



How Did Hardy Field Get Its Name?

Hardy Field is the most used Township athletic park, hosting youth baseball, soccer, football and cheerleading activities from spring through fall. This is fitting, as Hardy Field is a living memorial and the namesake of someone who was an active and successful leader in youth sports.

Robert W. (Bob) Hardy, a resident of Brighton Township, lived in the Dawson Ridge Plan with his wife Betty and three children, Kim, Jeff and Pam. He was a hard-working man and was employed at St. Joseph Lead Company in Potter Township. In his spare time, he devoted time and energy in the Brighton Township Boys and Girls Athletic Club and coached his boys' championship baseball teams. Tragically, he was fatally injured in an industrial



accident at work in January 1967. His loss was felt throughout our community.

Five months after Bob's untimely death, the Athletic Club paid tribute by dedicating the new Pony and Colt League baseball field in his memory on June 11, 1967, a date declared "Bob Hardy Day" by the Township Supervisors. As the park has expanded over the years to also include football, soccer and other amenities, the Township has kept "Hardy Field" as the legacy name for the entire facility. This is a lasting tribute to someone who believed in and modeled the virtues of

youth athletics: building friendships, discipline, self-confidence, and physical activity.

On May 22, 1967 the Brighton Township Board of Supervisors passed an official Proclamation to commemorate the forthcoming baseball field dedication and to recognize the late Robert W. (Bob) Hardy for his many contributions to youth athletics in the community. It reads as follows:

"Let it be known to the Citizens of Brighton Township that, Bob Hardy, deceased January 7, 1967, having been active in civic affairs, particularly with the youth of the community, and having been a manager, an organizer, and a leader of the Brighton Township Boys and Girls Athletic Club, has made many contributions to this community. Therefore, in recognition of his efforts, we, the Brighton Township Board of Supervisors, hereby declare June 11, 1967 as Bob Hardy day."



D.A.R.E. Days 2018

Following a full day of activities during D.A.R.E. Days at the end of the Dutch Ridge Elementary School year, officers of the Brighton Township Police Department pose for a picture in the gymnasium. Kneeling: Officers Fabyanic, Rapko and Callaghan. Standing: Officer Sanders, Corporal Yates, Officer Schwartz, Chief Blinn, Captain Benedict, Dan Masura PA State Police, Sergeant Bernardi, and Sergeant Gianvito.

The Township would like to thank the staff, teachers and administration of the Beaver Area School District for their continued support of, and participation in, the D.A.R.E. program at Dutch Ridge Elementary School. At the year-end D.A.R.E. Days celebration students received a Certificate of Completion and D.A.R.E. T-shirt. The Rotary Club of Beaver provided financial support through a cash donation towards the purchase of the T-shirts.

Captain Pete Benedict takes a picture with the D.A.R.E. award winners for the 6th grade at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. Shown in the photo are Gianna Massimino (Best Overall Book) and Jocelyn Platts (Best Overall Essay). Congratulations on your awards!

Captain Benedict is a certified D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) training officer and teaches the curriculum at the Dutch Ridge Elementary School. D.A.R.E. is a nationally-recognized program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. The classroom lessons teach children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.





Two Mile Run Park Reservations

Brighton Township residents may begin reserving the Two Mile Run Park facilities for 2019 dates on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Reservations will be taken **in person only** at the Municipal Building on **Saturday, October 13th from 8 a.m. until noon** for Brighton Township residents only. Payment is due at the time of reservation. Telephone reservations for residents of Brighton Township will not be accepted until Monday, October 15th starting at 8 a.m. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week. Please call 724-774-4803 to make reservations.

- If you are reserving Shultz Lodge for June, July or August, only one reservation per person will be taken for those summer months on Saturday, October 13th.
- Residents from Beaver, Bridgewater or Vanport may make reservations on or after December 17, 2018. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week.
- Please be reminded that the person signing the rental agreement **must be present** when the facility is opened and closed.

Free Bus Trip to Washington D.C. National Memorials

On October 18th there is a one day trip to visit the Washington D.C. national memorials such as the WWII Memorial, Korean War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery. The trip is for WWII and Korean War Era Veterans, and all who served prior to May 7, 1975. The trip is free. The bus departs at 5:45 a.m. from the Beaver County Parking Garage (next to Court House) and returns around 9:00 p.m. There is a nurse on each bus as well as several assistants. Meals and drinks are provided and wheelchairs are available for those that need them. The goal is to fill every seat with a veteran and therefore we are unable to accommodate family or friends.

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

Want to Help?

Since the first trip in November 2016 almost 2,000 WWII and Korean War veterans (40 bus loads) have had the opportunity to see our country's tribute to their sacrifices and service. Donations are gratefully accepted to enable these trips to continue at no charge to our veterans. Each bus trip costs approximately \$3,200. Make checks payable to "Vet Bus Trip" and mail to:

WesBanco
 ATTN: Vets Bus Trip
 701 Corporation Street
 Beaver, PA 15009

RENTAL FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Lodge Rental

Brighton Township Residents	\$125
Beaver, Bridgewater or Vanport Residents.....	\$150

Shelter Rental

Brighton Township Residents	\$40
Beaver, Bridgewater or Vanport Residents.....	\$50

Forms needed for reservations can also be found on our website at www.brightontwp.org.

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Waterline Replacement Construction Projects



The Brighton Township Municipal Authority has entered into a contract with Graziani Construction, Inc. for the next phase of waterline construction on Tuscarawas Road. The project extends from Sebring Road to

near Ornida Drive. The project includes approximately 4,900 LF of waterline replacement. This phase of the project started August 13th on the portion between the 376 overpass and Brighton/Sebring Road. The construction project will be constantly monitored by on-site inspectors from the Authority's consulting engineer. The Authority encourages people to report any problems or issues they may experience promptly so they can be investigated by field personnel. You may report any issues to either the Authority's on-site inspector, to the Township Office at 724-774-4800 or by email at brightontwp@brightontwp.org.

The contract with Mortimer's Excavating, Inc. is substantially completed in the following areas:

Tuscarawas Road: Little Beaver Dr. to Sebring Rd.

Tuscarawas Road: Mackall Dr. to Center Dr.

A project punch list of items to be completed has been generated and the contractor continues to address issues with the restoration of yards and driveways. The Authority has a contract retention and will have a maintenance bond placed to address these final items. Please report any issues to the phone number or email above so that these issues may be addressed prior to closeout of this contract.

Township Purchases Property Next to Hardy Field

Earlier this year the Township purchased the 1.315 acre vacant lot at the intersection of Tuscarawas Road and Little Beaver Drive. The lot is adjacent to Hardy Field Park. Hardy Field is the Township's most used park due to the presence of the football, soccer and baseball athletic field complex. The park also includes walking/biking trails, a playground and a large pavilion. The property appraised at \$85,000 and the final negotiated purchase price was \$79,900. The Township has submitted an application requesting grant funding of \$45,627 towards this property acquisition.

A Reminder from Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office



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

Office Hours:

Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.

3rd Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns

Third Quarter Earned Income Tax Returns are due on or before the end of October for the quarter including July, August and September. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty.

EARNED INCOME PERIOD

3rd Quarter: July, August, September

PAYMENT IS DUE

October 30, 2018

The EIT Collector for all of Beaver County, including Brighton Township and Beaver Area School District, is Berkheimer. Third Quarter 2018 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 1-866-701-7206.

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

2018 Per Capita Tax

Berkheimer mailed the 2018 Per Capita Tax Billing for a July 1st delivery. The Per Capital Tax is an annual tax of \$15 (\$5 Brighton Township, \$10 Beaver Area School District) authorized by Act 511 and Act 679 and payable by each adult (18 years or older) residing in the Township. Calls for the Per Capita Tax should be directed to Berkheimer at 610-599-3141.

