

BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP

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Township Continues to Improve Park and Recreation Areas

The Township continues to invest in the upgrade of parks and recreation areas, and the expansion of open space areas. Some of the more significant items are:

- The Township completed demolition of the elementary school at Hardy Field and has begun restoration of the area as a multi-purpose field. A grant application has been filed with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources requesting \$175,000 in funding for Phase I improvements at the park. The improvements include expanded and upgraded parking areas, a skate park and related site amenities. A pavilion 30' x 65' in size is being erected at the site. The fencing around the soccer complex has been upgraded, and we are grateful for the Brighton Township Beaver Soccer Association sharing in this cost.
- Having upgraded the Pony League field at Ellis last year, the softball fields were upgraded this year. A new backstop and line fencing were installed, and new dugouts constructed. The field was relocated during the upgrades to provide a minimum 200' depth to the outfield fence to accommodate older age groups. The Brighton Township Baseball Club made a generous donation towards these improvements. The Township was also able to secure additional grant funding to help offset the cost of the improvements.
- The Township has ordered three sets of new safety bleachers to be placed at the Dawson Ridge Park ball fields to replace the older wooden bleachers. The Brighton Township Baseball Club has invested in the upgrade of the Baker Field playing surface. The Township is also evaluating additional improvements in the park for the future.
- The Road Department installed new outdoor lighting at Two Mile Run Park. Construction is underway for additional improvements that 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. Brighton Township has received a \$78,000 matching grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for these improvements. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, the Township has purchased an additional 37 acres to expand Two Mile Run Park.



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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.



Virginia Benedict, Ruth Palm and Alyssa Michael (l to r) get ready to enjoy the luncheon theater presentation at Cambridge Springs Inn during the Park & Rec Board trip on December 1.

To Brighton Township Residents:

As we end another year we are pleased to report that 2007, as in the past, has been a busy year in the Township with many projects being initiated or completed. To do so takes the efforts of many dedicated employees and volunteers, people who care about our community. The results of their efforts make Brighton Township a Great Place to Live.

The Township continues to remain financially stable. The Township was able to adopt a budget for 2008 that holds real estate tax levels at 9.0 mills, a significantly lower millage rate than other communities in the Beaver Area, and much of Beaver County in general. In addition, Brighton Township does not levy business privilege or mercantile taxes. The \$2.8 million operating fund budget will retain without reduction the existing services and programs that are currently in place to serve the residents of the Township.

The Township continues to invest in the upgrade of parks and recreation areas, and the expansion of open space areas. More specific details of these improvements are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. The Road Department completes and oversees the improvements at the parks, and a seasonal work crew and custodian keep the fields and facilities clean and well maintained.

The Road Department employees continue to provide the excellent road, park and other facility maintenance that we all now enjoy. The Township now maintains 43.35 miles of Township roads. The maintenance program includes patching work, storm water improvements, the oil & chip program, road paving, street sweeping, roadside mowing, sign maintenance and winter maintenance. In addition to these roads, the Township provides winter maintenance on an additional 8.4 miles of State roads. This year our Road Department coordinated and supervised the construction of several park projects as listed above. The Department also maintains Township vehicles and equipment, grounds and facilities.

Several important personnel changes took place within the Police Department this year. Howard Blinn was appointed Chief of Police, Nick Bernardi was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Donald Yates was promoted to Corporal and Richard C. Gianvito was hired as a full-time patrolman. The Police Department continues to maintain six full-time officers and seven part-time officers. In addition to maintaining full-time patrol activities within the Township, Sergeant Peter Benedict serves as a certified D.A.R.E. training officer and teaches the curriculum at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a nationally recognized program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and

violence. The Department conducts vacation home checks and business checks. The Department has received several grants to upgrade radios, computers and other Department equipment. The members of the Department have embraced "We Protect and Serve" as the standard under which they operate.

In addition to the review of subdivision and land development applications, the Planning Commission continues to review and update land use codes to protect the residents of our community and to implement the findings and recommendations of the 1999 Brighton Township Comprehensive Plan and the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan 2007 Update. As required, public hearings are conducted prior to action on any of the Code updates.

