



Bicentennial “Look Back” Series

To celebrate Brighton Township’s bicentennial anniversary this year, scores of historic “Look Back” photographs, sketches and maps are being posted on the township’s popular Facebook page.

Every other weekday, a new post will be made featuring an aspect of the township’s rich history over the past 200 years. Join us for this nostalgic trip of history that covers two centuries of time by liking and sharing the posts - and sharing your own images past and present at facebook.com/brightontwp.



Left: The Township had its own Community Club in the early 1950s. They met in the elementary school’s large basement and published the Brighton Township Bulletin newsletter, shown above.

Below: Hand-tinted image from the 1876 Atlas of Beaver County shows the Pleasant View residence of Judge E.J. Wilson on Tuscarawas Hill, one mile from Beaver – his “farm consisting of 52 acres, and 10 acres of timber land, from 6 to 7 fine springs, also the best fruit and 1500 grape vines.”



Township Increases Support to Library

The Township has increased their annual contribution to the Beaver Area Memorial Library for 2017 by \$1,000 for a total allocation of \$27,000. Brighton Township has more library card holders than any municipality utilizing the services of the library. Throughout the year the library provides many programs and classes for both children and adults. Check out their wide ranging opportunities – there is something for everyone.

Please consider making a donation of your time and/or money to the library. The library is located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver. You may contact them at 724-775-1132.

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Township Wraps Up 2016

Through this quarterly newsletter, the Township provides periodic updates on projects and initiatives that are taking place. Some of these items are summarized below, but they are in addition to the Township's extensive road, park and facility maintenance activities conducted annually. All of these projects were accomplished without any increases in taxes. Briefly, some undertakings during the year included:

- Completed construction and paving of lower parking lot at Hardy Field.
- Expanded the playground with new play equipment at Hardy Field.
- Paid off the debt with First National Bank that was issued for the construction of Fire Station Nos. 1 and 3 several years early.
- Prepared and adopted revised and updated Minimum Construction Standards and Details for the construction and maintenance of infrastructure improvements.
- Prepared and adopted a Grading and Excavating Ordinance independent of the Subdivision and Land Development Code.
- Implemented an application process for Stormwater Management for Small Developments that propose the creation of 5,000 square feet (SF) or less of impervious surface area.
- Ordered and prepaid a new Pierce Quantum top mount 2nd gen pumper at a cost of \$713,441 to replace two existing fire trucks; the 1994 Pierce Dash Pumper and the 1997 Pierce Quantum Pumper fire engines.

- Completed a road paving program of over \$832,000.
- Reconstructed and redesigned portions of the Public Works site to improve the yard waste drop-off and processing areas and define access points.
- Constructed a rain garden at the Public Works site to collect and pretreat stormwater runoff from the yard waste site and other areas of municipal facilities.
- Replaced and relocated the municipal gasoline and diesel fuel tanks as part of the Public Works site improvements to provide improved access to Two Mile Run Park Extension area.
- Oversaw final paving and stormwater facility completion within three residential developments.
- Initiated design and permitting for the Two Mile Run Park and Shultz Lodge renovation project scheduled for 2017.
- Purchased a new F-550 dump truck with snowplow to replace a 2008 model.
- Purchase of a new police vehicle.

We can also report that the Township has adopted the 2017 Budget with no changes to existing real estate tax rate of 11.0 mills. Brighton Township's tax rate remains significantly lower than other communities in the Beaver Area, and much of Beaver County in general. At nearly \$3.9 million, the operating fund budget maintains without reduction the existing services and programs that are

currently in place to serve the residents of the Township.

In addition to the above, this newsletter includes an updated report from the Municipal Authority on their waterline replacement projects that have taken place this year and will continue through 2017. Likewise, the Sewage Authority has completed significant upgrades, including pump replacements, at two of its pumping stations and continues to conduct significant maintenance activities within other segments of the sewage collection and conveyance system.

