

Eagle Scout Project Completed at Two Mile Run Park



Nick Miller completed an Eagle Scout project at Two Mile Run Park this summer. The project included the construction and placement of name signs, directional markers, and kiosks on the trails at Two Mile Run Park. This project makes it much easier for hikers to navigate the trails system within the park. The Eagle Scout award is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. Thank you, Nick for undertaking this Eagle Scout project to improve our community!

Richmond School Documentary

This spring the Brighton Township Historical Society released a documentary that tells the history of the one-room Richmond "Little Red" Schoolhouse located at 245 Park Road. If you have not seen it, it is not too late. The 13:35 minute video entitled "Brighton Township's Richmond School House: A Story of Restoration" can be viewed on YouTube at: t.ly/oMf1D or by scanning the QR code.



The video was made possible with funding by the children of former Richmond student Leona

Hogan Corbett (1923-2001). The gift was made to honor her 100th year.

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REPLACE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS AND LOCATE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Batteries should be replaced bi-annually. A good rule of thumb is to change your batteries when you change the clocks back and forward. Always test and inspect your detectors in accordance with the manufacturer's suggested procedures. If you are in need of smoke or carbon monoxide detectors, please contact the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department. Detectors are available 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.

CHECK YOUR HEATING SYSTEM!

Here are a few things you can do to reduce the risk of furnace fires:

- Regularly replace furnace filters.
- Keep all areas around the furnace clean and unobstructed.
- · Keep the burner area clean and clear of debris.
- Keep all combustible items at least six-inches away from the vent pipe.
- Never close off more than 20% of heat registers.

If there are any issues with your heating system, contact a professional immediately. For preventative care, have your central heating system cleaned and serviced by a certified HVAC contractor once annually.

KEEP YOUR FIREPLACE CLEAR OF DEBRIS, AND HAVE IT INSPECTED EACH YEAR.

Additionally, here are a few things you can do to enhance fireplace safety:

- Use a fireplace screen, guard, or glass doors to keep hot ash and sparks contained.
- Store extra wood, and other types of combustible materials, at least five-feet away from your fireplace.
- · Never leave a fire unattended.
- Burn seasoned hardwoods, such as oak, that have been split and stored in a safe and dry environment for at least six-months.
- Keep fires small Never overload your fireplace.
- When building a fire, strategically place logs on a metal grate at the back end of your fireplace; always use kindling to ignite fire.

Develop a home fire safety and evacuation plan, as described on the following page.

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SAFETY TIPS

- MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
-))) KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
-))) HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- >>> PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- >>> PRACTICE using different ways out.
-))) TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
-))) CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

-))) If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
-))) If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
-))) CALL the fire department from outside your home.

- (!) A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- (!) According to an NFPA survey, only one of every three American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- (!) While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only 47% of those have practiced it.
- () One-third of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8% said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education @NFPA 2016

News from the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department (BTVFD) 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 or email us at station63@comcast.net if you are interested in volunteering, or want more information.



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 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 a.m. and 7 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 brightontwpvfd. org or by check to BTVFD and mailed to 84 Grange Road, Beaver, PA 15009.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT

The Department would like to thank the community and for making this year's Family Fun Night Out a success! Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the festivities. The BTVFD extends a special thank you to our sponsors: Brighton Township, Dan Hofman State Farm, Glick Fire Equipment, LSSE Civil Engineers & Surveyors, Stevens Engineering & Construction LLC, MAP Chiropractic, Hope Lutheran Church, 1st Out Specialty Vehicles & Equipment, TruuClean LLC, The Lisa Latham Team brokered by EXP Realty, Learn 4 Life CPR, Mac & Nickel Designs, and Wesbanco.

NEW FACES

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department has recently hired two part-time firefighters, Hunter Hagy and Kyle Lizanich. Hunter and Kyle make great additions to the Department's staff of paid personnel. With the addition of Hunter and Kyle there are now 17 part time firefighters and 1 full time firefighter.



Hunter currently works part time with Ambridge Fire Department and has worked at Medic Rescue Ambulance for the past seven years. Hunter has been a volunteer firefighter with Chippewa Township Volunteer Fire Department for the past 5 years. In addition to firefighting and helping his community, Hunter enjoys golfing and hunting.



Kyle currently works full time at Robinson Emergency Medical Service and part time at Valley EMS as a paramedic. Kyle has been volunteering with Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Department for the past 8 years. Kyle recently received an associate's degree in emergency services fromCommunity College of Allegheny County.Outside of emergency services Kyle enjoys volleyball and Steelers football.

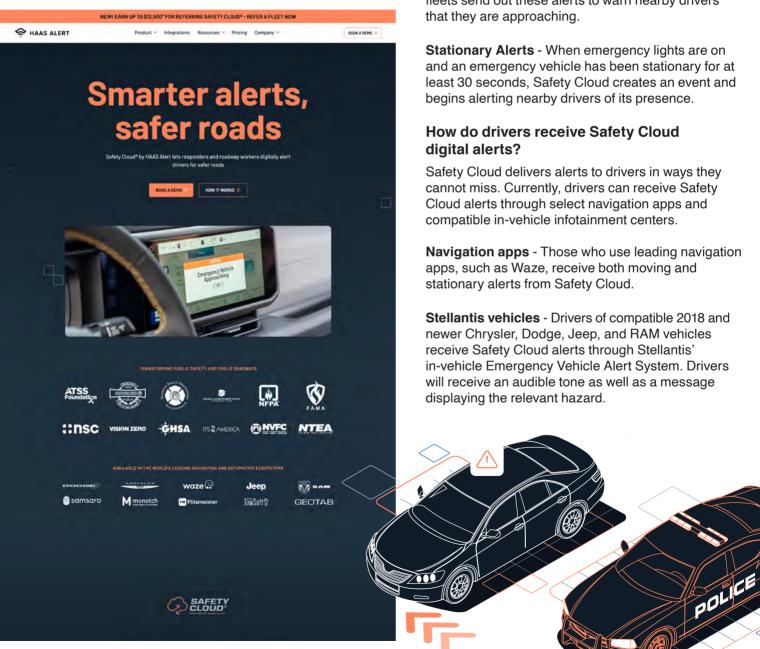
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Fire Department Initiates Digital Alerting

To increase safety while responding to emergency incidents and while on scene of emergencies, the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department has recently partnered with HAAS Alert digital alerting.

What is digital alerting?

Digital alerting is an electronic notification sent directly to a driver. HAAS Alert leverages this technology through its flagship platform Safety Cloud®. Emergency or roadside vehicles equipped with Safety Cloud send digital alerts straight to drivers through navigation apps or vehicle infotainment centers. These alerts notify drivers that there is an emergency vehicle or roadside worker nearby and they should slow down and move over.



How does Safety Cloud digital alerting work?

Digital alerts warn drivers of emergency vehicles and crews, work zones, and other hazards, allowing them more time to slow down, move over and make safer maneuvers. When emergency or flashing lights are activated, Safety Cloud begins notifying drivers that a fire truck is nearby. Digital alerts are proven to be more effective today than traditional lights and sirens.

Safety Cloud protects emergency personnel and roadside operators by broadcasting two types of alerts to approaching drivers:

Moving Alerts - When an emergency vehicle is en-route to an incident with emergency lights activated, public safety

fleets send out these alerts to warn nearby drivers



How to Make Two Mile Run Park Reservations

Brighton Township residents may begin reserving the Two Mile Run Park facilities for 2025 dates on **Sat.**, **Oct. 12**, **2024**. Reservations will be taken in person only at the Municipal Building on that day from 8 a.m. until noon. **Proof of residency/photo ID will be required when making your reservation.**Payment is due at the time of reservation and must be cash or check. Telephone reservations for residents of Brighton Township will not be accepted until Mon., Oct. 14 starting at 8 a.m. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week. Please call 724-774-4800 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**, **Oct. 12.**

Residents from Beaver, Bridgewater or Vanport may make reservations on or after Dec. 9, 2024. 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.

Rental rates for 2025 are as follows:

Brighton Township Resident:	Shultz Lodge Shelters	
Beaver, Bridgewater or Vanport (After December 9, 2024)	Shultz Lodge	

Please be advised that a new security deposit in the amount of \$150.00 will be required at the time of reservations for Shultz Lodge.

Forms needed for reservations can be found on the Applications and Forms Page of the Township website at www.brightontwp.org.

Two Mile Run Park Phase II Hiking Trails

After the acceptance of sealed bids, the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract to LM&R Excavating for the construction of the Phase II Hiking Trails in Two Mile Run Park. A grant of \$100,000 from the PA DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant program will help fund the \$159,900 project. Two new trail loops will add 4,825 linear feet to the existing 10,000 LF trail network within the park.

The Two Mile Run Park hiking trails are open for use. There are two (2) trailheads, one (1) at Shelter #3, 2195 Gypsy Glen Road and one (1) at the Shultz Lodge location, 1925 Gypsy Glen Road. The most challenging portion of the trail, identified as Loop A, is accessed from a point near Shelter #2, and ascends the hill through the woods. If you utilize the trails, please report to the Township office locations where trail maintenance may be needed due to fallen trees or trail washouts. Reports of litter or vandalism should also be reported.

Hikers should stay on the trail path to prevent damage to other vegetation within the forested areas. Maintaining the health of off trail vegetation is important for soil stabilization and to prevent unnecessary erosion. The trail areas are of varying difficulty consistent with the landscape characteristics of Two Mile Run Park.

If you prefer less strenuous trails, