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Township Receives First Gas Well Drilling Application

As reported in the prior newsletter, the Brighton Township Board of Supervisors has adopted regulations within the Zoning Code to regulate Mineral Extraction, Natural Gas Compressor Stations and Processing Plants and Oil and Gas Development. Recent amendments to those regulations have also been adopted. The drilling for natural gas that has been taking place in adjoining communities will soon occur in Brighton Township, with the first application for gas well drilling being filed by Chesapeake Appalachia, LLC. Chesapeake has identified the location as Jenkins Pad A at 985 Neville Road.

The adopted regulations establish oil and gas development (including drilling) as a permitted conditional use within all zoning districts in the Township. Procedures for application, and regulations for fencing, lighting, noise abatement, emergency preparedness & planning and other provisions are in place by virtue of ordinance adoption by the Board. The Township has taken these measures to regulate those areas that fall under local jurisdiction under the authority of the Municipalities Planning Code. However, 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.

The Township Traffic Code also requires the execution of an excess maintenance agreement for over posted weight vehicles to use Township roadways. Chesapeake has already paved Neville Road in anticipation of the gas well drilling proceeding, and has stated their intentions to reconstruct the road further in the spring.

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In November the Brighton Township Historical Society presented "Memories of the Battle of the Bulge; A Panel Discussion." During this program various speakers recounted their personal experiences, or the shared stories of their loved ones, of the events of this historic battle of WWII, as well as other accounts of their service for our country. One of the presenters was Brighton Township resident Raymond L. Custard shown with Historical Society President Arlene Young. Mr. Custard served with the U. S. Army 87th Infantry Division during WWII. During his service he also collected military patches, some of which are shown here, and were on display with many other items during the program.

"The Lost Bell"

The Brighton Township Historical Society's previous column in this newsletter featured the recent unearthing of a forgotten old sidewalk on the grounds of the Richmond Schoolhouse facility. Upon reading the story of the "Lost Sidewalk" long time members of the Historical Society recalled yet another similar lost item event at the Richmond "Little Red" Schoolhouse. The following is a true tale from the Historical Society archives.

Visit the Little Red Schoolhouse and simply stand on the "Lost Sidewalk" and glance upward toward the top of the building. Adorning the top front of the structure is a large old-fashioned bell. Today it provides a visual charm to the Richmond Schoolhouse as part of its overall quaint architecture. However, an attached bell was not always present. Unlike typical one-room schoolhouses of that era, the Richmond Schoolhouse had no bell for many years.

Appearance aside, the "Lost Bell" provided the early Brighton Township community a functional service. Imagine, just for a moment, the 1800's local kids on their way to the one-room Richmond Schoolhouse at a clearing near Park Road. The tolling of the bell, echoing throughout the countryside, alerted students that another day of class was about to begin. The sound sent kids walking to school a clear signal that it now was time to hurry up. Running along the dirt paths, cow paths, across farm fields and meadows, kids scrambled to the start of another school day.

Eventually, the absent bell reappeared. Speculation suggests the Richmond Schoolhouse Bell disappeared in the 1880's. After many years the "Lost Bell" surprisingly returned home in the early 1980's. Curiously, the bell returned to Brighton Township when a woman in her will requested it be returned to the Richmond School with no questions asked. The decedent remained anonymous. Apparently the bell was taken by a then local and ended up in the Midwest. Nevertheless, after the passing of generations and miles later the "Lost Bell" ended its journey where it began.... properly above the front door of the Richmond "Little Red" Schoolhouse.



Brighton Township Historical Society Member Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

DATE _____

Join the Brighton Township Historical Society

You are invited to join the Brighton Township Historical Society for 2012. New members are always welcome. Annual dues are only \$10.00 per household. Simply make your check payable to the "Brighton Township Historical Society" and mail to 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. Thanks!!

Online Credit Card Payments Now Available!

The Municipal & Sewage Authorities now have online payment capability as part of their utility billing operations. Customers can now access their current account information through the Online Bill Pay 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 SERVICE 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:

<u>Transaction Amount</u>	<u>Fee</u>
\$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.



Senator Elder Vogel, Jr. of the 47th Senatorial District visits the Brighton Township Municipal Building to notify the Township of a \$100,000 Pennsylvania DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant Award for the continued development of Hardy Field.