Maintenance of infrastructure and a capital replacement program are possible as a result of sound financial oversight by the various Boards and prudent stewardship of resources and equipment by their employees. The Township is appreciative of the community support it receives and welcomes your participation and input on areas of concern. You can be assured that the Board and staff will remain diligent in efforts to keep Brighton Township a wonderful place to call home. We all look forward to another busy and productive 2017.



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Jeffrey S. Maze, Treasurer

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Save
the
Date!

Upcoming Events

Watch for more info on the Township signs, e-news or Brighton Township website: brightontwp.org

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MS4 Stormwater Management Program Presentation

A presentation regarding the Township's Stormwater Management Program and its annual compliance activities will be given on February 13, 2017, at the regularly scheduled Township Board of Supervisors meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend the presentation to learn about the program and provide comments.

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Family Ice Skating Brady's Run Ice Arena

The Brighton Township Park & Recreation Board will provide a Family Ice Skating event at Brady's Run Park Ice Arena on February 19, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Free to Brighton Township Families. Registration at the office or by email to brightontwp@brightontwp.org. Please provide your name and the number of adults and number of children.

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Beaver Library Annual Soup Luncheon

The library's annual soup luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, March 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Purchase some homemade soup, bread, and desserts to enjoy in the library. Takeout is available after 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$3.00 for soup and bread and \$3.00 for dessert. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Beaver Library and all proceeds will benefit the library.



Winter Road Maintenance Reminder

Township Ordinance regarding snow removal prohibits 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.

Please remove vehicles from the street during any snow event that requires plowing or the application of treatment materials. There is reduced visibility for the drivers during snow storms or at night. Maneuvering a plow truck through parked traffic makes the job of the plow truck driver much more difficult. Thank you for your cooperation.

4th Quarter and Final Earned Income Tax Returns

4th Quarter returns for the earned income tax are due by January 31 and Final Returns are due by April 15. 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. Upcoming payment schedules:

EARNED INCOME PERIOD

4th Qtr: October, November, December

Final Return - Verification Needed

PAYMENT IS DUE

On or Before January 31

By April 15

The EIT Collector for all of Beaver County is Berkheimer. 4th Quarter 2016 estimated payments and final payments/returns are to be sent to Berkheimer. Forms can be obtained from the Berkheimer web site at www.hab-inc.com. They can also be reached at 1-866-701-7206.

The PSD Code for Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District is: 040303

Real Estate Tax Information

This is just a reminder for residents who have participated in the 2016 Beaver Area School Real Estate tax installment program. The third installment payment is due no later than December 31, 2016. All 2016 Brighton Township Real Estate taxes are also due by December 31, 2016.

The 2017 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed on March 1, 2017. If a mortgage company does not hold your taxes in escrow and you do not receive your tax bill, please contact the tax collector.

Unpaid 2016 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be filed on April 1, 2017.

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.