The Park and Recreation Board continues to sponsor many recreation events and trips that are enjoyed by hundreds of our residents. We would like to thank them for their hard work in providing these events and those volunteers who assist them in making the events safe and enjoyable for our families. Please support their activities and call for volunteers.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the many youth sport organizations that provide a variety of activities for our children such as baseball, softball, soccer, football and cheerleading. These programs would not be available if parents and other interested parties did not volunteer their time to organize the leagues, coach, referee, run concessions, field maintenance and many other functions. The Township has fostered cooperative ventures with these organizations to continue to make improvements to the facilities. It is always a pleasure to visit the ball fields and see all the children enjoying themselves in these activities.

The Brighton Township Historical Society is also very active. Since their creation they have interviewed dozens of people on tape to record an oral history of the Township, have done historical research at the Court House and other locations on old homes within the Township and conducted regular meetings with speakers of interest. If you wish to be part of their activities, call the Township office. The Township also owns a historical museum that is operated by a group of very dedicated volunteers. The Richmond "Little Red" Schoolhouse is a one-room schoolhouse that has established visitation hours set by a volunteer Committee. Take time to visit the Richmond School and thank them for their service to our community.

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, the Municipal Authority and

Sewage Authority are very proactive in upgrading and maintaining their facilities. The Township is fortunate to have authorities that take the initiative to continually evaluate their systems and address identified needs or plan for improvements based upon the recommendations of completed studies or evaluations. These activities are vitally important to provide uninterrupted service and long-term stability to the water and sewage systems.

We all know that the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department responds to our calls for a fire alarm or vehicle rescue and also provides a first response emergency medical service. But what often goes unnoticed or unappreciated is the many hours of volunteer time that are spent on education and hands on training to make themselves the best firefighters they can be when they respond to our call for help. Or the many hours spent at routine business meetings or at fundraisers, such as the fish fry, to raise funds for equipment needed to respond to our calls. Please support them in any way you can.

We would also like to recognize and acknowledge the office staff consisting of employees of the Township, Municipal Authority and Sewage Authority. They are most often the point of contact for persons seeking information or requesting a service. The employees of the three entities work together to provide you with the best service possible. The services they provide include permitting, rental contracts, payment and billing inquiries, and many other services, as well as being a reliable source of information.

Many other persons and groups that have helped to serve our Township during the past year go unmentioned here. But without each one the day to day operations and services within this Township would not be possible.

Looking forward, 2008 promises to be just as busy and productive. This is possible because of the dedicated employees and volunteers who serve our community. The work of the boards, commissions, volunteer organizations and others who give freely of their time to better our community too often goes unrecognized. To each of them we give our heartfelt thanks and appreciation. We sincerely wish you, our friends and neighbors, the best fortunes in the coming year. You are the heart of our Township, and we depend upon each of you to be our eyes and ears within the community. We welcome your participation and input on areas of concern to you.

Brighton Township Board of Supervisors

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Board Adopts 2007 Update to Comprehensive Plan

Following a public hearing conducted on November 13th, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Comprehensive Plan 2007 Update that was prepared by the Planning Commission. The Plan is an update to the 1999 Brighton Township Comprehensive Plan. The Commission prepared the update over a two-year period. The project was initiated when it was recognized that a great deal had happened in the community since the Comprehensive Plan was adopted in July 1999. The Comprehensive Plan is the Township's most important long-range planning document.

As reported in prior newsletters, 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 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.

As it did with the 1999 Plan, the Planning Commission will continue to review the goals and recommendations of the Plan as a blueprint for future projects and actions.

Fire Department Appeal Letters Mailed



Each Township resident should have received a copy of the Volunteer Fire Department's annual request for donation. They wish to express their sincere thanks for all those who have responded to the appeal. However, many residents have not responded and your donation is needed to continue the quality fire service that has always been offered by our department. Their service depends largely on the support of the community and your annual donations. 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.

