



Your Brighton Township Newsletter

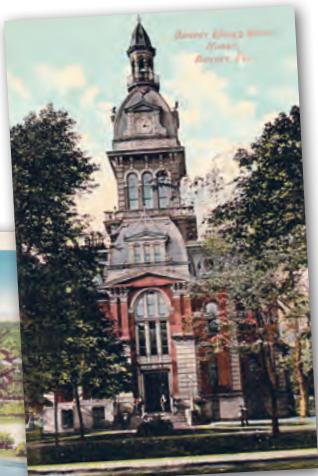
Spring 2014

Attention Spring Cleaners – Need a home for your “old stuff”?

The Brighton Township Historical Society would like you to consider donating archival material to our organization. Old letters, newspapers, postcards and pictures of the Brighton Township area are just a few examples of what we need. Attics, basements, and garages are gold mines for just such items. Often we hate to throw out that box of “old stuff” in the corner, but need the space... the Brighton Township Historical Society may just be the solution. Donated items can even be picked up at your door by our volunteers. Likewise, memorabilia can be dropped off at the Brighton Township Municipal Building.

The Society would like to share with you a couple of fine examples of archival material. The following old picture postcards are from a private local collection. (Visit brightontwp.org/collection to view more.) Postcard collecting is called Deltiology. Old picture postcards offer significant insight into the past. Old postcards create a visual record of local architecture and landmarks of a bygone era. The heyday of picture postcards was the late 1800's and early 1900's. America became captivated with postcards as photography and printing techniques were developed and printing transitioned into a color media. Due to that enthusiasm millions of picture postcards were printed and some very old ones still exist today.

For further information or questions simply contact (724) 774-8292.



Vintage postcards from a private local collection.

Winter Road Maintenance Reflection

At the writing of this newsletter snow still covers the ground, but hopefully as you read these words winter has at last released its hold and children are playing in the parks. But winter will have left many reminders for our Road Department as they repair the roadways this year. We are thankful for their work this long winter, as they spent many evenings and weekends away from their families so we could travel safely with ours. Winter proved especially challenging. The accumulation of snow over the course of several snow storms made plowing and clearing the roads more difficult, as continued cold temperatures prevented it from melting. The supply of rock salt was inadequate, requiring conservation and an increase in the use of anti-skid and cinders in the road surface treatment mix. Through all of these and other trials our employees persevered.



17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Brighton Township's Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Two Mile Run Park on April 19. Resident children ages 2 - 10 are invited to join in the hunt for eggs filled with candy and prizes. Registration is open through April 14. Please see page 9 for details.



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Brighton Township Planning Commission

2013 Annual Report

The members of the Brighton Township Planning Commission are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as an advisory body in matters related to land use within the Township. The Commission is comprised of Township residents who review land use proposals, such as subdivision and land developments, and who also develop and review amendments for land use codes. During 2013 the Commission welcomed new members Michael Purton and Mark Piccirilli.

The Planning Commission was created by Township Ordinance, which sets the terms of membership and establishes the powers and duties of the Commission. Members of the Commission serve as volunteers. The Commission welcomes all input from residents on the Township's land use policies and other matters that fall under their review.

Following is a brief summary of the Commission's formal activities during 2013. During the year the Commission also heard other citizen comments on plan proposals, zoning and land use matters or code change requests. The Commission continues to review the status of existing codes on a regular basis. The Commission's goal is to maintain and improve the character of the Township.

