

# Fire Department Transferring Ownership of Social Hall to Township

With declining membership and an increasing call volume, the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department (BTVFD) has insufficient numbers to continue the fish fry dinners and other community events that had been a tradition within the Brighton Township community for many years. As a result, the Fire Department is transferring ownership of the Firemen's Social Hall to the Township so the building will continue in public use. The Township

Supervisors have commissioned an evaluation of the building to determine the scope of renovations needed, including ADA accessibility, and the cost of both building and site improvements. Prior to ownership by the BTVFD, the building served as the Brighton Grange. It is the desire of the Township to stay true to the building's history of community use.

The following is reprinted from "Brighton Township – Celebrating 200 Years" which was prepared as part of the Township's bicentennial celebration in 2016.

#### **Brighton Grange**

Reflecting a rural way of life largely gone-by, the township no longer has a "Grange" which, starting in 1875 was a vibrant part of a national farming support organization for men and women. The first meeting was held in the home of the Kaufmanns on Sebring Road and was organized on Feb. 18, 1875 at the Dawson Brick Stage Coach House on Tuscarawas Road. Meetings later were shifted to the Barclay School House but had to move because township supervisors did not want secret organizations to meet on public property.



Interest grew, and membership swelled. After more than three decades, members bought a half acre of land along Dutch Ridge Road and erected a new hall with locally timbered lumber. In 1931, the hall was moved and expanded at its current location at Dutch Ridge and Grange Roads. Monthly Round & Square Dances fundraisers were held as well as annual fairs to display canned goods, farm produce, needlework, grain and livestock. The building served the broader community to host school and church events,

including a 1950 town meeting with 150 citizens in attendance to encourage development of a public water supply for the community. With declining membership and diminishing interest, the grange sold the building to the Brighton Township VFD in 1969. Signaling the end of an era in our history, the Brighton Grange's charter was surrendered in October 1992.



## Township Increases Support to Library

The Township has increased their annual contribution to the Beaver Area Memorial Library for 2019 to \$30,500. In addition, the Township will make a one-time \$5,000 contribution to the library's capital campaign. These contributions will assist the library in fulfilling their mission "to facilitate access to information, connect people, and create opportunities for lifelong learning and community enrichment." The Township is pleased to support the Board of Trustees and library staff towards this mission. 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!

The library relies on the goodwill of its patrons and the community for a significant portion of its operating budget. 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 Adopts 2019 Budget**

To meet the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead, the Township has adopted the 2019 Budget while maintaining the real estate tax at 12.0 mills. The \$4.45 million operating fund budget retains, without reduction, existing services and programs that are currently in place to serve the residents. It has been the determination of the Township to keep the tax rate at a minimum. With sound financial responsibility on the part of the Board and employees, the Township has been able to do so. However, to meet the growing regulatory demands required under the Township's NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), the Township has adopted an ordinance to implement an annual Stormwater Management Fee of \$66 per single-family detached residential property. More specific details of this fee and its purpose are detailed elsewhere within this newsletter.

In additional to stormwater related expenses, several other fiscal challenges for 2019 have been addressed in the budget. Each year the Township prepares contracts for the purchase of 2,600 tons of rock salt for winter maintenance of roads. The Township's contract for the purchase of rock salt through the State increased from \$50.05 per ton to \$80.59 per ton. The rock salt contract through the Beaver County Regional C.O.G. saw an increase from \$55.95 per ton to \$109.20. An increase of \$60,000 was included for this expense during 2019. Additional measures to

reduce the use of rock salt will be undertaken during the winter to control this expense. Road paving is another significant expense that is necessary to maintain the Township's expansive road network. The initial paving list prepared for 2019 is in excess of \$2 million. Early in 2019 a final determination on the roads to be included within the funding provided for the paving program will be made so bid specifications and documents can be let for public bid. The Township was able to budget approximately \$640,000 for the 2019 road paving program.

The budget increases spending for public safety. During 2018 the Township funded a new initiative for Fire Department personnel. 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 was a significant financial decision made jointly by the BTVFD and the Township in the interest of the community's public safety. Due to the success of this initiative, the Township has increased funding for it in the 2019 Budget. Effective October 1st, the Township entered into an Agreement with Heritage Valley Health System to provide a dedicated on-site police officer

24 hours a day. Three (3) full-time officers were hired for this service. The hospital pays the full cost of having the police officers on site. The decision to have officers on site was to provide the safest environment possible for all parties, including patients and staff.