Reminder from the Real Estate Tax Collector

This is just a reminder for the residents who have participated in the new 2007 school real estate tax installment program, the third installment payment is due no later than December 31, 2007.

Please do not hesitate to contact James W. Onuska at 724-774-2622 if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Free Gunlocks Available

Project Child-Safe has made available to the Brighton Township Police Department several hundred gunlocks to be distributed free to residents. These are cable-style gunlocks that will fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The gunlocks come with a pamphlet that includes operating instructions. Project Child-Safe is a nationwide program to help ensure safe and responsible firearms ownership and storage. This program has been developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and is supported by a U.S. Department of Justice grant.

If you wish to obtain a free gunlock, please stop by the Brighton Township Municipal Building or Police Department located at 1300 Brighton Road. Questions can be directed to Chief Howard Blinn.



Youngblood Paving works on a portion of Highland Drive and Overlook Drive as part of the Township's 2007 road paving program. The Township's paving contract was \$111,230 during 2007. Next spring the Road Department will do restoration work behind the curbing in some areas that were paved.

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 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 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:

Earned Income Period

4th Qtr: October, November, December
Final Return - Verification Needed

Payment is Due

On or Before January 31st
By April 15th

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.



Fire Chief Offers Home Fire Safety Tips

Fire prevention is a very important part of home and personal safety. This winter many families will enjoy the comfort of their fireplace, or the scent and beauty of candles. It's also a good time to take a serious look at addressing one of the most common electrical hazards in the home — the misuse of extension cords. Extension cords are supposed to be used only temporarily. They're not made to take constant use — especially when multiple appliances are plugged into them. Fire Chief John Curtaccio asks that you implement the following fire prevention safety tips in your home:

- Make sure candles are in a stable holder and place them where they cannot be easily knocked over by children, pets or anyone else.
- Never burn a candle on or near anything that can catch fire. Keep burning candles away from furniture, drapes, bedding, carpets, books, paper, flammable decorations, etc.
- Read and carefully follow all manufacturer instructions. Do not burn a candle for longer than the manufacturer recommends.
- Never leave the house with candles burning.
- Inspect your fireplace and chimney regularly and keep them clean and in good repair. Do not use your fireplace if it has loose bricks or if it needs cleaning.
- Use a good fire screen in front of the fireplace – especially if you are burning highly resinous or damp wood.
- Keep the damper adjusted for a good enough draft to remove all smoke and gasses, but without letting the fire get out of control.
- Keep the areas near the fireplace free of flammables. Educate all members of the family about the danger of flying sparks. Do not allow small children to get too close to the fireplace.
- If artificial logs are used, be sure to follow the prescribed safety precautions. Do not stack artificial logs in the fireplace as you would wooden logs.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable fluids to encourage a fire.
- Use extension cords only on a temporary basis and within the limitations on the product label.
- Unplug the appliance and call an electrician if there is sparking, smoke, or odor coming from any outlet, plug, or appliance.
- Examine appliance and extension cords regularly for signs of wear and tear and damage to insulation. Don't use extension cords that are worn or damaged.
- Don't use extension cords as a permanent substitute for inadequate house wiring.
- Don't put extension cords under rugs or in high-traffic areas; don't rest anything on an extension cord.
- Don't overload cords with more than the proper electrical load.
- Use special, heavy-duty extension cords for high wattage appliances such as air conditioners, portable electric heaters and freezers.
- Use specifically designed extension cords for outside use to guard against shock.
- Throw away an extension cord that feels hot to the touch.

On behalf of the members of the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department, have a safe and happy new year.

Earl Woolever's Service Recognized

Earl J. Woolever's service on the Board of Directors of both the Brighton Township Sewage Authority and the Brighton Township Municipal Authority has recently come to an end. Earl was first appointed to serve as a member of the Sewer Committee on August 14, 1972. The Committee was involved in the planning and implementation of the public sewer system within the Township. Earl became a charter member of the Sewage Authority when it was incorporated in 1975 and has served continuously since that time. Today the sewer system has nearly 70 miles of sewer lines and serves approximately 2,600 customers. Earl was appointed to the Municipal Authority on January 3, 1983 and has been part of operations and upgrades to the water system during his service. During his over 50 years of combined service, he served as various Board officers on both Authorities and has been a part of many changes that have occurred within Brighton Township. We were fortunate to have his dedication for so many years and will miss him. He and his wife have moved to another area and we wish them both many years of happiness.