2013 Commission Members

Jeffrey S. Maze, Chairman

William L. Snider, Vice Chairman

Tim O'Brien, Secretary

Mark Piccirilli

Michael Purton

Jenny Strang

John A. Weber

Kathryn L. Johnston, Solicitor

Subdivision Application Plan Reviews:

1. Oakwood Plan No. 2 (Lot Line Revision)..... 2 Lots @*
 1. Lang Plan of Subdivision
(Subdivision of Lot No. 2 in the Ronald S. Gerrard Plan) 3 Lots
 1. Barclay Hill Estates PRD Final Plan of Lots 207, 208, 306, 307
& Parcel "M" Revision No. 1 (final plan) 16 Lots ALL*
- @ Denotes final approval granted by Board of Supervisors - plan recorded.
* Denotes 1 lot with existing dwelling.
Denotes lot with non-building waiver

Land Use Ordinance Preparation:

Zoning Code Amendment:

During 2012 the Commission prepared amendments to the Zoning Code to come into compliance with PA Act 13 of 2012 – The Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Act. The ordinance proposal was filed in July 2012 with the PA PUC for an advisory opinion on the ordinance's compliance with Act 13 and the PA MPC. However, certain provisions of the Act are before the PA Supreme Court to determine their compliance with PA Constitution. The Court heard arguments on October 17, 2012 in Pittsburgh. A decision was not issued by the Court as of the Commission's December meeting. Therefore, further consideration of the ordinance proposal was deferred. During 2013 the Commission revisited the ordinance proposal to include specific regulations on seismic testing. However, those types of regulations were challenged before the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. Subsequently, in that instance, the Court issued a Preliminary Injunction stating that the regulations could not be enforced. As a result, the Commission is evaluating regulations for road occupancy for this type of activity, and will continue this project during 2014.

Zoning Code Amendment:

The Commission prepared amendments to the Zoning Code for small lot farm uses, specifically chickens. The Commission has

prepared a proposal that would permit a limited number of chickens on residential lots in certain zoning districts. Roosters would not be permitted. This proposal has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration.

Subdivision & Land Development Code Amendment:

Changes to the PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) required changes to the Township's Code regarding performance guarantees and to the timelines for appeals regarding review fees and release from improvement bond. These amendments were adopted by the Board of Supervisors as Ordinance No. 184 following a public hearing.

Other Business Items

Property - Fire Loss – Ordinance No. 183:

The Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Commission, adopted Ordinance No. 183 – Property – Fire Loss. A Fire Loss Ordinance requires funds to be escrowed with the municipality in the event of a fire loss at a property to guarantee securing or demolition of the structure. It also provides for the payment of outstanding real estate taxes or other fees.

Comprehensive Plan Review:

The Planning Commission discussed preparing a RFP for an update to the existing plan or preparation of a new Brighton Township Comprehensive Plan.

Township Supervisors

John Curtaccio, Chairman

James E. Equels, Sr., Vice Chairman

Mark Piccirilli, Supervisor

Bryan K. Dehart, Manager

Harold F. Reed, Jr., Solicitor

*Daniel C. Baker Assoc., Inc.,
A Larson Design Group Company
Township Engineer*

Municipal Authority

(724) 774-4800

Michael L. Keeliher, Chairman

Kerien Fitzpatrick, Vice Chairman

Jack E. Erath, Secretary

Gordon R. Sheffer, PhD, Treasurer

*Jeffrey S. Maze,
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer*

Sewage Authority

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Jeffrey S. Maze, Vice Chairman

Jack E. Erath, Secretary

Kerien Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

*Mark Piccirilli,
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer*

Final & First Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Final Earned Income Tax Returns are due by April 15th. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a 1% tax on gross earnings. This tax is paid to the Beaver Area School District and Brighton Township at 1/2 of 1% each. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty. If you were/are employed in Pennsylvania it is mandatory, with a few exceptions, that your employer withholds 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

Final Return - Verification Needed
1st Qtr: January, February, March

Payment is Due

By April 15th
On or before April 30th

The EIT Collector for all of Beaver County, including Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District, is Berkheimer. All 2013 final returns and 1st Quarter 2014 estimated payments should be sent to Berkheimer. Forms can be obtained from the Berkheimer web site at www.hab-inc.com. They can also be reached at (866) 701-7206.

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, local earned income tax is not deducted from your pay by your employer, so you are required to pay the tax quarterly or be subject to additional penalty, interest and costs.



Free Bus Trip for WWII & Korean War Veterans

May 22nd is the next date for a one day trip to visit the National WWII Memorial and the Korean War Memorial in Washington DC. The trip is for WWII and Korean War Veterans and is free. The bus departs at 5:45 A.M. from the Beaver County Parking Garage (next to Courthouse) and returns around 9:00 P.M. There is a nurse on each bus as well as several assistants. Boxed meals are provided and wheelchairs are available for those that need them. The goal is to fill every seat with a veteran and therefore seats are unable to accommodate family or friends.

RESERVATIONS:

For more information and/or reservations, please call Lydian Fisher (724) 728-9370.



Disc Golf Course Open

Become part of the growing group of people who use the Brighton Township Disc Golf Course. The 9-hole par 35 course has both red and white tee boxes, with the course length for the red tees being 3,179 LF and the white tees 4,047 LF. The course is located within the Two Mile Run Park Extension beyond the Public Works Garage at 1250 Brighton Road. A dedicated group of volunteers continues to improve the course by clearing underbrush along the fairways.

A scorecard is available for printing from the Township web site on the Recreation Page located in the Resident's Center. Not sure how to play, the web site also has a listing of rules for recreation play. The course is open during daylight hours seven days per week, and there is no cost to play. If you are looking for other players, send your contact information to brightontwp@brightontwp.org and you will be put in touch with other local players who frequent the course.



Enjoy the Walking Trail Too!

Not a disc golfer? Then you can enjoy the one-mile paved walking trail that is also available in the park. The trail is 10-feet wide, well maintained and has beautiful views of the woodlands and open meadow. The trail has several hills to provide a nice challenge for those who enjoy their exercise. Plenty of parking is available.

Township Awarded State Recreation Grant

The Township has been awarded a \$16,200 matching grant from the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources for the preparation of a Greenways & Trails Network Plan. A study committee is being created to oversee the planning process. Pashek Associates will serve as the planning consultant for the plan. In addition to preparing and inventory of existing greenways, trails and related plans, the process is to identify other opportunities for trails and recreation. Public participation is important for the success of the project. A series of study committee meetings will be conducted in addition to a minimum of two larger public meetings.

If you are interested in being involved in this project, submit your contact information at the Township office or by sending an email to brightontwp@brightontwp.org.

VFD 2013 Annual Report

Fire Chief Kevin Crawford has issued the following 2013 statistical report for the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

| TYPE | NUMBER |
|---|--------------|
| Structural | 60 |
| Brush | 10 |
| Vehicle..... | 15 |
| Vehicle Rescue..... | 8 |
| Miscellaneous | 29 |
| Carbon Monoxide..... | 13 |
| QRS | 128 |
| Mutual Aid..... | 46 |
| Total Calls | 309 |
| Total Volunteer Man Hours* | 1,608 |

*Does not include volunteer hours for training, department and vehicle maintenance and public education and fund raising activities.

Remember, your Fire Department is TOTALLY VOLUNTEER. The Department is looking for members 18 years of age or older. The Department permits Junior members ages 16 and 17. Volunteers are also needed for the Ladies Auxiliary. Stop in at Fire Station No. 3 on Grange Road on Mondays from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. if you want more information or are interested in volunteering.

- **Fire Hydrants** – Township code makes it unlawful for any person, other than those authorized by the Township, Fire Department or Municipal Authority, to open, tamper with or interfere in any manner with any fire hydrant. No obstructions are to be planted, constructed or placed within six (6) feet of any hydrant.
- **Burning** – Burning of household papers or other permitted refuse must be done within a salamander wire basket or masonry enclosure with a top to prevent fly ash from escaping. Such burning is prohibited on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays or legal holidays. Burning is permitted Wednesday through Saturday between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. Please monitor all outdoor burning activity closely to prevent brush and other wild fires.