In addition to these items, the Board continues to study and plan for future projects. Certain funds are allocated annually for special purposes. For example funds are allocated and held in reserve for the purchase of fire apparatus and open space or land acquisitions. The Township maintains a 10-year schedule of projected capital vehicle and equipment replacements and sets funds aside as part of budget programming for their orderly replacement. The Township maintains over 46 miles of Township roadway and it is necessary to fund adequate road maintenance and paving programs annually.

The goal of these efforts is to keep Brighton Township as the best location in Beaver County.



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## **Real Estate Tax Information**

This is just a reminder for residents who have participated in the 2018 Beaver Area School Real Estate tax installment program. The third installment payment is due no later than December 31, 2018. All 2018 Brighton Township Real Estate taxes are also due by December 31, 2018.

The 2019 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed on March 1, 2019. 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 2018 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be filed on April 1, 2019.

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

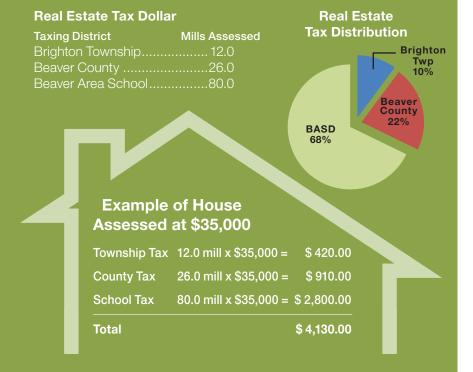
Tuesday:	4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Last Saturday of each month of the	e discount:
March/April:	9:00 a.m. to Noon

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.

Have a safe and happy holiday!





The Township's adopted 2019 Budget keeps the real estate tax at 12.0 mills. This remains a significantly lower millage rate than other communities in the Beaver Area, and much of Beaver County in general. Only 10-cents of each real estate tax dollar paid goes to the Township to provide police, fire, road maintenance and parks & recreation opportunities. In addition, Brighton Township does not levy business privilege or mercantile taxes.

## 4th Quarter and Final Earned Income Tax Returns

4th Quarter returns for the earned income tax are due by January 31st and Final Returns are due by April 15th. Employed residents of Brighton Township are subject to a one percent (1.0%) tax on gross earnings. This tax is paid to the Beaver Area School District and Brighton Township at 1/2 of 1% each. The tax must be paid quarterly to avoid penalty. Failure to file a final return, even when no tax is due, makes individuals liable for penalty. Upcoming payment schedules:

EARNED INCOME PERIOD	PAYMENT IS DUE
4th Qtr: October, November, December	On or Before January 31
Final Return - Verification Needed	By April 15

The EIT Collector for all of Beaver County is Berkheimer. 4th Quarter 2018 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



# **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.

# **Waterline Replacement Construction Projects**

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority's contract with Graziani Construction, Inc. for the second phase of waterline construction on Tuscarawas Road, between Sebring Road and Ornida Drive, is substantially completed with restoration of yards remaining. The DEP recently released the final permit allowing the old waterline to be taken out of service. The Contractor can now complete all the final yard restoration.

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

Tuscarawas Road: Little Beaver Drive to Sebring Road

Tuscarawas Road: Mackall Drive to Center Drive

The Authority has a maintenance bond in place to address any items that need addressed, including yards and driveways that develop issues over the winter months.

Please report any issues for either project to the Township Office at 724-774-4800 or by email at brightontwp@ brightontwp.org so they can be tracked to completion.



# 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.

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# Township Adopts Stormwater Management Fee

Stormwater has become highly regulated requiring frequent inspection, maintenance and quality monitoring, similar to water, sewage or other utilities. Costs for these activities are expected to continue increasing with growing regulatory requirements; thus the need for the Township to be more proactive with the maintenance of existing storm sewer systems and requirements for new infrastructure necessary for regulatory compliance. To fund the increased financial burden Brighton Township has adopted a Stormwater Management Fee effective in 2019. The fee will be billed annually to each developed property within the Township on or about February 1st. The rate has been established at \$66.00 per year (\$5.50 per month) for each single-family detached residential

property. This fee unit is identified as an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). An ERU is designated as 4,700 SF of impervious surfaces based upon the Township's Stormwater Management Fee Analysis and Report. Non-single family properties will pay fees based upon how many ERUs their property has. Berkheimer will conduct the billing operation.

