



New Documentary Tells the Story of the Richmond “Little Red” Schoolhouse

A new, locally produced documentary by the Brighton Township Historical Society tells the rich history of the iconic, one-room Richmond “Little Red” Schoolhouse.

The 13:35 minute video, entitled “Brighton Township’s Richmond School House: A Story of Restoration,” may be viewed on YouTube at t.ly/pGEf6

The documentary celebrates the building as a landmark in an era of American public education when rural townships had their own schools, grades 1 to 8, governed by a board of local citizens. All were taught by a lone teacher who also built warming fires in pot-belly stoves, swept the floors and exacted discipline. There were six such schools in the Township.

The “Little Red,” located at 245 Park Road, was in operation for 106

years from 1844 to 1950. It served as a symbol of community, resilience and the pursuit of knowledge for a population comprised largely of farmers’ children.

“Pacer’s fine cinematography created a beautiful and enlightening film,” said Historical Society President Richard Pontillo. “It illustrates the accomplishments of a private and public collaboration which resulted in the school’s continued existence.”

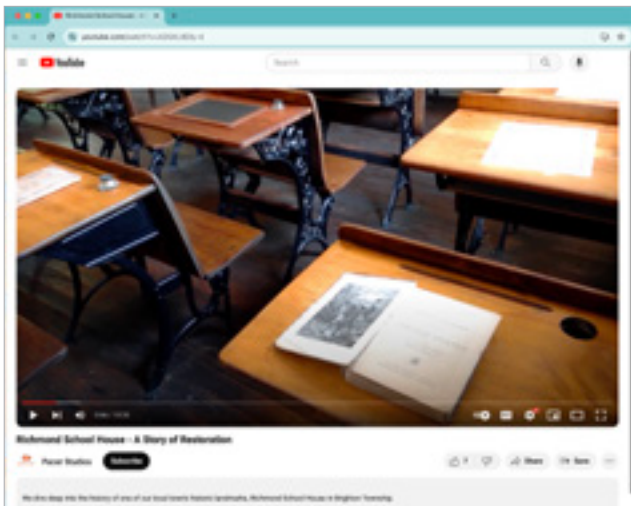
Said director/producer Jason Bumblis, owner of Pacer Studios, “We love fusing video with local history. This project allowed us to tell a story in a way that resonates with today’s society and to explain why it was important.” The documentary also features interviews with Jack Erath, a fifth-grader at Richmond in 1944,

whose mother taught there, and Jane Wilson Smyda, whose father helped launch the effort to save and restore the building.

The video was made possible with funding by the children of former Richmond student Leona Hogan Corbett (1923-2001), a gift made in 2023 to mark the 100th anniversary of her birth.



James Lema was recently hired as a full-time police officer with the Brighton Township Police Department, beginning March 4, 2024. Officer Lema previously worked part-time with the Department. We wish him a long and successful career with Brighton Township.



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2023 VFD Annual Report

Fire Chief Mitchell Curtaccio has issued the following 2023 statistical report for the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

TYPE	NUMBER
Structural	30
Fire Alarms	78
Brush	12
Vehicle Accidents	49
Vehicle Fires	5
QRS	531
Service Calls (i.e. CO Alarms, Gas leaks, Wires down, etc.)	108
TOTAL CALLS	853

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 are 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 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The other volunteers look forward to meeting you and answering your questions. You may also email us at station63@comcast.net for more information or if you are interested in volunteering.



SMOKE DETECTORS – Several years ago the Fire Department instituted a smoke detector program to provide free smoke detectors to Township residents in need. For more information about the program or how to obtain free smoke detectors, please contact the station at station63@comcast.net or 724-495-3803.



FIRE HYDRANTS – Township Code makes it unlawful for any person, other than those authorized by the Township, Fire Department or Municipal Authority, to open, tamper with or interfere in any manner with any fire hydrant. Violators are subject to a \$1,000 fine. No obstructions are to be planted, constructed or placed within six (6) feet of any hydrant to permit unrestricted access to the hydrant in the case of an emergency.