Upcoming Fish Fries

April 4, 11 & 18
May 2 & 16
June 6

Police Department 2013 Annual Report

Chief of Police Howard Blinn has issued the following Department statistics for 2013:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Hours Worked | 21,154 |
| Miles Patrolled | 152,154 |
| Accidents Investigated..... | 83 |
| Criminal Arrests | 96 |
| Moving Traffic Citations Issued..... | 1,388 |
| Nonmoving Traffic Citations Issued | 58 |
| Traffic Warnings Issued..... | 86 |
| Parking Violations | 115 |
| Fines Collected..... | \$34,158 |
| Homes Security Alarms Answered..... | 143 |
| Assists to Other Departments | 98 |
| 911 Calls..... | 110 |
| Aid to Sick or Injured..... | 465 |
| Animal Calls..... | 153 |
| Vacation Checks..... | 65 |
| Business Check/Closure | 1,225 |

Chief Blinn thanks all Township residents for their kind support to the Department and encourages the reporting of all suspicious activity to the Police Department. Please be reminded of the following:

- **Vacation Checks** – If you are going to be away from your home for a period of time, the police department will make periodic checks on your residence while you are away. Prior to leaving, phone the department at 724-728-1134 with departure and return dates.
- **Dogs** – It is unlawful for the owner of any dog in Brighton Township to permit the dog to run at large upon any street or upon the property of any other than the owner or keeper. Dogs are prohibited in Township Parks.
- **Soliciting or Peddling** – Soliciting and peddling is regulated within the Township and requires the securing of a license. Soliciting or peddling is prohibited on Sundays and holidays, before 9:30 A.M. or after sunset or 6:00 P.M., whichever occurs first.
- **Parking** – Vehicles must be parked on the right-hand side of the road with the flow of traffic or it will be subject to ticketing.
- **Curfew** – It is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to be or remain in or upon any street, park or public place in the Township between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. unless a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody, accompanies the person.

Two Mile Run Park Master Plan

As reported in the last newsletter, Brighton Township has initiated the preparation of a master plan for Two Mile Run Park; one of the Township's most used park facilities. The first meeting on the plan's preparation was conducted January 30th by the Board of Supervisors and the Parks & Recreation Board. Input and recommendations were provided to address facility deficiencies, facility upgrades and/or future park improvements. This information is a valuable component of the master planning progression.

Watch for notices regarding future sessions. If you are interested in attending the next meeting, submit your contact information to the Township office or brightontwp@brightontwp.org and you will be notified.

Beaver Station: Full Steam Ahead

As a result of a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$700,000 RACP grant, and over 140 private donations, the campaign for Beaver Station, the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation's new cultural and event center has thus far exceeded \$1.6 million. This funding assures a completed project and renovations are underway. Additional funding of \$500,000 is still needed for the vital finishing touches. Visit beaverstation.org for complete project details, including print ready donation forms. Interested donors can also contact Dave O'Leary (olearydavidc@gmail.com or 724-728-4099) for more information.



Real Estate Tax Information

The 2014 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills were mailed March 1, 2014. Unpaid 2013 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be filed April 1, 2014. If a mortgage company does not hold your taxes in escrow and you did not receive your tax bill, please contact the tax collector.

James W. Onuska, Tax Collector Office Hours:

Tuesday: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Last two Saturdays during discount months: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

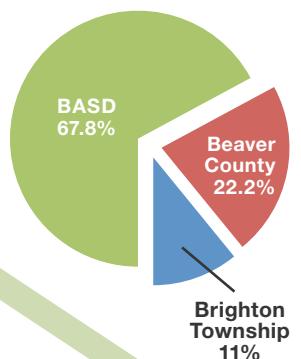
Personal appointments may be made by contacting the tax office. The tax collection office is located in the lower level of the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. A drop box has been installed for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact James W.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

NOTE: When mailing, please do not include your tax payments within the same envelope as your water & sewer payments. These items should be mailed independent of each other. Those utilizing bill payment services should also notify their bank of this requirement.