Township Enacts Local Services Tax - Appoints CENTAX as Collector

As a result of PA Act 7 the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax will become known as the Local Services Tax (LST) effective January 1, 2008. Brighton Township has taken the required action to make amendments to the ordinance establishing the tax, which will remain at an annual rate of \$52.00. Of this amount \$47.00 shall be paid to Brighton Township and \$5.00 shall be paid to the Beaver Area School District. All persons engaged in employment within the limits of Brighton Township shall be subject to the LST. However, the exemption for taxpayers has been increased from \$5,000 to \$12,000 for the calendar year. This applies to the Township's portion of the LST. The exemption applies to "income from all sources" within the municipality and is defined as the same earned income and net profits that are used to determine the local earned income tax. Employees who expect to earn less than \$12,000 should file a low-income exemption certificate with their employer. Likewise, a person with multiple employers will only have the LST withheld by their principal employer and should file an exemption certificate with their other employer(s).

Brighton Township has appointed the Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. (CENTAX) to collect the LST beginning in 2008. CENTAX will send the required notification and forms to employers within the Township who are required to withhold the LST. Their office location is CENTAX, 438 Line Avenue, Suites 1 & 2, Ellwood City, PA 16117. Telephone: (724) 752-3350.



Although there are snowflakes in the air and you are in the midst of the holiday buzz, keep in mind the upcoming registration dates for Brighton Township Baseball/Fast-Pitch Softball. Sign-ups are right around the corner in January. As in every year, it's important to get your children's information in as soon as possible. In the Spring, it is too late!! Please take note of the elected members for 2008 season. By contacting any of the board members, they can answer questions or address any concerns you have about the upcoming season.

You can also stay up-to-date at our website: brightontwpbaseball.20m.com.

2008 Registration Dates:

Tuesday, January 22nd 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 23rd 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 26th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 30th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 2nd 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Dutch Ridge Elementary School (front entrance)

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*The Officers and
Staff of
Brighton Township
wish everyone a
Happy and
Prosperous
New Year!*

***Township Acquires Property to
Expand Two Mile Run Park***

In October the Township purchased 37 acres of property adjacent to Two Mile Run Park on Gypsy Glen Road. The property was purchased for \$48,100. The Township has made application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a land acquisition grant to partially fund the purchase and future land surveying expenses. The purchase of the property implements recommendations of the Township's Comprehensive Plan and public input meetings. Included in the plan is the following statement for action: "The Township needs to make a concerted effort to acquire passive recreation prior to additional development." The recently adopted 2007 Update to the Comprehensive Plan also encourages the Township to fund the "acquisition of important open space parcels." The property acquisition moves the Township towards these goals.

Park & Recreation Board Plans Trip

Responding to requests from Township residents, the Park & Rec Board has scheduled a bus trip to Pittsburgh to view the Dale Chihuly Exhibition at Phipps Conservatory. The trip will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2008 with the bus leaving the Firemen's Social Hall parking lot at 9:00 am. After viewing the display, we will have lunch at the Spaghetti Warehouse in the Strip District. The cost for all this is only \$35. Tickets are now on sale at the Township Office and won't last long at this price.

The Chihuly Exhibit has drawn rave reviews and has been extended into the month of February by popular demand. Don't miss your chance to see the flamboyant and beautiful creations of Chihuly. His signature chandeliers, towers and other colorful glass sculptures are planted amidst the lush gardens of Phipps' gorgeous Victorian glasshouse.