2018 Tire Disposal Date Set for September 29th

The Township's annual Tire Collection program conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy has been scheduled. Tires are excluded from the curbside refuse collection program. In 2017 a record collection was held when 572 tires were collected at the Brighton Township site. These are tires that may have otherwise been improperly disposed of.

This year's collection will be Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Public Works site, 1250 Brighton Road. The fees are as follows:

Size:

Passenger car, light truck or motorcycle up to 20" off rim	\$ 3 each
Passenger car, light truck or motorcycle up to 20" on rim	\$ 5 each
Tractor trailer up to 22.5" (no rims please)	\$ 20 each
Farm tractor up to 75 lbs.	\$ 20 each
Farm tractor up to 150 lbs.	\$ 40 each
Farm tractor over 150 lbs.	\$ 75 each

You can pay with cash or check (bring proper ID). The collection is provided for individuals and small businesses, and there is no limit to the number of tires you may bring. Proof of residency is not required.

You can help the Conservancy work for clean water and open green space by volunteering at a tire collection or making a monetary donation. More information can be found at www.independenceconservancy.org.



New Playground Equipment Installed at Dawson Ridge

The Township has replaced the playground equipment in Dawson Ridge Park with new equipment that is installed with a rubberized fall zone, similar to what has been installed at the Hardy Field playground. The basketball court was also repaved this year.

Refuse & Recycling Program

The current collection rate for the refuse and recycling collection contract with J. Young Refuse is \$11.42 per month or \$34.26 per quarter.

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.
- **Included/Excluded Items**—For a summary list of what is included and excluded from the refuse and recycling collection, visit the Solid Waste & Recycling Page on the Township website.
- **Recycling Containers**—A new or additional recycling can with lid can be purchased at the Township Office for \$10, lower than the actual purchase price. These containers are 20-gallons in size. Please use multiple containers when necessary.



Recycling Correctly

Brighton Township's contracted refuse and recycling collection contractor, J. Young Refuse, delivers the collected recycling materials to a Waste Management facility for processing. Since the contract effective date of July 1, 2015, the facility has implemented three (3) rate increases for the delivery of recycled materials. More recently, the recycling facility has established a listing of surcharges that apply to loads of recycling materials that are contaminated with unacceptable items. Therefore, it is important to properly prepare your materials for recycling in accordance with the instructions. Some of the most common recycling errors to avoid:

- Do not bag the recycling – the plastic bags get tangled in the machinery.
- Do not include food soiled items – they can turn a load into trash.
- Do not include wires or rubber hoses – they can shut down production.
- Cups with plastic or wax coatings are not recyclable – do not include.
- Polystyrene foam and plastic “to-go” containers are not recyclable – do not include.

Please Note:


No. 6 Plastic containers and bottles are no longer accepted. If a load of recycling contains non-recyclables – even by just a fraction – that entire load risks not being recycled. We can all make a difference by following the recycling rules.

Leaf Waste Collection Program Returns This Fall, Drop Off Site Will Remain Operational










This fall the Township will provide a fee-based curbside collection program for leaf waste to comply with, and implement State regulations that mandate curbside recycling, including yard waste. The yard waste drop-off site will continue to operate on the same basis as it currently is and, therefore, participation in the curbside collection program is optional. Homeowners are encouraged to continue to use the drop-off site, or compost the leaves in their own yards.

The collection of leaves and yard waste is a fee-based program whereby residents purchase biodegradable paper collection bags at a cost of \$2.00 each within which the leaves, garden residues, shrubbery clippings or tree trimmings must be placed. Bags must be placed at the curb on collection days to be designated. Bags will be pre-sold at the Municipal Building. Bags utilized must be purchased from the Township, and not be from another source, such as a home improvement store. Watch for newspaper announcements of the collection dates and when the leaf bags will be available for purchase.





RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

All Paper 	Manila & Brown Folders 	Newspaper & Phone Books 
Glossy Paper & Magazines 	Junk Mail 	
Tin & Aluminum 	Glass 	
Aseptic Containers 	Plastic All containers labeled #1-5 & 7 	

How to Prepare Your Materials

Plastic Bottles and Jugs Only

- All containers labeled # 1-5 and 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.