Real Estate Tax Dollar

| Taxing District | Mills Assessed |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Brighton Township..... | 11.0 |
| Beaver County | 22.2 |
| Beaver Area School..... | 67.8 |

Real Estate Tax Distribution



*Example of House
Assessed at \$35,000*

Township Tax
11.0 mill x \$35,000= \$ 385.00

County Tax
22.2 mill x \$35,000= \$ 777.00

School Tax
67.8 mill x \$35,000= \$ 2,373.00

Total **\$ 3,535.00**

Building & Zoning Permit Requirements

The International Construction Code (ICC) is in effect for all construction within Brighton Township, with the exception of a few items that have been excluded pursuant to The Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, as amended. However, a Zoning Permit is required for all construction activity, including items excluded by the Act.

Confirmation of compliance with the ICC is by site inspections by certified building inspection officers. The Township has contracted with the Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA) to perform plan reviews and inspection services. MDIA also issues final occupancy permits. Applicants for building permits are required to submit documentation with the application that the proposed construction complies with code. These codes apply to general construction, plumbing, electrical and HVAC/Mechanical.

Due to the plan review requirements of the ICC, please allow more time for the processing and review of your permit application if you are planning a construction project this year. You may also visit the Applications and Forms Page within the Resident's Center at brightontwp.org where Customer Assistance Guides have been posted to assist you through the permitting process.

Do you have code questions? Contact: John Balser, Building/Plumbing /Electrical Inspector at (800) 662-6342.

Building Permit Activity for 2013

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Single Family Dwellings..... | 36 |
| Quadruplex (4-units each). | 5 |
| Residential Additions/Sunrooms..... | 1 |
| Porches/Decks | 12 |
| Roof | 1 |
| Garages/Carports | 2 |
| Sheds/Out Buildings..... | 16 |
| Swimming Pools..... | 9 |
| Signs | 6 |
| Nonresidential | 15 |
| Building Repairs/Remodels | 1 |
| Demolitions..... | 2 |
| Estimated Construction Value..... | \$14,193,503.22 |



RECYCLING IS EASY!

How to Prepare Your Materials



RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Manila & Brown Folders



All Paper

Newspaper & Phone Books



Glossy Paper & Magazines



Junk Mail

Tin & Aluminum



Glass

Aseptic Containers



All containers labeled #1-7

Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

- All containers labeled # 1-7 are accepted!
- Rinse, flatten and securely fasten cap back on.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Containers that originally held oil or chemicals must be completely emptied and not contain any potentially hazardous material
- No plastic bags or buckets.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

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

- Rinse and flatten or crush containers.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS



Glass (Clear, Brown and Green Bottles and Jars)

- Rinse.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Do not break glass.
- Do not include auto glass, light bulbs, porcelain, ceramic, plate glass or crystal.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Aseptic Containers (Milk Cartons)

- Rinse and flatten containers.
- Place in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Newspaper and Other Paper Products

- Include newspaper, magazines, phone books, junk mail, and all other paper.
- Do not place in plastic bags.
- Cereal and cracker type boxes can be included – remove inner bags or liners and flatten.
- Place directly in green recycling container with other recycling items.

Remember...

- Place your recycling container at roadside on the same day as your regular garbage collection during the recycling weeks.
- Place recyclables directly into recycling container. Do not place items in separate bags or they will not be collected.
- Recover your recycling container promptly after collection.
- Green recycling containers are available for purchase at the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road.

Non-Residential Recycling Requirements

Commercial and other non-residential establishments are reminded that participation in the Township's recycling program is mandatory. Township ordinance requires that all businesses must separate high-grade office paper, aluminum food & beverage containers and corrugated paper (cardboard) from the waste stream, and store the materials until collection. Each location is also encouraged to recycle clear, brown and green glass food and beverage containers; steel and bimetal food and beverage containers; newspaper and magazines; and PET (1) and HDPE (2) plastics. An annual report must be submitted to the Township by the establishment or their contracted hauler disclosing the type and weight of materials recycled during the previous year. The Township is required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection to report annually the types and amounts of materials recycled by both residential and commercial sources.