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

Tuesday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

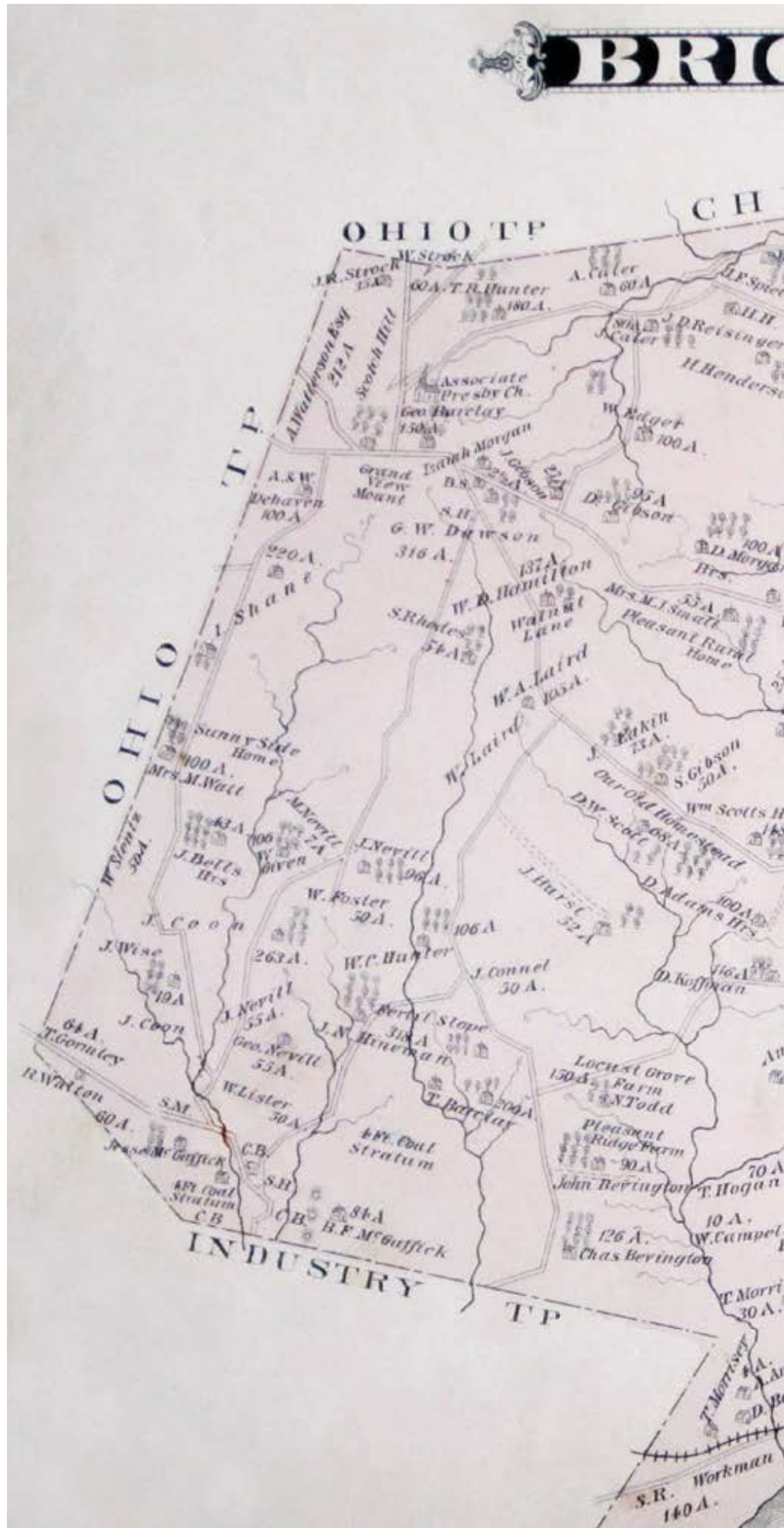
Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Last two (2) Saturdays of each month of the discount:
9:00 a.m. – Noon (March & April)**

Personal appointments may be made by contacting the tax office.

Caldwell's 1876 Atlas

Reprint of hand-tinted map from Caldwell's 1876 *Atlas of Beaver County* showing the location and names of owners of individual farms and businesses at that time, 140 years ago. Can you find your neighborhood?



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Brighton Township 2017 Recycling Calendar

WHAT: Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars; aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans; aluminum (tin) foil; plastic containers with the numbers 1 - 7 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:

GREEN: Areas on and off of Dutch Ridge Road, Dawson Ridge and Gypsy Glen Road
RED: Tuscarawas Road, from Dutch Ridge Road to Beaver

For questions, call: J. Young Refuse, 724-495-6199

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Refuse & Recycling Program

New Rates Effective January 1, 2017

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/recycling center utilized by the hauler. Based upon the semi-annual adjustment the January 1, 2017 rate is as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017	\$ 11.12
Recycling Fee escalation approved effective October 1, 2015	\$ 0.05
Recycling Fee escalation approved effective December 1, 2015	\$ 0.02
Tipping Fee escalation approved effective May 1, 2016	\$ 0.08
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2017	\$ (0.12)
Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2017	\$ 11.15
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2017	\$ 33.45

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.

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.



RECYCLING IS EASY!