BURNING – Burning of household papers or other permitted refuse must be done within a salamander wire basket or masonry enclosure with a top to prevent fly ash from escaping. Such burning is prohibited on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays or legal holidays. Burning is permitted Wednesday through Saturday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please monitor all outdoor burning activity closely to prevent brush and other wild fires.



DONATIONS – If you wish to financially support the Fire Department, donations can be made online through the BTVFD website www.brightontwpvfd.org or by check to BTVFD and mailed to 84 Grange Road, Beaver, PA 15009.



Township Supervisor

In January, Gary J. Gordon began his six (6) year term as a Township Supervisor. Here, he is joined by Supervisors Mark Piccirilli and John Curtaccio. The Supervisors meet monthly at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Pictured (L-R): Gary J. Gordon, Sr., Mark Piccirilli, John Curtaccio

Township Supervisors

John Curtaccio, *Chairman*

Mark Piccirilli, *Vice Chairman*

Gary J. Gordon, *Supervisor*

Bryan K. Dehart, *Manager*

Kathryn L. Johnston, *Solicitor*

Ned Mitrovich & Marie S. Hartman
Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc.
Township Engineer

Municipal Authority

724-774-4800

Gordon R. Sheffer, Ph.D., *Chairman*

Jack E. Erath, *Vice Chairman*

Mark Piccirilli, *Secretary*

Kerien Fitzpatrick, *Treasurer*

Jeffrey S. Maze,
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Sewage Authority

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Smoke Alarms at Home



SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



6 Key Tips to Safely Tackle Spring Cleaning

Melted snow, budding trees, longer days: they are all signs that the warmer months are nearing. For many of us, these seasonal hallmarks are reminders to start spring cleaning in and around our homes.

As people power up their lawnmowers, rake up debris, touch up chipped paint, and take on myriad projects to get their homes and yards ready for the months ahead, following are six key practices and supporting recommendations to help minimize the risk of fires and associated hazards:

PROPERLY USE AND STORE GASOLINE

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel, never as a cleaner or to break down grease.
- Only store gasoline in a container that is sold for that purpose and never bring it indoors, even in small amounts.
- Never store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in a detached garage or an outdoor shed.
- Make sure the container is tightly capped when not in use.

CAREFULLY DISPOSE OF RAGS WITH PAINT AND STAIN

The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air as the rags dry, the heat is trapped, builds up and can cause a fire.

- Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. When you are finished using the rags, take them outside to dry, keeping them well away from the home and other structures.
- Hang rags outside or spread them on the ground and weigh them down so that they don't blow away
- Put dried rags in a metal container, making sure the container is tightly covered. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution, which will break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place out of direct sunlight and away from other heat sources.

USE/STORE FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS WITH CARE

- Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame.
- Never smoke when working with these liquids.
- If you spill liquids on your clothing, remove your clothing and place it outside to dry. Once dry, clothing can be laundered.
- Keep liquids in their original containers. Keep them tightly capped or sealed. Never store the liquids in glass containers.

INSPECT GRILLS TO ENSURE THEY ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER

- Inspect your grill carefully and make sure it's free of grease or fat buildup. Clean out any nests, spider webs, or other debris you may find.

- For propane grills, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.

KEEP DEBRIS WELL AWAY FROM YOUR HOME

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., with more and more people living in communities where wildfires are a real risk.

- Dispose of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings to reduce fuel for fire.
- Remove leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on or under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- Remove dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first five feet of the home.
- Move construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOTHES DRYER

- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe for your dryer is not restricted and that the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. This includes making sure the outdoor vent flap is not covered by snow.
- Move things that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, away from the dryer.
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.