Daniel C. Baker's Legacy to Continue with Larson Design Group

Brighton Township's longtime civil engineering firm, Daniel C. Baker Associates, Inc. has been acquired by Larson Design Group, a 250-person engineering, surveying, and brand architecture firm with offices in Cranberry and seven other communities in four states. Founded in 1890, Baker is the oldest continually operated engineering firm in western Pennsylvania and will continue to operate under its name.

Baker will be led by Craig A. Baker, P.E., great-grandson of founder Michael Baker Sr., and by Chris Iachini, PLS, Director of Surveying for Larson Design Group. The transaction involved township resident Charles "Skip" Homan, former CEO of Michael Baker Corporation who today is a member of the Larson Design Group board of directors.

Among many others, Baker's projects in Brighton Township over the decades have been the creation of Hardy Field in 1964, recreational facilities at Two Mile Run Park and preparation of infrastructure for growing

neighborhood subdivisions. In addition there were many other projects for other municipal clients.

"Larson Design Group prides itself on being a large firm with small firm values. This acquisition provides us with a great opportunity to reconnect LDG to its own small firm history and demonstrate to our clients that we can grow while maintaining a small firm approach," said Keith Kuzio, President and CEO of Larson Design Group.

Craig Baker was equally positive about the acquisition. "This move fits my plan of adding strength to strength, and will allow my family's heritage to continue," he said.

Kuzio is mindful of the reputation Baker has in the region. "We're looking forward to celebrating Daniel C. Baker Associates' 125th anniversary next year. We recognize there's great responsibility in carrying on the legacy," added Kuzio.

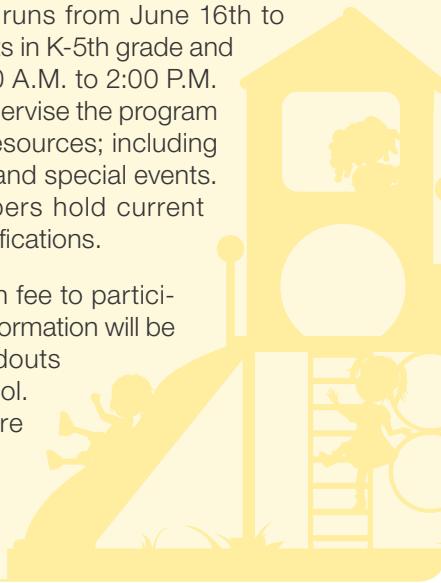
Six-Week Summer Playground Program

Looking for a fun and safe environment for your elementary age children this summer? Then you will want to participate in the 2014 Summer Playground Program! Brighton Township, in cooperation with the Beaver Area School District, has once again contracted with the YMCA to conduct a Summer Playground Program at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School.

The 6-week program runs from June 16th to July 25th, is for students in K-5th grade and is operated from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. YMCA trained staff supervise the program and provide needed resources; including games, crafts, sports and special events. All YMCA staff members hold current CPR and First Aid certifications.

There is no registration fee to participate in the program. Information will be provided through handouts to the children at school.

Please watch for more details later this year.



Sewer Deduct Meters Available

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA), in cooperation with the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA), have made a program available to water customers to have a separate meter installed to measure the flow of water that does not enter the sanitary sewer system. This meter typically reads water used outside for watering lawns or gardens, washing vehicles or filling swimming pools. This sewer deduct meter is read at the same time as your water meter at the end of each quarter. The reading on the sewer meter is deducted from the excess use based on the water meter reading. The minimum amount billed during each quarter remains at twelve thousand gallons. Absent a sewer meter, no credit will be given for outside water use, such as filling your swimming pool or watering the lawn and garden.

The cost of the additional meter is one hundred & fifty dollars (\$150.00). This one-time charge includes the meter and installation. Payment in advance to BTMA is required. All inside plumbing revisions will be at the expense of the owner and are subject to inspection prior to meter installation. Applications for sewer meter installation are available within the Resident's Center on the Water & Sewage Authorities Page or the Application & Forms Page of the Township web-site www.brightontwp.org.