Pictured (left to right) are: Paul T. Underiner, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Board; John Curtaccio, Vice Chairman of the Supervisors; Dennis E. Nichols, Chairman of the Supervisors; Senator Elder Vogel, Jr.; James E. Equels, Sr., Supervisor; and Bryan K. Dehart, Township Manager

Major Improvements To Hardy Field

The Board of Supervisors is very pleased to announce that extensive improvements to the Hardy Field recreation complex will move forward in 2012. With the receipt of a \$100,000 grant from Senator Elder Vogel, Jr. and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Brighton Township will match the grant funding and proceed to make the following upgrades to Hardy Field:

- **Convert the combination baseball/football facility to baseball only.**
- **Install a grass infield with all new fencing and backstop.**
- **Grade the outfield and plant new grass to provide positive drainage away from infield.**
- **Create a rain garden beyond center field for stormwater management.**
- **Construct a walking trail around the perimeter of the outfield fence with connecting links to the parking lot and existing walking trail around the soccer complex.**
- **Redesign and expand the parking lot on the lower level to provide a defined entrance and exit for safer traffic flow.**
- **Construct a ramp from the lower level field to the upper level for ADA accessibility to the comfort station facilities.**
- **Construct additional sidewalk connections between the parking lots, steps, comfort station and existing walkways.**
- **Install landscaping improvements.**

This project coincides with the construction of the new football field already initiated by the Township and scheduled for completion in 2012. Final site construction will occur at the football field, with goal posts and fencing to be added. A new concession and storage building for the football and soccer complex is also in the planning stages.

With the completion of these projects, Hardy Field will serve as the centerpiece of the Brighton Township recreation efforts and serve as a top-notch facility for the benefit of Brighton Township residents. The complex includes soccer, football and baseball facilities to service the many youth programs active in the Township. Many support facilities, such as concessions and restrooms are also available to serve these activities. A playground, picnic shelter and walking trails are at Hardy Field to provide activities for the entire family. **(See renovation plan drawing on reverse side.)**

**Southwestern
Pennsylvania
Memorial for
WW II
Veterans
2012
Calendars
Available at
Municipal
Building**



“They sacrificed so much for us - - - will you please help us honor them now?”

A Southwestern Pennsylvania Memorial for WW II Veterans is being built on the North Shore in Pittsburgh near the Del Monte Center and stadiums. For updates on the progress of the memorial visit www.swpawwll.org.

Commemorative 2012 calendars are available at a cost of \$10 each to raise funds for this worthwhile endeavor. Not only do they make great gifts, with many pictures of veterans from the ten counties of Southwestern PA they make quite a keepsake.

The 2012 calendars are available at the Township Office. For more information or to have a picture of a WWII Veteran (living or deceased) in the 2013 calendar, 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.

Winter Reminders

Winter has arrived and the various Township departments are actively responding to the winter maintenance needs of our residents. Please help by reviewing and following the reminders below.

On Street Parking Prohibited During Snow Removal Activities

Remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of salt or cinders. This only makes their job easier. Township Code prohibits parking, or allowing to be parked, any motor vehicle or other vehicle on a 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. The Road Department thanks you for your help in this area.



Mailboxes

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.

State Road Maintenance

PA D.O.T. provides winter maintenance on the following: I-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).

Fire Hydrants - You Can Help!

Is a fire hydrant located in front of your property? If so, please help out the Fire Department and Municipal Authority by clearing the snow away from the hydrant to keep it readily available in the event of an emergency. Remember, do not shovel snow into the street.

Drive Safely

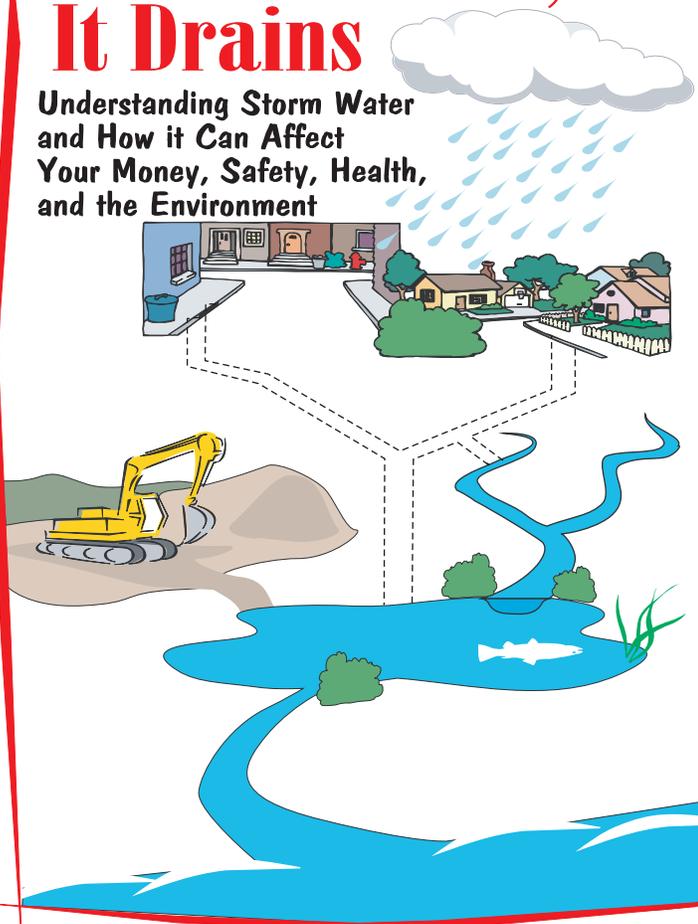
Winter storms and weather cause an increase in vehicular accidents. The Police Department recommends that drivers take time to learn and practice these tips for driving safely during snowy and icy conditions.