Municipal Authority Pump Station Project

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority is in the process of completing a project to upgrade the High School Water Pump Station in order to maintain the station's integrity as an emergency pump station. As an emergency pump station the High School facility will be able to provide pumping capacity to supply the water distribution system in the event of failure of a primary pump station. It also provides an interconnection with the Beaver Borough water system as an emergency source of water supply. The project includes the demolition of existing electric pumps, interior valves and piping, chlorination system, wiring and equipment. New interior piping, valves, control panels and motor control center, disinfection system and related work will be installed and completed. The Authority expects to complete the \$357,743 contract in early 2008.

Township Supports Library

Did you know that the Beaver Area Memorial Library, located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver, has nearly 2,000 borrowers from Brighton Township – representing over 22% of all library card holders? And did you know that the library also conducts a wide variety of programs for children and adults? The Beaver Area Memorial Library checked out over 177,000 items during the prior year and had over 13,000 patron visits to the library. We thank the library's staff and Board of Directors for their efforts and hard work in providing the library's many services to our residents. The Township is pleased to be able to continue to support the Beaver Area Memorial Library, which is used by so many Township residents, by budgeting a \$17,000 contribution in 2008. For each dollar contributed by the Township approximately 75 cents more is received in state aid. Please consider making a donation of your time and/or money to the library this year.



Crime Watch Meetings Scheduled

The Brighton Township Police Department will be offering informational meetings to the residents. The meetings will include training for the residents to be the eyes and ears for the police by effectively observing and reporting crimes and suspicious activities. The assistance of our residents is the greatest deterrent in preventing burglaries and other criminal activity. There has been an increase in the number of burglaries in the Township and in surrounding communities.

The meetings will be conducted in the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, at the following times:

- Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. – Tuscarawas Zone**
- Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. – Dutch Ridge Zone**

If you plan to attend a meeting, please call the Municipal Office at 724-774-4800 with the number planning to attend.

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



Refuse & Recycling Program New Rates Effective January 1, 2008

During the term of the contract the rate per quarter per residential unit can be adjusted for fuel cost adjustments on a semi-annual (6-month) basis or if there is an escalation in the tipping fees charged by the landfill(s) utilized by the contracted haulers. Fuel costs are calculated on a specific formula included in the contract. Based upon posted prices by the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS), fuel cost has increased since the implementation date of the contract. The cost adjustment for fuel during the next 6-month period will be \$0.28 per month, an increase of \$0.18 from the prior 6-month period. Fuel costs have increased 60.5% during the term of the contract.

Base Rate January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008	\$8.49
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective January 1, 2006	\$0.17
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective July 1, 2006	\$0.10
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective April 1, 2007	\$0.11
Tipping Fee – Extra Charges – approved effective April 1, 2007	\$0.20
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2008	<u>\$0.28</u>
Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2008	\$9.35
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2008	\$28.05

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

The contract requires **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 also requires mandatory participation in these programs. As the contracted haulers provide the Township with the names and addresses of non-participants, notices will be sent. Continued non-participation can result in the filing of an enforcement notice with potential fines of not less than \$100 nor more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution, for each violation.

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

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

- Contractors monitor the trash for these items and will leave them at the curb if located. Such items placed in bags with other refuse may be removed and left at the curb.

Loose debris must be in a box or bag. The contractor will not be required to pick-up loose debris. No steel or iron posts or rods that may damage garbage packers. Contractors are not expected to dismantle items placed out for collection. Items specified as items to be separated for recycling are not to be commingled with refuse for the purpose of being discarded.

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

Recycling – The collectors will continue to collect recycling curbside every other week. Residents are to use an easily identifiable green container for placement of the recycling. Holes should be placed in the bottom of the container for drainage. Recycling 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.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement & Expansion Project

As reported in prior newsletters, the Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA), in cooperation with the Vanport Township Municipal Authority (VTMA), approved the design phase of improvements to, and the expansion of, the Vanport Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. Permitting and Sewage Facilities Planning have been initiated with the PA DEP for the project. The Boards of BTSA and VTMA have met jointly to discuss financing options that are most favorable for the anticipated project. Pending review of the financing rates and options, and final contract bids, an increase in the base sewer rate will be approximately \$6.00 per month, or \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. As final construction bid costs are tabulated during 2008, a more detailed review of financing options will be possible, and an estimated impact on the user rate will be calculated and reported upon.