Please Keep Remote Meter Reading Device Clear

With Spring right around the corner we ask each homeowner to help our water meter readers by clearing shrubs or removing other obstacles from the area of your remote meter. Reading the meter becomes very difficult when covered by shrubs or flowers. Please help us by keeping this area open for the meter readers.

Time to Renew Your Yard Waste Permit!

All 2013 Yard Waste Composting Site Permits expired February 28th and must be renewed for use of the site. Permits may be renewed as follows:

1. In person at the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. Cost of the permit is \$10.00.
2. By mailing a check in the amount of \$12.00 (\$2.00 to cover return postage) along with the number from your previous permit. Your new permit will be issued and mailed to you within five days. (This form is also available on the Applications & Forms page in the Resident's Center of our web site at www.brightontwp.org.)

First time permit applications must be made in person, with proof of residency, at the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009.

During the past year the township experienced numerous occasions of improper use of the site. Only grass, leaves, brush/tree limbs are to be deposited at the site. Please refer to the rules and regulations for site use. Plastic bags, stones, boards, landscape timbers and garbage are not acceptable. Disposal of unauthorized materials can damage the equipment used to operate the site, and can cause other hazards. Use of the site without a valid permit, or in violation of the rules, can result in enforcement action. The site is under video surveillance.

If you have any questions about our composting site, please call (724) 774-4800.

Brighton Township 2014 YARD WASTE PERMIT New & Renewal Application

Resident Name: _____

Address: _____

Previous Permit No.: _____

(Resident Signature)

Using Water Wisely

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

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

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

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

Money Down the Drain

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

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

Leaks Inside Your Home

Toilets – The most common reason for high bills is a toilet leak, because they often go unnoticed. They are normally caused by a problem with one or more of the following

parts: bad flapper valve, flapper valve seat, ballcock valve, float arm or overflow tube. To determine if your toilet is leaking, you can take the following steps:

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

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

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

| Size of Drop | 1/32" | 1/16" | 1/8" | 3/16" |
|-----------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Wasted Each Day | 45 Gallons | 90 Gallons | 180 Gallons | 360 Gallons |

Other Items That Should Be Periodically Checked

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

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

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

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

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

Outdoor Leaks

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

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

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

Agricultural Security Area Review

Brighton Township has an existing Agricultural Security Area (ASA) consisting of nearly 2,462 acres. The Agricultural Security Area Law requires a review of the ASA every seven (7) years. Each existing landowner in the ASA will be notified by mail of the review. The review procedure provides an avenue for modifying the description of the ASA as recorded in the Beaver County Recorder of Deeds. This can be done by landowners indicating that they wish to be added to the ASA, or that they would like to withdraw their land from the area.

ADDING: Those who wish to be added must complete and sign a form of petition identifying each parcel and all owners on the deed. To qualify the land

must consist of a minimum of 10 contiguous acres. Forms are available by contacting the Township Manager or the Beaver County Agricultural Land Preservation office.

WITHDRAW: Notice to withdraw must be in writing and indicate which parcel or parcels are being removed and must be signed by all owners listed on the deed.

If you have questions or desire more information you may contact the Township Manager at the Township Office or:

Joseph E. Petrella, Jr., Chairman/Administrator

Beaver County Agricultural Land Preservation, (724) 770-4429

Senior Gardening Plots Available

Spring is just around the corner, and thoughts of flower and vegetable gardens race through our heads. But, maybe you don't have a suitable garden plot.

If you are age 60 or older and a resident of Beaver County, you qualify for a garden plot at the senior gardens located on Western Avenue on County property located in the township. The Senior Gardens are sponsored by the Beaver County Office on Aging and the Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program.

Garden plots, usually 15' X 20', are available on a first come basis. For the gardener's convenience there is a small shelter and picnic tables, as well as a small shed for storing some gardening tools. Water is also available for a nominal, one-time annual fee. A special raised garden bed area is available

for those who are confined to a wheelchair or have problems bending or stooping. There are many experienced gardeners at the site. So, even if you are a first-time gardener, have no fear, these gardeners have great ideas and suggestions to help you out.