Newsletter articles over the past two years have specified how the Township is required under it's NPDES General Permit issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) over the next

several years to achieve a required reduction of pollutants identified within the Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). The PRP is part of the Township's NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). The PADEP has identified impaired waters that are applicable to the Township's PRP. Brighton Township has five (5) existing streams with identified impairments. An Unnamed Tributary to the Beaver River (known locally as Hamilton Run) is impaired for Siltation; Two Mile Run is impaired for Siltation; Ohio River is impaired for PCB and Pathogens; Bradys Run Lake is impaired for Nutrients; and Beaver River is impaired for PCB and Pathogens. To achieve the required reductions of the identified pollutants, the Township is required by law to implement the BMPs within the current five (5) year permit period. Options available are Stream Restoration projects at areas of known streambank erosion and Filtering Practices by retrofitting existing dry detention basins to provide additional storage for treatment through engineered filtering media practices.

Other compliance requirements of the Township's NPDES MS4 Permit to maintain water quality in our surface waters is the implementation of an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDD&E) Program to monitor discharges from its storm sewer system. Part of the IDD&E Program includes annual routine screening of outfalls, or discharge points, throughout the Township. Approximately 20% of the Township's known outfalls are screened each year, so that all outfalls are visited at least once in



each five year permit cycle. Any discharge of water from the Township's storm sewer system not composed entirely of stormwater is considered an illicit discharge. When discovered, these discharges are tested in the field and a sample is taken for laboratory testing to determine if there is a presence of pollutants. Once tested, an investigation for the source of any pollutants is conducted. Potential sources are an illegal sanitary sewer connection or instance of illegal dumping. Steps are then taken as appropriate to eliminate the pollution source.

Implementing the BMPs is costly, and Brighton Township and other municipalities are now faced with the task of evaluating how to pay for this expensive unfunded mandate. The PA Legislature approved the use of Stormwater Fees as a funding source for these recurring expenditures, as

opposed to a reliance on real estate tax increases. As reported last year, the Township commissioned the preparation of a Stormwater Management Fee Analysis and Report to establish the foundation of the Stormwater Service Fee. Unlike tax collections that fund general municipal purposes, the Stormwater Management Fee is a stable and reliable funding source dedicated to stormwater related activities and expenses, just as water and sewage charges are. Unlike real estate taxes, exempt properties are also subject to this fee, making for a more uniform application of cost/benefit. Over 23% of the assessed value of properties in Brighton Township are tax exempt.

To establish the previously referenced ERU, the study evaluated the presence of

> impervious surfaces through the use of aerial imagery and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) within a randomly selected sample of 100 single-family residential lots and determined 4,700 SF as the average. An impervious surface is a hard surface which prevents or impedes the entry of stormwater into the soil in a manner that water would have entered the soil under natural conditions pre-existing to development, such as: roof tops, driveways, compacted surfaces, sidewalks, accessory structures, etc. Non-residential properties are individually evaluated on a lot-by-lot basis. All stormwater related costs

were tabulated, along with future capital improvements, including infrastructure replacement. A final step was the evaluation of credits for existing or newly constructed stormwater BMPs that are owned and maintained by property owners, and are part of an inspection program established by the Township.

Establishing the Stormwater Management Fee was a decision processed over the prior two year period. It was selected over an increased real estate tax levy to provide a dedicated funding source that was equitable for each property, including tax exempt properties. The funding will permit the Township to meet the requirements of more stringent federal and state regulations for stormwater management, and provide enhanced maintenance and improvements to existing infrastructure.

# Use of the Stormwater Management Fee

Establishment of the Stormwater Management Fee will create a dedicated revenue source for both operation and maintenance of the Township storm sewer system and tasks related to compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements. Revenues collected by the Service Fee will be deposited in the Township's Stormwater Fund and shall be expended only for stormwater related purposes.

To the benefit of the entire community, Township expenditures associated with these items are aimed to help manage stormwater discharged to the Waters of the Commonwealth in many aspects including, collection and conveyance, stormwater detention, flood control, stormwater quality, pollution prevention and pollution reduction. The Stormwater Management Fee, at the enacted rate of \$66.00 per year per ERU, is anticipated to generate approximately \$270,000 in revenue annually.

