only.

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP RECYCLES

Reminder - Tire Collection & Disposal Scheduled for October 20th

A Community Tire Collection has been scheduled in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy. The collection will be from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon on Saturday, October 20th at the Public Works site, 1250 Brighton Road. The fees are as follows:

Size: 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. The Township's prior Tire Collection programs conducted in cooperation with the Independence Marsh Foundation have been a big success with over 200 tires collected and disposed of during each collection.

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

Park & Rec Board News

By the time you read this, our **Wine and Chocolate Country** bus trip will have been completed. On September 20, we visited three wineries near Atwood Lake, enjoyed chocolate tasting at a candy shop and lunched at the Atwood Lodge.

If you haven't already done so, now would be a good time to register for **Autumn Fest 2007**, the eighth annual staging of this popular event. An official registration form can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter or you can register on-line by sending your name & address along with the number of adults & children who will be attending to brightwp@brightontwp.org. Subscribers to our monthly e-letter can use the form included in that newsletter, and available on the Current Events Page of the Township website www.brightontwp.org.

The event will be held at Two Mile Run Park on Saturday, October 6, between the hours of Noon and 5:00 P.M. Some new attractions have been added to complement the old standbys, which include the petting zoo, pony rides, hayrides, bingo, and tattoos. Some new things added this year include the defender zone, an all-star funhouse, inflate-a-hoops, Jurassic adventure & country music sung by Beaver's own Leanne Hovanec. Hot dogs, pizza, ice cream and cookies will be served along with water and soft drinks. And best of all, everything is **FREE!** Parking will also be available at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School with shuttle bus service to & from the park from 11:45 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Please consider using this parking plan as it cuts down considerably on the congestion at the Park.

Our event schedule will wrap up in December when a bus will be chartered to Cambridge Springs, PA to visit the **Riverside Inn Christmas Festival**. We will be entertained by a luncheon-theater troupe who will present a seasonal play. Before and after lunch we can enjoy the Inn's festive decorations and many Christmas tree displays. Tickets will go on sale November 1. Don't be left out!

Boy Scout Troop 766 Schedules Spaghetti Dinner "All You Can Eat!"

A spaghetti dinner to benefit Boy Scout Troop 766, chartered by the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department, has been scheduled as follows:

Sunday, November 11, 2007
11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
BTVFD Social Hall

Adults \$6.00
Senior Citizens \$5.00
Children (10 and under) \$4.00

Come on out and support the Scouts!

Another Successful Summer Playground Program Completed

The YMCA of Beaver County conducted a Summer Playground Program from June 18th to July 27th at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. Brighton Township and Beaver Borough contracted with the YMCA in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District to conduct the program. The program was operated for students in K-5th grade, was 6 weeks in length and operated from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. YMCA trained staff supervised the program and provided needed resources; including games, crafts, sports and special events. Overall a total of 44 children registered for the program.



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 2006 the Fire Department responded to 315 calls, with 2,858 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.

Mark These Dates to Attend These Fish Fry Nights!

October 5th and 19th
November 2nd and 16th
December 7th and 21st

Firemen's Social Hall – 5400 Dutch Ridge Road

4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
\$7.50 for adults & \$6.50 for children
Takeouts available

Fall Leaves Can Be Deposited at Yard Waste Composting Site



Wondering what to do with all the leaves that will be falling in your yard this fall? They can be taken to the Brighton Township Yard Waste Composting Site located at the public works complex at 1250 Brighton Road. Use of the site does require a permit. Current residential permits are issued at the Municipal Building for an annual fee of \$10.00 and are for the period March 1, 2007 to February 28, 2008. Permits are required for depositing yard materials at the site only. A permit is not required to pick up processed mulch or compost. For more information inquire at the Municipal Building or call 774-4800.

Please Secure Your Load

There have been instances of persons bringing large loads of unsecured tree limbs or leaves to the site that fall off during transport, becoming a roadway hazard, or creating a clean-up issue for other property owners. Please be considerate and properly secure your load for transport.

Is your roof flushing raw sewage into our rivers?

Whenever it rains, water flows off hundreds of thousands of roofs, into downspouts and down our storm drains. If our downspouts are connected to the underground sewer lines, storm water can overload the lines. Causing sewage to overflow into our rivers —the source of the water we use everyday.

Fortunately, there's a solution. Many dedicated people and municipalities are working on it.

You can help too. Check with your local community about whether you need to disconnect



your downspouts from the sewer system.

Connect a rain barrel to your home's downspout so the water can be captured, conserved and used later on your yard or garden. Plant trees and other vegetation to reduce storm water runoff from your yard.

To find out more, visit our website. Because the only thing that should flow into our rivers is clean water.

3 Rivers
Wet Weather
Demonstration Program



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

Brighton Township

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BEAVER, PA 15009

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MEETING SCHEDULE

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

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

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

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

SEWAGE AUTHORITY

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

ZONING HEARING BOARD

As requested

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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

See You
At The
Eighth Annual



Fest



What's Happening?

11:30 AM - Noon
Noon - 2:00 PM
Noon - 3:00 PM
Noon - 4:00 PM

- *Registration and Check-in
- *Petting Zoo and Pony Rides
- *Tattoos
- *Defender Dome, All Star Fun House, Inflate-A-Hoops & Jurassic Adventure (weather permitting)
- *Country Music by *Leanne Hovanec*
- *Free Food & Drinks
- *Bingo in the Lodge
- *Hayride, Ice Cream and Popcorn

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Who's Invited?: *ALL BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

How do I sign up?: *Complete the attached Registration Form and return to the Township office. Forms are also available at the Township Office.

When: Saturday, October 6, 2007

Where: Two Mile Run Park

Time: 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Shuttle Bus Parking available between 11:45 am - 5 pm at Dutch Ridge Elementary School. Please take advantage of our Free Shuttle Bus to avoid parking congestion.

Autumn Fest Registration



Name _____

Address _____

Adults _____

Children _____