- Black Ice:** Black ice is ice that forms on a roadway as a result of snow melting and re-freezing, and it is almost invisible. Driving at normal speeds can result in very serious accidents if black ice is encountered. Always be alert to the possibility of black ice when temperatures are near or below freezing. Pavement that looks dry but appears darker in color and dull-looking should alert you to the presence of black ice.
- Drive Slowly:** Failing to allow enough time to stop is a major cause of winter driving accidents. During slippery conditions stopping distances can triple. Driving at a slower speed, anticipating stops at intersections, and applying brakes sooner than normal will help ensure accident-free stops. Always allow plenty of extra space between you and other vehicles to minimize the need for quick stops.
- Drive Cautiously:** Acceleration and turning also present dangers during winter. Accelerate slowly to avoid loss of traction and subsequent loss of control. Turn slowly, with caution, to avoid sliding into a stationary object or the path of an oncoming vehicle. Avoid sudden movements. During a skid, steer cautiously in the direction you want the car to go.
- Buckle Up!** Be sure you and your passengers wear seatbelts at all times. Not only is it the law, it can also save lives, especially when driving in bad weather.
- Use Headlights:** Turn on your headlights during adverse weather conditions. Overcast skies and falling snow limit visibility. It is important to see and be seen.
- It's True:** Like all the signs say, bridges and overpasses freeze before the roadway. Use extra caution on these.
- Be Prepared:** Prepare your vehicle well ahead of time. Check fluid levels, tire pressure, lights, and the battery. Have a mechanic give your vehicle a winter check-up and make any necessary repairs. Stock an emergency kit containing heavy clothes and a blanket, traction material such as sand or kitty litter, tire chains, a small shovel, first aid kit, flashlight, jumper cables, and a bright cloth to use as a flag.



When It Rains, It Drains

Understanding Storm Water and How it Can Affect Your Money, Safety, Health, and the Environment



What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Why is Storm Water "Good Rain Gone Wrong?"

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.



Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.



Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.

Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.



What Happens When It Rains?

Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Problems related to storm water runoff can include:



Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.

Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris.



Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.



More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.



Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.



We can help rain restore its good reputation while protecting our health and environment while saving money for ourselves and our community. Keep reading to find out how...

Test Your Storm Sewer System Savy!

What does the storm sewer system look like in your community? See if you can identify which pictures are part of the storm sewer system.



Where To Go To Continue the Information Flow

Your community is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is . . . water! Contact your community's storm water management program coordinator or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.



Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
www.dep.state.pa.us

Answers to Test Your Storm Sewer System Savvy:

- 1. Ditch** – Part of the storm sewer system. Most people think that the system is just a series of underground pipes. It can also include ditches used to convey storm water from the land to a receiving lake, river, or stream.
- 2. Fire Hydrant** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Water sprayed from fire hydrants is not storm water, but is allowed by law to enter the storm sewer system.
- 3. Curb with Storm Drain Inlet** – Part of the storm sewer system. Many people do not realize that this is an opening leading to the storm sewer system. Anything going into this inlet (e.g., trash, leaves, improperly disposed of hazardous materials) travel directly to a receiving lake, river, or stream without being treated first. Many communities stencil storm drains with "Do Not Dump" messages to let people know.
- 4. Storm Sewer Outfall** – Part of the storm sewer system. An outfall is a flow from an outfall when it is raining, there could be a problem with the system or someone has used a storm drain for illegally disposing of materials.
- 5. Toilet** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Wastewater from sinks and toilets in houses and businesses travel through a sewer system constructed to carry sanitary wastes. In some instances, older communities may have a combined sewer system designed to carry both storm water and sanitary wastes.
- 6. Septic System** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Homeowners use septic tanks to manage sanitary wastes on-site. Improperly maintained septic systems can leak and contribute pollutants to the storm sewer system, as well as directly to lakes, rivers, and streams.
- 7. Roads and Other Paved Areas** – Not part of the storm sewer system. Roads and other hardened surfaces such as parking lots and sidewalks can accumulate pollutants (e.g., oil, grease, dirt, leaves, trash, pet wastes) that storm water eventually washes into the storm sewer system.
- 8. Storm Drain Inlet** – Part of the storm sewer system. This is another example of what a storm drain may look like. Like the storm drain inlet shown in picture #3, anything that enters this drain will go directly to streams, rivers, and lakes without being treated first. It is important to recognize this as a storm drain to prevent it from being used as a trash can.

Restoring Rain's Reputation: What Everyone Can Do To Help

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint—never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community. (See the back of this brochure for contact information.)
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather—a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess—in a backyard or at the park—storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

Real Estate Tax Information

This is just a reminder for the residents who have participated in the new 2011 Beaver Area School Real Estate tax installment program. The third installment payment is due no later than December 31, 2011. 2011 Township and Per Capita taxes are also due by December 31, 2011.

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.

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.

The tax office is located in the lower level of the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. A drop box has been installed for your convenience.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Countywide Earned Income Tax Collection Begins 2012

Full implementation of PA Act 32 begins in January 2012. This Act enacts comprehensive Earned Income Tax (EIT) collection reform throughout the State. The Act requires uniform withholding of EIT and remittance to a single local collector or Tax Officer. As required by the Act, each EIT collection district within the County, including Brighton Township, appointed a delegate to the Beaver County Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC). The BCTCC selected the Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CENTAX) as the Tax Officer and collector of EIT for all of Beaver County in accordance with the requirements of PA Act 32. CENTAX currently serves as the EIT collector for Brighton Township and the Beaver Area School District, so for residents of, and employers in, Brighton Township there is no change of collector.

Residency Certification Form

All employers in Pennsylvania must begin to withhold the local EIT for employees as of January 1, 2012. Consequently, if you are employed within Pennsylvania, your employer, with a few exceptions, is required to withhold your tax at the rate where you live (1.0% with ½% each to Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District) and it will be directed to your home municipality and school district.

Each employee is required to file with his or her employer by January 1, 2012 a Residency Certification Form. Therefore, it is important that you properly complete this form by identifying Brighton Township as your place of residence. Political Subdivision Codes are used to identify the municipalities and school districts for each tax collection district. The PSD Code for Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District is – 040303.

NOTICE

If you are self employed, work out of state or are a federal employee you are required to pay the tax quarterly or be subject to additional penalty, interest and costs.

Employer Obligations Under Act 32

First, all employers within Brighton Township should already be registered with CENTAX as Brighton Township has had mandatory EIT withholding for all employees by all employers in place for many years.

Second, employers are to fill out a Residency Certification Form for each of their employees and have it signed by the employee. Employers retain this form for their records. The employee must provide updated information, sign and date a new form upon change of address.

Third, send withheld taxes for all employees to CENTAX. It is recommended that employers call CENTAX at (724) 752-3350 for proper forms and remittance instructions.



Youngblood Paving works on a portion of Spruce and Pine Streets as part of the Township's 2011 road paving program. The Township's paving contract under this phase of work was in excess of \$140,000. In addition to this road paving the Township's Public Works Department seal coated several miles of road with oil and chip and performed many other important road maintenance activities.

4th Quarter and Final Earned Income Tax Returns

Please be reminded that 4th Quarter returns for earned income tax are due by January 31st and Final Returns are due by April 15th. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a one percent (1.0%) tax on gross earnings. This tax is paid to the Beaver Area School District and Brighton Township at 1/2 of 1% each. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty. If you are employed in the Beaver Area, it is mandatory that your employer withhold the tax and your obligation is fulfilled except for the filing of a final return by April 15th. However, it is the employed person's responsibility to pay the tax, so payment should be verified. **Failure to file a final return, even when no tax is due, makes individuals liable for penalty.** Upcoming payment schedules:

<u>Earned Income Period</u>	<u>Payment is Due</u>
4 th Qtr: October, November, December	On or Before January 31 st
Final Return - Verification Needed	By April 15 th

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.