The Stormwater Management Fee will act as the primary funding source for implementation of the Township's Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). Implementation of the PRP and achievement of the pollutant reduction criteria required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will involve construction of new or reconstructed stormwater facilities throughout the Township prior to the current PRP deadline of March 2023. It is anticipated that additional reductions will be

required subsequent to this PRP cycle as well, and as such, shall be a continuing Township expense. The first project, planned for construction in 2019, will involve alteration, or retrofit, of an existing stormwater detention basin serving an existing residential development. When originally constructed, this basin was designed and installed to meet stormwater management regulations of that time. The basin currently serves to detain stormwater runoff during rainfall events to regulate and limit the discharge from the development to the stream, limiting the impact on downstream areas with regard to the rate and amount of stormwater discharged. While the basin currently provides a flood control benefit, it does not provide a significant benefit with regard to water quality, or removal of pollutants from the collected and detained stormwater. The PRP project proposes retrofit of this facility to install a forebay and filtration media to promote removal of pollutants, primarily sediment, that is transported by the stormwater runoff from the streets, yards, rooftops and driveways of the development to the basin. Currently these pollutants migrate through the basin for ultimate deposit in the stream. Final design for the project is currently ongoing; however, the project has an anticipated cost of approximately \$230,000, including restoration and maintenance of the existing facility and the additional retrofit improvements to provide water quality

features. The PRP proposes several projects to achieve required reduction with a preliminary anticipated cost of \$400,000 for water quality improvements alone.

Compliance with the requirements of the Township's MS4 Permit extends beyond the Pollutant Reduction Plan. The permit requires completion of annual tasks throughout each permit year. These tasks include annual updates of the Township stormwater management program, an annual outfall screening cycle, annual inspection of all post-construction stormwater management BMPs and periodic inspection of active construction sites. The Township budgets approximately \$40,000 annually for engineering services and other costs associated with this and other general MS4 Permit compliance tasks.

Finally, the Stormwater Management Fee will also be used as a revenue source for funding of additional operation and maintenance costs, along with capital improvement costs associated with maintaining, upgrading and replacing the Township's storm sewer infrastructure, including, inlets, storm drains, piping and other facilities. The Fee will provide a reliable funding source for infrastructure work associated with annual road programs and other independent projects for management of stormwater runoff.



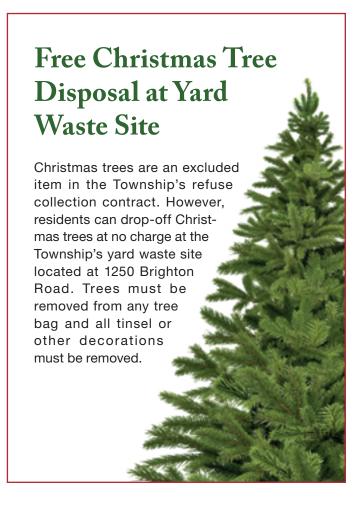
# **Tire Collection** a Success!

The Township's September tire collection program was a big success, with 416 tires collected! The program was conducted in cooperation with the Independence Conservancy at the Township Public Works Site located on Brighton Road. The goal of the program is to provide a legitimate means for the disposal of tires and to prevent their illegal dumping. Brighton Township has participated in the tire collection program since its inception in 2004. Through this year 4,920 tires have been collected at the Brighton Township site. Altogether, the Conservancy has collected and disposed of 50,683 tires.

The Independency Conservancy is a 501(c)3 Pennsylvania nonprofit, with an all-volunteer group that has a goal of protecting the environment and protecting our local natural resources. More information can be found at www.independenceconservancy.org.

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# 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.

# Recycling Changes and Costs

Over 30-years ago Pennsylvania passed legislation mandating recycling in many communities, including Brighton Township, based upon certain population requirements. Since that time, it has become routine and expected by many who do not recall recycling not being a part of everyday life. Recycling has changed in many ways over that period too. The commingling of recyclable materials is commonplace, and the number of items included in recycling programs has expanded.

However, change is taking place rapidly in 2018 as the marketability of recyclable materials has tightened, most notably due to China no longer accepting many types of materials, largely due to the high levels of contamination found in many of the materials being delivered. The impact is being felt locally as the receiver of Brighton Township's recycled materials has increased the cost per ton by approximately \$20 during 2018. These increases are calculated and added into the monthly fee billed to residents by the contracted refuse and recycling collection contractor, J. Young Refuse. In addition, the recycling facility has established a listing of surcharges that apply to loads of recycling materials that are contaminated with unacceptable items.