SNIPPETS from the PAST *Abraham Lincoln and Brighton Township*

The Civil War is seemingly in the distant past for most of us. However, there is a Township resident who remembers well his conversations with a Union soldier who was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln.

Following his WW II service as a navigator in the U.S. Army Air Force, Elmer Soles moved to Brighton Township. He was employed in helping transform Curtis-Wright into a Westinghouse plant.

Elmer was 14 when his grandfather, Jacob Soles, died in 1935 at the age of 90. Jacob Soles was part of a Union Army detachment assigned directly to Lincoln. He was in Ford's Theater when Lincoln was shot, and helped to carry him across the street to his deathbed.

In later years, as the last living participant of that sad affair, Jacob Soles was often interviewed for various publications. During the same period he passed on some surprising details and observations to his grandson.

**If you would like to learn more about this subject, the Brighton Township Historical Society has conducted a videotape interview of Elmer Soles, and is working on scheduling a program featuring Mr. Soles.*

March 11th Brighton Township Historical Society

Dale Karger, a veteran of WW II was the first man to defeat and destroy a German jet in single combat, will be our speaker.

**We continue to seek old documents, letters, pictures, newspaper articles and publications relating to Brighton Township. We are also seeking candidates for oral interviews.*

**An invitation to join the society is open to anyone interested in history. Membership dues for 2008 are now due, please join us.*



Brighton Township Historical Society Membership Application



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Additional Family Members: _____

Membership-Publicity: _____ Oral History: _____ Archives: _____

Membership Dues:
\$5.00/family/year

Remit to:
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Beaver, PA 15009

Sewage Authority Undertakes Sewer Line Projects

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority is in the midst of a contract to insert a cured-in-place liner within approximately 2,350 lineal feet of clay sanitary sewer lines in the Dawson Ridge Plan. The total contract cost of over \$75,000 is a less expensive option to rehabilitate or replace older sewer pipes that are a source of excessive groundwater infiltration due to cracked pipes and failed joints. The Authority also completed a contract earlier in the year to replace 328 lineal feet of clay sanitary sewer line and eight manhole castings in an area susceptible to slides.

These projects were concentrated within the Dawson Ridge area since it is the only remaining area of the public sanitary sewer system with clay sewer lines. The goal of the projects is to remove as many sources of groundwater infiltration from the sanitary sewer system as possible. Removing infiltration reduces pump station operating and maintenance costs as well as treatment expenses. The Sewage Authority's treatment expenses are based on pro-rata flows into the treatment facility. That is why it is so important for homeowners to not make illegal connections to the sewer system for rainspouts, roof drains, driveway drains or sump pumps. Sources of ground water and rainwater are not to be connected to the public sewer system. The annual service fee paid to Vanport Township Municipal Authority for treatment expenses is a total compilation of fees paid and payable to VTMA from Brighton Township Sewage Authority for their fiscal year ended. The fee is based upon the annual percentage of sewage flow calculation. The trends are as follows:

	<u>9/30/03</u>	<u>9/30/04</u>	<u>9/30/05</u>	<u>9/30/06</u>	<u>9/30/07</u>
BTSA Flow %:	77.76	78.00	75.88	77.84	78.26
BTSA Treatment Cost:	\$374,263	\$402,987	\$401,617	\$427,706	\$438,315
Percent Change:	7.46	7.58	(0.34)	6.50	2.48



The Authority continues to allocate funds annually for the maintenance and improvement of the sanitary sewer system.

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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.



WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

The Township has expanded the storage facility for winter maintenance materials to be better prepared for maintenance of roads this winter. During the 2006/07 winter, the Township purchased 2,261 tons of rock salt at a cost of \$97,053 and 522 tons of cinders at a cost of \$4,959 to maintain the roads.

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. The Road Department thanks you for your help in this area.



State Road Maintenance

PA D.O.T. provides winter maintenance on the following: PA Route 60, 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, Anchortown 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).