2023 Police Department Annual Report

Chief of Police Howard Blinn has issued the following Department statistics for 2023:

Hours Worked.....	36,265
Miles Patrolled	151,877
Accidents Investigated	60
Criminal Arrests	47
Moving Traffic Citations Issued.....	717
Nonmoving Traffic Citations Issued.....	56
Traffic Warnings Issued.....	461
Parking Violations.....	21
Fines Collected.....	\$21,164.01
Homes Security Alarms Answered	91
Assists to Other Departments.....	288
911 Calls	144
Aid to Sick or Injured.....	847
Animal Calls.....	129
Vacation Checks.....	32
Business Check/Closure	247

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



LOCK VEHICLES – Vehicles parked outdoors should be locked at all times, especially when parked upon a street. Do not leave valuables (purses, laptops, etc.) within the vehicles. Unlocked vehicles are an easy and common target for theft.



VACATION CHECKS – If you are going to be away from your home for a period of time, the police department will make periodic checks on your residence while you are away. Prior to leaving, phone the department at 724-728-1134 with departure and return dates.



DOGS – It is unlawful for the owner of any dog in Brighton Township to permit the dog to run at large upon any street or upon the property of any other than the owner or keeper. Violators are subject to penalties. Dogs are prohibited in Township Parks, other than areas specifically designated.



SOLICITING OR PEDDLING – Soliciting and peddling is regulated within the Township and requires the securing of a license. Soliciting or peddling is prohibited on Sundays and holidays, before 9:30 a.m. or after sunset or 6:00 p.m., whichever occurs first.



PARKING – Vehicles must be parked on the right-hand side of the road with the flow of traffic or it will be subject to ticketing.



CURFEW – It is unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to be or remain in or upon any street, park or public place in the Township between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody, accompanies the person.

Grants Received for Trail Construction and Land Acquisition

A grant of \$100,000 has been awarded to the Township through the PA DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant program for the Two Mile Run Hiking Trail Phase II project. The project will add 4,825 LF of additional trail in two loops to the existing trail network within the park. The existing trail network is over 10,000 LF.

The Township has received two (2) land acquisition grants to purchase property in the Two Mile Run Creek watershed. The first is a grant award of \$160,900 from the PA DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program and the second is a grant award of \$75,000 from the PA DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program. The funding will be used to purchase two (2) parcels on Brighton Road totaling approximately 13.2 acres. The Township is

also in the process of potentially securing land dedication of an additional 32 acres in the same watershed. Once finalized, the Township will own the property on both sides of Two Mile Run Creek from Brighton Road to Two Mile Run Park that is located on Gypsy Glen Road. This has been a long standing goal of the Township supported by several planning documents, including the Two Mile Run Park Master Plan, Greenways Plan, and the Comprehensive Plan. With these acquisitions, the Township will be updating the Two Mile Run Park Master Plan to evaluate what has been accomplished and to establish a vision and goals for the park area.

Planning Commission 2023 Annual Report

2023 Commission Members:

William L. Snider, <i>Chairman</i>	Jeffrey S. Maze
Kimberly Radler, <i>Vice Chairwoman</i>	Tim O'Brien
Karen Green, <i>Secretary</i>	Mark Piccirilli
Christopher Dugan	Kathryn L. Johnston, <i>Solicitor</i>

Following is a brief summary of the Commission's formal activities during 2023.

Subdivision & Land Development Application Plan Reviews:

1. Brighton Township Consolidation Plan No. 1 (consolidate 2 lots: Two Mile Run Park).....1 Lot @
2. Pupio Plan No. 2.....2 Lots @*#
3. Subdivision Plan for Finn3 Lots @*
4. Lot Consolidation Plan for Borselli (consolidate 2 lots) 1 Lot @*
5. Sheerin Farm Plan of Lots (1 lot non-residential).....4 Lots @*
6. Peters-Brighton Township Plan of Subdivision & Consolidation Plan.....2 Lots *
7. Subdivision for McGrath3 Lots
8. Roberts Run Lot Consolidation Plan (consolidates 4 lots).....1 Lot
9. Roberts Run Subdivision55 Lots

@ Denotes final approval granted by Board of Supervisors - plan recorded.

* Denotes 1 lot with existing dwelling/building.

Denotes lot with non-building waiver

Land Use Regulations:

The Commission conducted reviews of the land use codes and prepared and recommended several ordinances as a result. The recommendations included new definitions, established uses and conditions for uses, and other details. The most comprehensive changes are summarized below.