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.

NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Food Waste 	Glass Pane & Pyrex 
Food Containers 	Ink/Toner Cartridges 



RECYCLING IS EASY!

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.



Township VFD Adds Part-Time Firefighters

Through the years appeals have been made within this newsletter seeking volunteers to join the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department. The number of calls for service has been increasing, but like many departments, their active membership has been declining. In 2013 the Department reported 309 calls for service. Last year that number had increased to 470, and the totals number of calls for this year could surpass that number.

Due to the continuation of declining membership and an increasing call volume, the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department hired 12 part-time employees that started in June. There is now one firefighter on duty from midnight to 8:00 a.m. and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. These firefighters help supplement the volunteer staff and ensure quality emergency services to the community. This is a significant financial decision made jointly by the BTVFD and the Township in the interest of the community's public safety.

The Fire Department is still in need of volunteers willing to join and help protect and serve our community. Do you want to join them? All training and equipment is provided by the Department. Volunteering provides an opportunity to serve and give back to the community. If you are interested or just want to investigate membership further, please visit Fire Station #3 located on Grange Road behind the Social Hall on any Monday night between the hours of 7-9 p.m. The other volunteers look forward to meeting you and answering your questions.

Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fund Raising Letter

Be on the lookout during October for the BTVFD yearly fundraising mailer. The funds raised through this annual appeal permits the Fire Department to maintain the best equipment for its members and to purchase the items necessary to provide the best possible service to the community. Please be generous in response to their request.

Fire Department Reduces Size of Fleet

Last spring the Brighton Township VFD put Engine 632 into active service. Engine 632 is a 2017 Pierce Quantum top mount 2nd generation pumper. Prior to that purchase the 1994 Pierce pumper was sold. Recently, the Department also sold their 1997 Engine 632 to Lander Volunteer Fire Department in Warren County, PA. Therefore, the total number of fire apparatus has been reduced by one engine. The reduction in the number of vehicles is a cost savings action that recognizes the declining number of firefighters available to respond to calls, and the increasing cost of fire equipment.

Beaver County Hosts Household Chemical Collection

The Beaver County Recycling Center, located in Brady's Run Park, is hosting a Household Chemical Collection on **Saturday, October 13th** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The fee for collection is \$3/gallon – Cash Only.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an average home can easily accumulate as much as 100 lbs. of cleaners, pesticides, paints, automotive fluids and other products containing hazardous components. If you or someone you know can't use them, or if they are simply outdated or no longer needed, you can dispose of them properly at this collection.

Acceptable items include aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, chemistry sets, compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), gasoline and kerosene, household cleaners, mercury, paint products (including sealers, thinners and strippers), pesticides/herbicides, photo and pool chemicals. Leaking containers will not be accepted.

The following is a partial list of what is not accepted: ammunition, appliances, bulk waste, electronics, TVs, drugs, explosives, fluorescent tubes, tires, explosives, medical waste (including needles) and other non-listed items.

Looking for more information? Call the Beaver County Department of Waste Management 724-770-2066 or check www.zerowastepgh.org.

Healthy creeks, rivers and groundwater depend upon the proper disposal of household chemicals.

What Not to Do!

- Never place these items into the sanitary sewers (sinks & toilets).
- Never pour or throw these items into gutters, streets or storm drains where rain or other water can wash the materials into our waterways.
- Never place them into the trash were they end up in a landfill and can pollute the groundwater.



Water & Sewage Payment Options

The Municipal and Sewage Authorities have options for prompt and quick payments of your water and sewage charges to help you avoid late fees or penalties that can occur as a result of delays that can occur with mail service.

Automatic Bill Payment Provides 2% Discount

Residential accounts receive a 2% discount on water and sewer charges when enrolling in the Automatic Bill Payment Option. With this payment option, charges are automatically drawn from the enrolled checking account. Your payment is never late with this option!

To initiate this service all you need to do is complete a simple enrollment form, provide a VOIDED check and deliver it via mail or drop-off to the Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) office at 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. The forms are available in the Municipal Building or on the Water/Sewage Authorities Page of www.brightontwp.org.

It is quick, convenient, a time saver and eliminates the need for postage or personal delivery. Plus, you will still get a bill via email with the words "Do Not Pay" so you have an opportunity to review the charges in advance of when payments are drawn on the 20th of the month, or the next business day.

E-Mail Billing

Do you currently have your water/sewer payments automatically deducted from your checking account? Would you also like to have your bill e-mailed to you? Go Green!! Please call the office at 724-774-4800 or e-mail shilliker@brightontwp.org to start having your bills e-mailed.

Electronic Payment Service

Payments utilizing on-line banking results in bank issued payments made electronically. As a result, payments are received much quicker, typically within a 24-hour period, but not guaranteed by the bank. Please verify the accuracy of your Account Number when issuing payment through a bank. The Account Number is listed on the billing card.

The Payee Name should be one of the following:

- BTMA/BTSA (preferred use)
- BTMA
- BTSA
- Brighton Township Municipal Authority
- Brighton Township Sewage Authority

Using an incorrect Account Number or Payee Name could result in the payment being rejected for electronic service.

Credit Card Payments

Click on the Online Bill Pay option on the Home Page of the website and follow instructions to set up your online bill pay account. Fees do apply to payments made by credit card.

Additional Information

Additional information regarding the water and sewage services is available and can be reviewed by going to the Water/Sewage Authorities Page of www.brightontwp.org.



The Four Seasons

Beaver Library's Fall Fundraiser Event

The Beaver Area Memorial Library's fall event will be held on **Saturday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** This year's theme is "The Four Seasons." Theme baskets and silent auction items will be featured. A unique boutique and a Knit Shoppe will be available.

Pre-sale tickets are available at the library in advance for \$12 each if purchased ahead of time or \$15 at the door the day of the event. The library is located at 100 College Avenue. The price of the ticket includes appetizers and a coffee bar provided by Café Kolache.

For more information, please call the library at 724-775-1132.

Support the Library's Capital Campaign

The library is in the middle of a 3-year capital fund drive to make repairs and improvements to the building. Phase one – replacing the 25 year old leaking roof has been completed. Other projects that need to be completed are replacing the air conditioners, new finishes in many areas (flooring, paint and ceiling tile), technology upgrades, and creating an outdoor space for children's programming. **Every donation, no matter what amount, is greatly appreciated and will be put to excellent use.**

Property Maintenance Code Updated

The Board of Supervisors has adopted an ordinance to update and amend the Township's property maintenance regulations through the adoption of the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code. To assist in its enforcement the Township has entered into a service agreement with Pella Consulting to which specific enforcement functions and activities will be referred. These regulations cover the maintenance of properties within the Township to include items such as high grass/weeds, rubbish, junk vehicles, unsafe or dilapidated structures and related items.

Stormwater Utility Fee

The Township owns and operates a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) consisting of a system of collection, conveyance, detention and treatment infrastructure used to manage stormwater runoff. Infrastructure associated with the Township's MS4 includes inlets, catch basins, storm drains, conveyance pipes, channels, swales, roadway curbs, culverts, detention basins, infiltration practices, and other post-construction stormwater management (PCSM) best management practices (BMPs). This infrastructure has been installed in accordance with local, state and federal requirements and must be maintained to manage impact of stormwater runoff and minimize the potential negative effect of runoff to public and private property for the public good throughout the Township. To this effect, the Township's MS4 operates as a public utility serving each property owner, or user of the MS4, throughout the Township.

Issuance of the Township's new NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) by PADEP has continued the pattern of increased regulatory requirements and subsequently increased expenditures with regard to management of stormwater within the Township. Implementation of the required Pollutant Reduction Plan will result in significant capital investment by the Township.