Increase in Waterline Breaks Expected During Winter Season

During the winter season waterline breaks occur more frequently, disrupting service to customers of the Municipal Authority. When this occurs, the Authority is unable to notify each household that water service will be temporarily shut off while repairs are made. When possible, the Authority will utilize the Swift911™ system to notify residents of service termination during repairs. Please go to the Brighton Township website to learn more about the Emergency Notification System and how to update your contact information for this and related purposes.

The Authority takes action to expedite repairs to waterlines when a break occurs. However, extremely cold or severe weather makes working conditions difficult and can delay the repairs. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding when these breaks occur, and ask your help in keeping the employees safe by driving slowly through the construction zones.

After the repairs are made, Authority employees flush the water lines to clear them of any dirty water that can occur as a result of the waterline break. If you experience dirty water, run the cold water at the lowest point in your home (i.e. a basement laundry sink) until the water appears clear. Do not run the hot water, as this results in the dirty water passing through the hot water tank.

If you notice running water or other unusual conditions along a road that you believe could be the result of a broken waterline, please contact the Municipal Offices (724-774-4800) as soon as possible, or report the condition to the non-emergency police line (724-774-1789) outside of normal working hours.



The Officers and Staff of Brighton Township wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

2012 Brighton Township Recycling Calendar

WHAT: Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars; Aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans; Aluminum (tin) foil; Plastic bottles and jugs with the numbers 1 and 2 inside the recycling logo; Newspapers and magazines.

WHERE: Place your recycling container in the same area where the garbage is picked up.

WHEN: Your regular garbage collection day during the recycling weeks shown below in **GREEN** print if Route 1 (areas on & off of Dutch Ridge Road, and Dawson Ridge and Gypsy Glen Road) or in **RED** print if Route 2 (Tuscarawas Road from Dutch Ridge to Beaver)

Contact J. Young Refuse at 724-573-0170 for any questions.

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Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective January 1, 2012

Brighton Township's contract with J. Young Refuse for the collection of all residential refuse and recycling includes provisions for changes to the monthly collection charge based upon a fuel cost adjustment on a semi-annual (6-month) basis or if there is an escalation in the fees charged by the landfill utilized by the hauler. Fuel cost is calculated on a specific formula included in the contract. Based upon the semi-annual adjustment the January 1, 2012 rate will decrease by 8 cents per month compared to the prior 6-month period. The new rate is as follows:

<i>Base Rate July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012</i>	\$10.38
<i>Tipping Fee escalation approved effective July 1, 2011</i>	\$ 0.04
<i>Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2012</i>	<u>\$ 0.26</u>
<i>Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2012</i>	\$10.68
<i>Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2012</i>	\$32.04

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.

Please place refuse at the curb for collection by 6:00 AM on your scheduled collection day.

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 hauler provides 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. The contractor is 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 – Recycling is collected curbside every other week. Refer to the Recycling Calendar included with this newsletter to determine your collection week. Please 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.

Free Christmas Tree Disposal at Yard Waste Site



Christmas trees are an excluded item in the Township's refuse collection contract. However, residents can drop off Christmas trees at no charge at the Township's yard waste site located at 1250 Brighton Road. Trees must be removed from any tree bag and have all tinsel or other decorations removed.

Recycling is Easy!

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR MATERIALS

Glass - Clear, Brown and Green Bottles and Jars

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

Aluminum, Bi-Metal & Tin Food and Beverage Containers and Aluminum Foil

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

Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

- Rinse thoroughly, remove caps.
- Flatten to save space.
- Containers must have the three arrow recycling logo, with the numbers 1 or 2 inside it.
- Containers that originally held motor oil, antifreeze, or other chemicals are not recyclable.
- Place in green recycling container.
- Do not include plastic bags or buckets.

Newspapers and Magazines

- Fold newspapers once and slide into paper bag along with magazines.
- Do not tie newspapers, magazines or paper bag
- Do not use plastic bags under any circumstances.
- No cardboard, cereal, cracker or pizza boxes.
- 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

Brighton Township Now on Facebook and Twitter

Please “like” us on Facebook and “follow” us on Twitter to keep up with current posts. Look for the Township seal to be certain you found the correct page. Look for these links on the Brighton Township web site www.brightontwp.org.



While you are at it, sign up for our redesigned enews – a monthly electronic newsletter of local happenings and events.