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

<p>Manila & Brown Folders</p>	<p>Newspaper & Phone Books</p>
<p>Glossy Paper & Magazines</p>	<p>Junk Mail</p>
<p>Tin & Aluminum</p>	<p>Glass</p>
<p>Aseptic Containers</p>	<p>Plastic All containers labeled #1-7</p>

How to Prepare Your Materials

- 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

<p>Food Waste</p>	<p>Glass Pane & Pyrex</p>
<p>Food Containers</p>	<p>Ink/Toner Cartridges</p>

- 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.

Municipal Authority Waterline Replacement Projects Update

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority has completed water pump station improvements and two waterline replacements that were part of the 2014 BTMA Bond Issue. However, the final, and largest, project is proposed to start in the spring of 2017 and includes the replacement of waterlines in the following areas:

**Tuscarawas Road:
Little Beaver Drive to Sebring Road**

**Tuscarawas Road:
Mackall Drive to Center Drive**

**Dutch Ridge Road:
Tuscarawas Road to Social Hall area**

**Sebring Road:
Tuscarawas Road to area of Highland Woods Drive**

These improvement projects were selected following completion of a Water System Master Plan and Study prepared by the Authority's consulting engineer. The waterline replacements will increase reliability in pumping mains, replace lines that experience frequent breaks and increase system hydraulic capacity.

Required permits have been obtained or are in the process of being obtained. Additional rights of ways are being secured to cover the full project scope. The preliminary project schedule is to advertise for bidding of this work in early 2017 with field work/installation of waterlines beginning in early spring. Project construction is targeted for substantial completion by winter 2017/18.

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 all tinsel or other decorations must be removed.



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*TM system to notify residents of service termination during repairs. Please go to the Brighton Township web site to learn more about the Emergency Notification System and how to update your contact information for this and related purposes.



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 Office (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 Authority takes action to expedite repairs to waterlines when a break occurs. However, prior notification to other utilities is required in advance of excavating. In addition, 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 waterlines 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.**

MS4 Stormwater Program

The Township holds an NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), as issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) who manages the MS4 regulations associated with the Federal Clean Water Act administered by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. The permit requires the Township to implement a Stormwater Management Program designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from its MS4 (storm sewer system), aimed at protecting and improving water quality in our streams and lakes.

To achieve compliance, the Township has adopted a written plan detailing compliance activities for each of the permit listed Minimum Control Measures (MCMs). Documentation and tracking of annual activities is key to demonstrating permit compliance. The Township completes an annual self-inspection and review of progress made throughout each permit year. In addition to the self-inspection, the Township files periodic reports on progress to PADEP. Formal reports are currently due biannually, but will become annual beginning in 2018. Reports require the Township to document its specific compliance activities for each MCM. Periodic on-site inspections are also performed by PADEP staff.

The following provides a brief summary of typical compliance requirements and activities for each MCM that are reviewed annually and reported to PADEP:

- **MCM #1 Public Education and Outreach** – The goal of this MCM is to provide information to the community regarding stormwater management, water quality and the Township's MS4 Program. The Township does this through a variety of outlets including this newsletter, the Township website, newspaper ads, presentations to community groups and many others.
- **MCM #2 Public Involvement and Participation** – The goal of this MCM is to encourage involvement of the community in the Township's Stormwater Management Program. The Township holds an annual presentation at its February Board of Supervisors meeting and encourages residents to attend and provide comment. Other involvement activities may include stream cleanups, litter cleanups and recycling events.
- **MCM #3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination** – The goal of this MCM is to identify and eliminate polluted, non-stormwater discharge to our streams and lakes. This is done partially by implementation of an annual outfall testing and screening program. Additionally, many illicit discharges are discovered by members of the community. Only stormwater is permitted in the storm sewers. If you observe dumping of any other material into a storm sewer or stream or notice any discharges of water that appears to be contaminated, please contact the Township to report this activity.