Funding for operation and maintenance of storm sewer infrastructure and compliance with MS4 Permit requirements has traditionally been budgeted as part of the Township's General Fund, based primarily on tax revenue. The Township is evaluating a more equitable way to address the MS4 Permit requirements and continued maintenance of the aging Township storm sewer infrastructure. Contribution of stormwater runoff, and subsequently a property's impact or use of the Township MS4 is better evaluated based on the amount of impervious cover contained on the property. Impervious cover (parking lots, driveways, rooftops, etc.) prevents the infiltration of stormwater into the ground and generates more runoff to be managed by the MS4 when compared to a natural, undeveloped condition. As development occurs and natural land cover is replaced with impervious cover, rates and volumes of runoff increase while water quality decreases, all of which must be managed by the MS4.

The Township has authorized the Township Engineer to conduct a study for establishment of a Stormwater Utility Fee. Establishment of a fee will create a dedicated funding source, similar to those which have been previously established for other public utilities such as sanitary sewer or potable water services. Fees will be established based on impact to

the utility, rather than property values. In addition, similar to sanitary sewer or potable water utilities, tax-exempt properties will also be responsible for payment of the fee, thus limiting the fee impact on the average residential property. The study will establish an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) used as the basis of fee assessment. This ERU will be established to best represent the average impervious area (and subsequently the proportionate impact to the MS4) for a typical single-family residential property. This will act as the basis for consideration of a flat fee for most single-family properties. To achieve an equitable assessment of fees, this ERU will be used as the benchmark for evaluation of non-residential properties to assign a proportionate fee.

An evaluation of all properties throughout the Township using GIS software and aerial photography was conducted. This evaluation provides the data for determination of the ERU and categorization of all Township properties. This data is used in conjunction with the anticipated MS4 budgetary expenses for presentation to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of establishment of a Stormwater Utility Fee. The draft Stormwater Utility Fee Study is anticipated to be completed by Fall 2018.

Township MS4 Permit Update

In March 2018, the Township was issued a new NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) by PADEP. As the Township's previous permit, similar to that of most other municipalities throughout Pennsylvania, was set to expire, an application for Permit renewal was submitted in September 2017. PADEP issued approval of Permit Coverage to the Township on March 6, 2018. Included in issuance of the Township's new MS4 permit was approval of the Township's Pollutant Reduction Plan developed in 2017 to reduce the discharge of pollutants to streams and lakes that receive runoff within the Township. The permit requires implementation of the Pollutant Reduction Plan by March 2023. Expenditures for implementation of the Pollutant Reduction Plan are anticipated to be approximately \$400,000.

Annual MS4 compliance activities are underway for 2018. Issuance of the new Permit restarts the annual outfall screening cycle. All of the Township's outfalls were screened for illicit discharges during the previous permit cycle beginning in 2013 and ending in 2018. The renewed permit requires each outfall be screened again by 2023. Annual outfall screening for 2018 is in progress and will be completed throughout the summer.

Also underway are annual inspections of post construction stormwater management (PCSM) best management practice



(BMPs). PCSM BMPs are facilities that control or treat stormwater runoff, such as detention basins, rain gardens, bioretention basins, underground stormwater detention tanks, and other stormwater control facilities. The permit requires the Township to ensure adequate operation and maintenance of these facilities, including those owned by private entities, including developers, businesses, homeowners associations and others. Annual inspections are conducted by representatives of the Township and Township Engineer. Parties responsible for maintenance are notified of deficiencies for correction such that these facilities function as designed to help address downstream flooding and water quality.

Township Prepares for Winter Road Maintenance



The 2018/19 winter season is quickly approaching! The following reminders are provided so you may assist us this winter. Most importantly, please remove 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 storms or at night. Maneuvering a plow truck through parked traffic makes the job of the plow truck driver much more difficult.