Park & Recreation Board Happenings

Your Park & Rec Board has concluded another year of planning and implementing a host of activities for the enjoyment of Township residents. In addition to providing oversight to the very successful baseball, softball, football and soccer programs, the Board hosted or sponsored the following events:

- April 23 - Easter Egg Hunt at Two-Mile Run Park. Over 200 children ages 2 to 10 registered for this popular event.
- June 16 - Dinner Theater Bus Trip. After enjoying a great meal at Shakespeare’s Restaurant, the group was treated to an excellent comedy presentation at the Red Barn Summer Theater.
- August 18 - Dinner and Boat Cruise on Lake Arthur. This bus trip was an early sell out and might well be repeated next year. The weather was perfect for the cruise over the Lake Arthur waters at Moraine State Park. Our guide narrated the many features of the Park and pointed out wildlife native to the Park that was observed as we cruised.
- September 15 - Wine and Cheese Bus Trip. Two stops were made in Ohio to sample and/or purchase wine from local vineyards followed by a stop at the Heini Cheese complex in the heart of the local Amish community to sample and buy their delicious cheeses. A luncheon was enjoyed at our first winery stop.
- October 15 - Community Day/Halloween Cup. This event was held in conjunction with the Brighton Township Beaver Soccer Association. Weather conditions were far from ideal, but a good time was had by all attendees who participated or watched the soccer games and enjoyed the food and inflatable attractions. (See picture elsewhere in this Newsletter.)
- December 9 - Holiday Dinner Theater at the Kean Theater on the grounds of St. Barnabas Campus in Gibsonia. The group enjoyed the comedy production, NunCrackers.

As always, the Board is looking for your input on events to sponsor for the coming year. If you have any ideas on new activities or keeping the old, please don’t hesitate to let us know! And our best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!!

Rental Registration Reminder

Pursuant to Township Code, owners of rental properties located within the Township are required to file a semi-annual report for each rental property, listing the names of all tenants age 18 and over. The next semi-annual rental property registrations are due on or before February 1, 2012. Registration forms are available at the Municipal Building and on the Applications & Forms Page within the Resident’s Center on the Township web site at www.brightontwp.org. **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 questions? Please call the Township Office.

Library Cookbook Sale

The Beaver Area Memorial Library’s 50th Anniversary Cookbook is now on sale. Commemorating 50 years in the present building, the cookbook can be purchased at the library and from many of the merchants in Beaver. The cost of the cookbook is \$11, which includes tax. Every kitchen should have a copy of this cookbook!

Fire Department Appeal Letters Mailed



The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department is 100% volunteer and depends upon the goodwill donations of our residents and businesses. One of the Department’s primary fund raisers is the mailing of their annual request for donations that is mailed to each Township resident and business in the Fall. Each home should have recently received this letter. The Department wishes to express their sincere thanks for all those who have responded to this appeal for donations. However, many residents have not responded and your donation is needed to continue the quality fire and emergency medical services that have always been offered by our Department. Their service depends largely on the support of the community and your annual donations. Each dollar donated is accounted for and is spent wisely, and all expenditures are subject to an outside professional audit by a CPA firm.

Please do your share and mail your donation to Brighton Township VFD, P.O. Box 498, Beaver, PA 15009 or drop it off at the Municipal Building.

The Department sends wishes for a safe and happy holiday to all our residents.

Support the Fire Department by attending Fish Fries on the following dates!

January 6 & 20
February 3, 17 & 24
March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
April 6 & 20

Firemen’s Social Hall – 5400 Dutch Ridge Road
4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Takeouts available

Brighton Township

1300 BRIGHTON ROAD
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.

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Soccer Association

As a member club of US Youth Soccer through PAWest, BTBSA provides the opportunity for kids of all ages to learn and play The Beautiful Game. BTBSA offers recreational soccer for children ages 4 to 10 and competitive travel soccer for children and teens ages 9 to 19. Home matches are played at Hardy Field or at the Beaver Area High School Gypsy Glen Stadium. BTBSA also provides player development programs and Summer Camps by bringing in certified coaches to assist in training our young players. BTBSA also hosted the Halloween Cup this past October providing kids 10 and

under in the recreational program the opportunity to play in a Halloween-themed festival style tournament. Registration information for Spring soccer may be found on our website: www.btbsa.net. The registration deadline for Travel (competitive) soccer is February 5, 2012 and March 5, 2012 for recreational (U10, U8 and U6) soccer. See you on the pitch!

Many teams, such as these, took the field for soccer games during the Halloween Cup while others enjoyed the inflatable attractions or others games and activities.