Gardening is a great way to stay active and eat healthy. The friendships developed with fellow gardeners add to the enjoyment experienced by many at the Senior Gardens. An annual summer event called "Taste and Tour" brings all the gardeners and their families together for an evening of food and fellowship at the gardens. And, it is a great way to show off your garden!

To receive an application call the Penn State Extension Office, located at 1000 Third Street, Beaver, at (724) 774-3003.



Hardy Field Improvements Continue

Final design plans for the next phase of construction at Hardy Field have been reviewed by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Subsequently, DCNR has granted conditional approval to proceed with the project that is partially funded by a \$100,000 DCNR grant award. This project phase includes reconstruction of the baseball field. Also included is a paved walking trail around the field that connects to the existing walking trail around the soccer fields. Finally, the appropriate storm water management facilities will be included. A tentative bid opening in April has been scheduled.

The Township Engineer is in the process of submitting the necessary documents and plans to PA D.O.T. to obtain a Highway Occupancy Permit for the reconstruction of the parking lot area adjacent to the baseball field. The goal is to have a bid opening during the summer so construction can be completed in the fall.

Additional grant funding of \$45,000 has been secured from the Beaver County Community Development Block Grant program for ADA compliant improvements at the park. This phase of work will be managed by the CDBG office. The contract has been awarded to the Pennsylvania Building & Development Corp.

Join Us for the 17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 19, 2014 at Two Mile Run Park.

Register by Monday, April 14, 2014 for children ages 2 thru 10 at the township office. We will begin at 11:00 a.m.
Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in.

Treat bags will be furnished for the eggs which are filled with candy and prizes. Cookies & beverages will be provided.

The Easter Bunny will be there, so be sure to bring your camera!



Please return this Registration Form to the Township Office
by Monday, April 14, 2014

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

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Resident Name: _____

Address: _____

Brighton Township

1300 Brighton Road
Beaver, Pennsylvania 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.



Brighton Township Park Rules & Regulations Reminder

With spring upon us, the Township parks will once again soon be in full use. Residents and guests are reminded of the following park rules and regulations as established by Township Ordinance:

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

The Following Are Strictly Prohibited:

- Smoking or use of tobacco within any building or structure or within 25-feet of any playground, athletic field, building or structure.
- Possession, use, or under the influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.
- Boisterous, immoral, or indecent conduct.
- Threatening, abusive, profane or obscene language.
- Damaging, defacing, destroying or moving Township-owned property.
- Fires except in facilities provided for such purposes.
- Mini bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts, ATVs or other motorized vehicles.
- Bicycles on or around any playing field or surface.
- Climbing on fences, backstops or buildings.
- Hitting golf balls on any playing field or surface.
- Littering.
- Dogs within any area devoted to athletic activities or outdoor gatherings – including Dawson Ridge Park, Ellis Field, Hardy Field and Two Mile Run Park lodge and picnic areas.*
- Soliciting
- Cleaning, servicing or repairing vehicles.
- Leaving vehicles in park after closing hours.

Violations May Be Subject To A Fine Of Not More Than \$1,000.00

A complete list of rules & regulations are available at the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. The above are enforced in accordance with Township Code Chapter 133.

***Note:** Dogs on a leash are permitted on trails & open space areas – including Aspen Trail, Ashley Ridge Trail and Two Mile Run Park Extension Walking Trail.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

The Easter Bunny will visit the Brighton Township VFD Social Hall located at 5400 Dutch Ridge Road on April 12th from 8:30 A.M. to 12 Noon as a special guest of the Ladies Auxiliary for their All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast.

Breakfast will include a variety of pancakes (regular, chocolate chip, blueberry & strawberry), sausage, coffee, tea, juice and milk. The breakfast is available for \$6 for adults and \$5 for children 3-10 years old. Children 2 years and under eat for free. There will also be a Chinese Auction and an opportunity to have your child's picture taken with the Easter Bunny. All proceeds benefit the Brighton Township VFD Ladies Auxiliary.

Come on out and join the Easter Bunny for breakfast!