This year No. 6 Plastic containers and bottles have been eliminated from the list of acceptable materials. Many locations have already discontinued taking all glass materials, and it is possible that glass could be eliminated from the Township's recycling program if there is not a change in the marketplace. Other materials, including several types of plastics, could be removed from the recycling program in the future too.

It is important to properly prepare 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.

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 How to Recycle rules.



## **Brighton Township 2019 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 1-5, 7 inside the recycling logo; newspapers and magazines.

WHERE: WHEN:

Place your recycling container in the same area where the garbage is picked up. 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, 2019**

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, 2019 rate is as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019	\$ 11.17
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
Recycling Fee escalation approved effective April 1, 2018	\$ 0.01
Recycling Fee escalation approved effective January 1, 2019	\$ 0.15
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective January 1, 2019	\$ 0.13
Monthly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2019	\$ 11.61
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective January 1, 2019	\$ 34.83



#### **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.



#### **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 Jans)

- · 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 (Mik 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.

- · 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.



# **ECYCLING IS EAS**

# Resident Completes Eagle Scout Project

Andrew Allen of Boy Scout Troop 558 has completed construction of two sitting benches located along the Township trail that connects the Ashley Ridge Plan and the Dawson Ridge Plan. The project was undertaken as part of his Eagle Scout attainment. Andrew completed all aspects of this project, from planning, design, fund raising and supervision of site construction.

Congratulations Andrew on completing this community service project for Brighton Township.

Andrew Allen of Troop 558 and his completed Eagle Scout project.





Andrew Allen supervises his volunteer work crew during the construction of two sitting benches along a Township trail.



## Swift911

The Municipal Authority utilizes the Swift911 system to notify residents of scheduled service interruptions, such as events during the waterline construction project. Please go to the Brighton Township website to learn more about the Emergency Notification System and to update your contact information for this and related purposes.



Add your contact information to our emergency notification list so you can be contacted with important information and announcements:

swift911.brightontwp.org

# **Township Awarded Two Recreation Grants**

Brighton Township has been awarded two grants by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. These grants are awarded by the State to improve recreation and to protect and advance natural amenities for citizens. The first grant award of \$43,000 is for the reimbursement of expenses related to the Township's purchase of a 1.315 acre vacant lot adjacent to Hardy Field Park.

The second grant award of \$155,000 is for further development within Two Mile Run Park. The project includes the construction of approximately 10,850 Lineal Feet of natural surface trail in a multiple loop system, with this initial phase containing a total of three (3) loops. The project includes two (2) trailhead locations, three (3) information kiosks, and a footbridge crossing over Two Mile Run Creek. The trail will be marked with universal symbols to identify trail difficulty by segments. Related amenities, such as trash receptacles and benches are included in the project scope. Several land parcels have been purchased over the years, and today Two Mile Run Park totals 84 acres in the area surrounding Shultz Lodge and the three shelters. Most of the park remains undeveloped, and this project adds an additional recreation feature that was identified as a community need within the Two Mile Run Park Master Plan. The time frame for the construction of the trails is dependent upon receipt and execution of the grant award contracts. Updates will be provided within future newsletters.

# New Faces on the Force



The Township Supervisors hired **Josh Krizan**, **Kyle Fabyanic** and **Dylan Kerr** as full time police officers effective October 1, 2018. Pictured with the officers are Supervisors Mark Piccirilli, James E. Equels, Sr. and John Curtaccio. Each of the officers previously served in a part time capacity. We look forward to their service to the community for many years.





## **Brighton Township**

1300 Brighton Road Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009 PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID Permit No. 263 Beaver, PA 15009



# 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.

# 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 that is mailed to each Township resident and business. Each household should have received this letter within the past month. 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 to ensure that they have the proper equipment to keep the public and members safe from harm. The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department 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.

Over the past several years the Fire Department has experienced an increasing number of calls for service, but fewer volunteers to respond. The Department is actively seeking volunteers to become part of their mission to serve the Brighton Township community. If you are interested in volunteering your time you can contact any member, or by:

Call: 724-495-3803

Email: station63@comcast.net

Visit: Station 3, 84 Grange Rd. on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Your Fire Department is relying on your help!