- **MCM #4 Construction Site Runoff Control** – The goal of this MCM is to monitor construction sites to ensure implementation of proper erosion and sedimentation controls. The Township conducts routine inspections of all construction sites.
- **MCM #5 Post Construction Stormwater Management** – The goal of this MCM is to ensure proper operation of stormwater facilities throughout the Township. The Township has implemented an annual inspection program to review the operation of all detention basins, rain gardens, underground stormwater tanks and other stormwater control facilities.
- **MCM #6 Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping** – The goal of this MCM is to develop an Operation and Maintenance Program for municipal activates to protect water quality. The Township has developed a standard operating procedure for all operations, including material storage, vehicle maintenance and washing, and spill cleanup, among many others to reduce opportunities for the introduction of pollutants to the Township MS4. Annual MS4 training regarding implementation of standard operation procedures is held for Township employees and officials.

A presentation regarding the Township's Stormwater Management Program and its annual compliance activities will be given on February 13, 2017, at the regularly scheduled Township Board of Supervisors meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend the presentation to learn about the program and provide comments.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

3 Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program

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

Brighton Township

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Beaver, 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 Volunteer Fire Department 2016 FUNDRAISING DRIVE

A Community, Caring for Its Own



Dear Residents of Brighton Township:

With the approach of fall also starts the beginning of our annual fund drive, referred to as the "Back a Month" program. This year has been a busy year for your Fire Department, both in call volume and in advances in service that we provide to you the resident. As of the writing of this letter we have already answered over 300 calls in our community for service ranging from house fires, vehicle accidents, brush fires, to medical lift assists.

When we say our community, we mean it. Your fire department is made up of volunteers that live in Brighton Township. Our members take pride in serving their community but unfortunately our numbers are dwindling. This is a theme that is common in most, if not all, communities in our area. This year, in addition to asking for monetary donations vital to the operation of your fire department, we are asking you to consider the donation of your time. Even if you have no desire to enter a burning building, we can use your help. There are many things to do on a fire scene.

As always, we appreciate your continued financial support and your donations are used to equip our firefighters with the best possible tools to protect them, as well as you the public. Every dollar is accounted for and we also submit all our accounts to an independent auditor for review. With the ever increasing costs of equipment, your contributions are vital to our continued mission of quality emergency response. This year your contributions will go in part to outfit the new Fire Engine we will be taking delivery of in December. We will need to purchase some new hose, nozzles, and various hand tools. This new engine will take the place of two older trucks that we will be selling. Due to low man power and increased cost we have downsized from three engines to two.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, as a firefighter or just have questions, please contact any of us by calling (724) 495-3803, email stations63@comcast.net or stop out at our station 3 at 84 Grange Road, behind the Social Hall on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. We look for to meeting you.

If you want to see what your fire department is up to, please check us out on Facebook or visit our website at brightontwpvfd.org. Again we thank you for your continued support of your Fire Department.

—Members of the Brighton Twp. Fire Department



Please Support Your Local Fire Department

One of the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department's primary fundraisers is the mailing of their annual request for donations mailed to each Township resident and business in the Fall. Each household should have received this letter during October. The members of the Department would like to thank everyone who contributed to the fund drive this year. However, many residents have not responded. Your donations are crucial to the operation of the Fire Department and ensure that they have the proper equipment to keep the public and members safe from harm. Remember, the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department is 100% volunteer and depends upon the goodwill donations of our residents and businesses.

Please do your share and mail your donation to **Brighton Township VFD, 84 Grange Road, Beaver, PA 15009** or drop it off at the Municipal Building.

The Volunteer Fire Department is seeking men and women of all ages to become new members. Please watch the video:

brightontwpvfd.org/recruiting

Then, help us spread the word and share this video on social media.

Your Fire Department is relying on your help!



Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department
84 Grange Road, Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009

www.brightontwpvfd.org

Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department 2016 Fund Raising Drive

Please complete and return this form, along with your check payable to Brighton Township VFD in the enclosed envelope, or make your donation today via PayPal at brightontwpvfd.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Yes, I would like to help! Please contact me by phone / email: _____

Please find the enclosed donation: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other: _____ **Thank you for your support!**