Zoning Code Amendment Buffer Yard Requirements

– During 2022 the Commission prepared and recommended for approval a proposed ordinance to amend the Zoning Code Section 195-137.1 Buffer Yard Requirements. The proposal updated standard details, buffer yard densities, planting details and recommended planting lists to include more native Pennsylvania species. During 2023 the Board of Supervisors adopted the recommendations as Ordinance No 237.

Zoning Code Amendment for C-2 Mixed Use - During 2022 the Commission prepared and recommended for approval a proposed ordinance to amend the C-2 Mixed Use District that provides new and revised definitions, including new and revised uses, and conditions for the uses. During 2023 the Board of Supervisors has adopted the recommendations as Ordinance No. 238.

Zoning Map Amendment - During 2022 the Commission prepared and recommended for approval a proposed ordinance to adopt an amended Zoning Map. The proposal rezoned certain property from C-2 Mixed Use District to R-1 Rural Residential District. During 2023 the Board of Supervisors has adopted the recommendation as Ordinance No. 239.

Zoning Code Amendment for C-2 Mixed Use & Definitions

– The Commission recommended for approval an ordinance that made text corrections to the Zoning Code that were outdated. Consistency changes were made so that setback references were to define terms. The definition for Private Greenhouse was updated. The Board of Supervisors adopted the recommendations as Ordinance No. 240.

Zoning Code Amendment Day Care – The Commission prepared and recommended for approval a proposed ordinance to amend the Zoning Code Amendment to include Day-Care Center as a Permitted Principal Use in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District and the C-2 Mixed Use District, as well as a corrective change for the C-2 Mixed Use District. The Board of Supervisors adopted the recommendations as Ordinance No. 241.

Recreation Fee In Lieu of Dedication – During 2023 the Township worked with a planning consultant, Strategic Solutions to prepare calculations and language changes to update the permitted recreational impact fee. A report was prepared by the consultant and used by the Board of Supervisors to adopt Resolution No. 2023-29, amending the Brighton Township Public Recreation Land and Facilities Plan. The Commission has prepared draft language utilizing the report to update the Subdivision and Land Development Code, Section 180-64.1 Public Recreation Land and Facilities. These amendments will permit an increase of the Recreation Fee In Lieu of Dedication for new residential developments. These recommendations are in draft form at this time.

Subdivision & Land Development Code Updates – The Commission has been reviewing Design Standards within the Code for recommended updates on transportation and street requirements, street lighting, and other public improvement requirements for new development. The Commission is also working with the Township Engineer by reviewing updates for the Public and Private Improvement Code and the Construction Standard Details.

Waterline Breaks

When a waterline break occurs, the Authority is unable to notify each household that water service will be temporarily shut off while repairs are made. 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 water lines 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.



2024 Road Maintenance Program

The Brighton Township Road Department has started work under their 2024 road maintenance program on projects identified as part of their routing inspection efforts. Areas needing restored as a result of winter weather or storm water runoff are repaired as needed. Here, shoulder restoration work is completed in an area where water runoff was deteriorating the roadway edge.

Have You Notice Any Manholes Around?

Do you have a sanitary sewer manhole located within your yard? If so, please do not bury the manhole, or plant anything upon it. Unlike other utilities, which can most often be located within or near the street, the locations of sewer lines are more dependent upon topography. Sanitary sewer systems are designed to flow by gravity as much as possible to eliminate the construction and operation of costly pumping stations. As a result, sewer lines are often located within the side or rear yards of homes. The manholes should remain exposed so they can be easily located for inspection

and maintenance of the system, such as periodic flushing. Also, when another utility is working in the area it is necessary for Sewage Authority personnel to locate and mark the location of sewer lines to avoid damage to the system during excavation by other utilities or contractors.

Please help by keeping the manholes exposed and visible so the Authority does not have to spend the time and effort necessary to locate buried manholes and remove the debris that has been placed over them.