- Township Ordinance regarding snow removal does prohibit parking, or allowing to be parked, any motor vehicle or other vehicle on any public street within the Township following the deposit or accumulation of ice or snow of three (3) inches or greater in depth, until the snow has been completely plowed from the full width of the roadway. Violators are subject to a \$15 fine when ticketed by the Police Department, or towing when necessary.
- Do not shovel snow into the road or have your driveway plowed into the road. This creates a safety hazard. If

possible, wait until the road has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway. There is no practical way to plow the road without depositing snow into your driveway. Township snow removal crews do not clear private driveways or driveway entrances of accumulated snow.

- Cul-de-sacs are difficult to clear to everyone's satisfaction. Snowplows do not have the ability to lift and carry snow from one area to another. The plow pushes the snow. The driver pushes the snow to an area most suitable to expedite the plowing and to open the road for the majority of residents. The Road Department will return to cul-de-sac areas for more thorough clearing after all roads have been properly plowed and treated.
- Mailboxes and posts are often broken from the weight of the plowed snow or simply pushed over by snow. Please check posts for deterioration to reduce the possibility of breakage. Also, install mailboxes as far from the edge of the roadway as permitted by your postal delivery personnel. Installations in the right of way are placed there at the owner's risk.
- Do not drive unnecessarily in a storm, especially during severe snowstorms and freezing rains. If you do drive, be sure to properly clean your windshield and to have winter wiper blades. Verify that your tires are properly inflated and have sufficient tread.

State Road Maintenance

PA D.O.T. provides winter maintenance on the following: Interstate 376, Tuscarawas Road, Barclay Hill Road, Lisbon Road, Pine Grove Road (from Doyle Drive to Industry), Wildwood Road, Grange Road, Park Road, Brady's Run Road, Achortown Road and Doyle Drive. Concerns regarding any of these roads should be directed to PA D.O.T. at 724-774-6610 (answers 24 hours).

Water Service During Vacation and Winter Get Away

Going away for an extended period of time?

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority offers a service to have your water service terminated at the curb stop for persons whose home may be vacant for an extended period of time. A service fee of \$10 is charged for both the turn-off and turn-on; a total of \$20. No charges accrue to your account during the period of termination. Accounts turned off prior to the 15th of the month will receive a ½ month's charge, and after the 15th will receive a full months charge.

- A person must be present within the home when the service is turned back on during normal work hours Monday through Friday.

- Provide a 24-hour notice of your return to schedule the water turn-on to be certain staff is available.
- You will need to call the Authority Office to schedule an appointment for this service.

Another option is that you can shut off the **Stop and Waste Valve** which is near the water meter in your home. If the home is vacant for an extended period this will help prevent significant flooding within the home should there be a plumbing failure while the home is vacant. However, unless service is terminated at the curb, monthly billings and charges will continue to accrue during the vacancy.

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 every other month, starting in January
7:00 p.m.

BRIGHTON TWP
FALL FESTIVAL
Oct. 13, 12-6pm
@ Hardy Field



trick or treat

Trick or Treat will be observed
in Brighton Township on
Wednesday, October 31st
from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Brighton Township Parks and Recreation Board has planned the 3rd Annual Fall Festival for **Saturday, October 13, 2018** at Hardy Field. The festival will run from noon - 6:00 p.m. and will include fun and entertainment for the whole family!

- Arts and Craft Vendors!
- Food Vendors!
- Live Music!
- Bounce Houses!
- Kids Games and Crafts!
- Pumpkin Patch and Hayrides!
- Face Painting & Balloon Twisting!
- Other special activities and surprises!
- Admission is FREE!

Nature's Bounty & Greens Sale

The Tusca-Ridge Garden Club is holding its annual Nature's Bounty and Greens Sale on Saturday, **November 17, 2018** from 9 a.m. until noon, at the Beaver United Methodist Church, 345 College Avenue, Beaver. You will find everything you need to celebrate the Holidays from custom and handcrafted décor to beautiful wreaths, live garland roping, swags, mailbox huggies, kissing balls and more. Their prices are fantastic! Free to the public.