Brighton Township Sewage Authority Capital Project

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority has awarded a contract for replacement of a portion of one of their primary force mains located in the Dawson Ridge Pumping Station service area. Over 1,250 LF of the force main is being replaced with a combination of C-900 PVC pipe and DR-17 HDPE pipe. The project begins in the area of 115 Chestnut Street with open cut replacement of approximately 700 LF

of force main, ending at the intersection with Spruce Street. From that point, approximately 560 LF of new piping will be installed by directional drilling, terminating in the access driveway to Dawson Ridge Park. The Board of Directors awarded the \$265,699 bid contract to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. Preconstruction meetings are scheduled in April with the project to commence soon thereafter.

Two Mile Run Stormwater Management Facility



The Township has been working over the last several months to acquire property for construction of the Two Mile Run Stormwater Management Facility within the Two Mile Run watershed as required by PaDEP to fulfill the Township Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) requirements. The PRP is part of the Township's NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). Two Mile Run has been identified by PaDEP as impaired waters (siltation) that is applicable to the Township's PRP.

The property has been acquired. Currently, the Township Engineer is working on permit submission for the proposed work as well as coordinating with the geotechnical engineer for investigation of subsurface conditions. Upon issuance of all required permits and approvals, the stormwater management facility will be publicly bid and constructed. The Two Mile Run Stormwater Management Facility will control the discharge of collected stormwater to downstream waterways as well as improve removal of sediment from streams within this drainage basin. The Township will be responsible to maintain the Two Mile Run Stormwater Management Facility. This project is being completed to satisfy the Township PRP requirements, which includes removal of approximately 10% of the sediment loading from the streams within this drainage area.

Leaf Waste Collection Program Returns This Spring

Drop Off Site Will Remain Operational

Consistent with the program offered in the fall, the Township is providing a fee-based curbside collection program for leaf waste through May. 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 are 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. Those purchasing bags will be contacted to schedule collection. Bags must be placed at the curb on collection day.

2024 Stormwater Service Fee

Stormwater Service Fee bills for 2024 were mailed at the beginning of February by Berkheimer. The rate is established at \$66.00 per year (\$5.50 per month) for each single-family detached residential property. The billing provides discount, face and penalty periods. Developments that own and maintain their own stormwater infrastructure, and are part of the Township's inspection and maintenance program may be eligible for a partial credit. Prior to issuing 2024 bills the Township identified approximately 70 accounts for the filing of liens for unpaid balances. Liens incur additional fees and interest until paid. The current Lien Preparation, Filing Fee & Satisfaction Fees total \$87.50 and interest accrues at 6% per year.



Township MS4 Permit Update

Annual MS4 compliance activities are underway for 2024. The Township’s NPDES MS4 Permit, issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP), requires the Township to annually comply with six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs). The MCMs have been established by PADEP to meet permit goals to preserve and improve water quality of surface waters – streams, lakes, and rivers. The Township’s MS4 Permit requires implementation of a stormwater management program that addresses each of the six Minimum Control Measures identified in the Permit, as follows:

- MCM #1: Public Education and Outreach regarding Stormwater Impacts;
- MCM #2: Public Involvement and Participation;
- MCM #3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination;
- MCM #4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control;
- MCM #5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New and Re-Development Activities; and
- MCM #6: Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

The Township implements an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program to comply with the requirements of MCM #3. This program includes an annual outfall screening program, where the Township Engineer completes a review of the outfalls in the Township. The purpose of this program is to identify and eliminate illicit discharges that may contribute pollutants to the Township’s streams and lakes. This program is conducted during late spring/summer months at times of dry weather; samples are collected from the outfalls and are tested to determine if any pollutants are present in the discharge. If a pollutant is found, the Township investigates to determine the source of the pollutant and works towards removing it from entering the storm sewer system.

MCM #5 requires the Township to ensure adequate operation and maintenance of post construction stormwater best management practices (PCSM BMPs) throughout the Township. 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. In order to evaluate whether these facilities are operating properly, representatives of the Township and Township Engineer complete annual field reviews of each BMP during the spring. This includes both BMPs owned by the Township and those owned by private entities, including developers, businesses, homeowners’ associations, and other entities. When deficiencies are found during the inspection, parties responsible for maintenance are notified to take corrective action such that the BMPs function as designed to address downstream flooding and improve water quality.

As part of MCM #6, the Township implements an annual

training program for Township officials and staff. The training program provides information regarding permit activities and requirements. Specific training is provided annually to Road Department, Municipal Authority and Sewage Authority staff regarding the Township’s Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Operation and Maintenance Plan. This O&M Plan, developed as a requirement of MCM #6, establishes procedures implemented by the Township to prevent stormwater pollution during municipal operations. Annual elected official training was conducted at the February 12, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting and included a general review of the Township MS4 program.

As part of the Township’s public education and outreach (MCM #1) a copy of the 2024 MS4 Public Education presentation, and other educational materials, can be found on the Storm Water / MS4 Page of the Township website www.brightontwp.org.

Real Estate Tax Office

The elected Real Estate Tax Collector, James W. Onuska, would like each property owner to be aware that the 2024 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills were mailed March 1, 2024 and that the 2024 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed July 1, 2024. Unpaid 2023 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills were filed on April 1, 2024 at the Court House.

Real Estate Tax bills are mailed to each property owner. In today’s environment, there have been a large number of mortgages refinanced or sold to other companies. Therefore, real estate tax bills were not going where they needed to go and as a result, some bills have gone to incorrect mortgage companies. The resident is responsible for the taxes due and each resident who has a mortgage can forward their real estate tax bill to their current lender. Additionally, all major mortgage companies will receive an electronic file of tax bills so they will know the exact amount due.

If you have any questions, please stop by the tax office or contact James W. Onuska, Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Collector at 724-774-2622. The tax collection office is located in the lower level of the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road. A drop box has been installed for customer convenience.

Office Hours:

- Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Personal appointments may be made by contacting the tax office.

Building & Zoning Permit Requirements

Brighton Township has adopted the International Construction Code (ICC) to regulate all construction within Brighton Township, with the exception of a few items that have been excluded pursuant to The Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, as amended. However, a Zoning Permit is required for all construction activity, including items that may be excluded by the Act. Detached residential structures over 500 SF in size also require drawings to demonstrate compliance with the building code.

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

It is recommended that final payment not be released to contractors until you have confirmed that a final inspection has been completed by MDIA and an occupancy permit issued.

Due to the plan review requirements of the ICC, please allow more time for the processing and review of your permit application if you are planning a construction project this year. You may also visit the

Applications and Forms Page within the Resident’s Center at brightontwp.org where Customer Assistance Guides have been posted to assist you through the permitting process.

Do you have code questions? Contact: Chuck Steinmetz, Middle Department Inspection Agency, at 1-800 580-6342.

Building Permit Activity for 2023

Single Family Dwellings.....	16
Duplex Units.....	0
Demolitions	4
Residential Additions	4
Porches/Decks.....	29
Garages/Carports	7
Sheds/Pole Bldgs./Barns/Pool House.....	26
Swimming Pools.....	12
Solar Panels	30
Pavilion	2
Greenhouse.....	1
Hot Tub.....	1
Non-residential/Commercial.....	12
Metal Awning.....	2

Estimated Construction Value\$8,990,285.43

Township Continues Support of Library

The Township continues to provide an annual contribution to the Beaver Area Memorial Library as part of the adopted 2024 budget. Throughout the year the library provides many programs and classes for both children and adults. Visit their website or Facebook page to check out their wide-ranging opportunities taking place throughout the year. From story time for infants and toddlers to special events for adults, there is something for everyone! Be sure to mark your calendar for the annual book sale on June 8th with the presale starting on Friday, June 7th at 5:00 p.m.

Please consider making a donation of your time and/or money to the library. The library is located at 100 College Avenue, Beaver. For mor information, call the library at 724-775-1132.



Time to Renew Your Yard Waste Permit!

Yard Waste Composting Site Permits must be renewed for use of the site. Permits may be renewed annually as follows:

1. In person at the Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road, Beaver, PA 15009. The cost of the permit is \$15.
2. By mailing a check payable to "Brighton Township" in the amount of \$17.00 (\$2.00 to cover return postage) along with the number from your previous permit. Your new permit will be issued and mailed to you within five days. (This form is also available on the Applications & Forms page in the Resident's Center of our web site at www.brighton.twp.org.)

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

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

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

Brighton Township 2024 Yard Waste Permit Renewal

Name

Address

Previous Permit No.

Signature



Sewer Deduct Meters Available

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

The cost of the additional meter is \$350. This one-time charge includes the meter and installation. This fee was recently increased to cover the cost of the meter and fittings used in the installation. Payment in advance to BTMA is required. All inside plumbing revisions will be at the expense of the owner and are subject to inspection prior to meter installation. Applications for sewer meter installation are available within the Resident's Center on the Water & Sewage Authorities Page or the Application & Forms Page of the Township web site www.brightontwp.org.



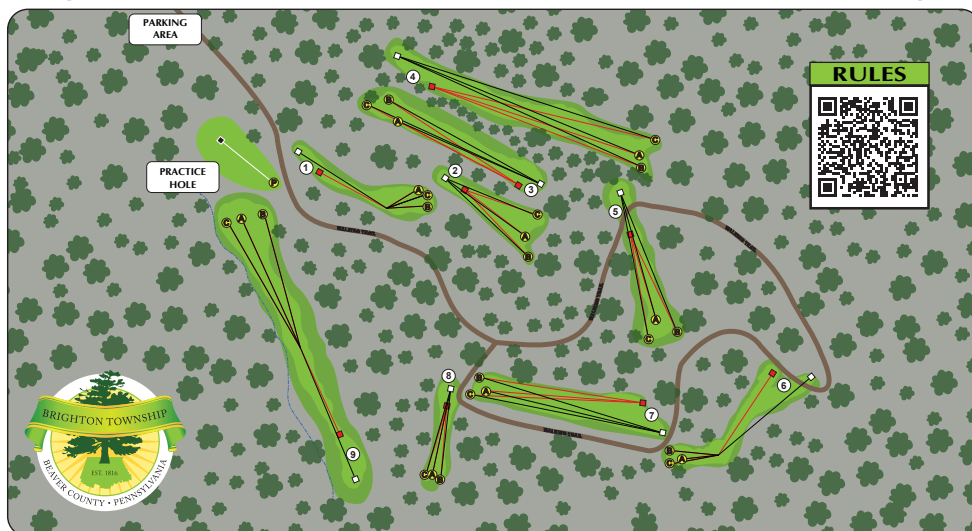
Disc Golf Course at Two Mile Run Extension

Brighton Township's disc golf course at Two Mile Run Extension, 1250 Brighton Road, is open year-round and free to play. The 9-hole professionally designed par-35 course features two tee pads (recreational and intermediate levels) and two baskets (Red and Yellow) on each hole which allows players the choice of playing 4 different layouts. A 9-hole round takes about 90 minutes. Disc golf can be played alone or with others. Basic rules of the game and a score card can be found under Parks and Recreation Areas on the Parks & Recreation Page of the Township website.

A loop walking trail is also available at the park. The trail is one (1) mile long from the parking lot, around the loop and back out. The 10-foot wide paved trail passes through wooded areas and open meadows. Benches are conveniently spaced along the trail for the convenience of walkers. Pets are permitted on a leash.



BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP TWO MILE RUN PARK EXTENSION DISC GOLF COURSE



1 PAR 4 387 ft A 307 ft 398 ft B 319 ft 405 ft C 325 ft	2 PAR 3 271 ft A 208 ft 313 ft B 251 ft 272 ft C 210 ft	4 PAR 5 712 ft A 600 ft 732 ft B 618 ft 736 ft C 628 ft	5 PAR 3 357 ft A 240 ft 408 ft B 293 ft 404 ft C 287 ft	6 PAR 4 429 ft A 366 ft 459 ft B 396 ft 459 ft C 396 ft	7 PAR 4 498 ft A 426 ft 513 ft B 436 ft 526 ft C 456 ft	8 PAR 3 237 ft A 189 ft 248 ft B 201 ft 250 ft C 202 ft	9 PAR 5 778 ft A 649 ft 764 ft B 634 ft 790 ft C 660 ft	COURSE MAP QR CODE
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BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP, PA TWO MILE RUN PARK EXTENSION DISC GOLF COURSE



Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Par	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	35
Red Tee										
White Tee										

DATE/TIME: _____ CONDITIONS: _____

Summer Playground Program at Hardy Field

Looking for a fun and safe environment for your elementary age children this summer? Then you will want to participate in the 2024 YMCA Summer Recreation Program! Brighton Township has contracted with the YMCA to conduct this program at Hardy Field. The 8-week program runs from June 10th to August 2nd and is for students in K-5th grade. It is

operated from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. YMCA trained staff supervise the program and provide needed resources; including games, crafts, sports and special events. All YMCA staff members hold current CPR and First Aid certifications. There is no registration fee to participate in the program. Please watch for more details later this year.

2024 Roadway Improvement Program

The Board of Supervisors has awarded the 2024 Roadway Improvement Program contract to Youngblood Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$457,363. The paving program includes: Coleman Drive, Crest Drive; Maple Drive (Willow Street to Cypress Street), Birch Street (Willow Street to Maple Drive), Cypress Street, Magnolia Drive, Hickory Drive 1, Hickory Drive 2, Beech Street (Maple Drive to Chestnut Street), and Sycamore Street (Maple Drive to Chestnut Street).

The Road Department will also conduct their annual oil and chip program for the treatment and maintenance of certain roads to supplement the road paving program, as well as performing other important road maintenance and drainage projects.

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 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.



RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Manila & Brown Folders



All Paper



Glossy Paper & Magazines



Newspaper & Phone Books



Tin & Aluminum



Junk Mail



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.

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...

- Glass is not accepted for roadside recycling pickup. *Glass is accepted at the Beaver County Recycling Center, 139 Bradys Run Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Call 724-770-2064 for hours and more information.*
- Place your recycling container at roadside on the same day as your regular garbage collection during the recycling weeks.
- Place recyclables directly into recycling container. Do not place items in separate bags or they will not be collected.
- Recover your recycling container promptly after collection.
- Green recycling containers are available for purchase at the Brighton Township Municipal Building, 1300 Brighton Road.

NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Glass



Electronics / TVs



Food Waste



Glass Pane & Pyrex



Food Containers



Ink/Toner Cartridges



RECYCLING IS EASY!



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ECRWS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM Retail

Brighton Township

1300 Brighton Road
Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009

**LOCAL POSTAL
CUSTOMER**

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.

SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month
7:00 p.m.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month
7:45 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

As requested.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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

Municipal Authority Water Service Questionnaire

The Municipal Authority is asking all drinking water customers to complete an online survey about the water service line coming into their home or business. All customers are encouraged to complete this brief survey using the QR code below with your smartphone, or on your computer by visiting: t.ly/PeWsD. (Paper copies are available at the Township building, as well.)

Recent regulations implemented by the US EPA and PA DEP require that the Municipal Authority complete a water service inventory for compliance with the updated lead and copper rule. The Municipal Authority is required to provide the inventory to PA DEP by October of this year; however, this inventory will continue to be updated for all existing and future customers.

This questionnaire will take less than 5 minutes to complete and requires customers to visually confirm the water service materials inside their home. The online questionnaire includes helpful photos of different pipe materials to assist the customer in determining what plumbing material is in their home/building.

Alternatively, for customers that would prefer that the Municipal Authority's Operations Staff visit and complete the survey, please email: brightontwp@brightontwp.org or call **724- 774-4800** and the Municipal Authority will contact you to schedule a convenient time to complete this survey.

**Scan me to take the online survey
from your smart phone!**



Or, go to: t.ly/PeWsD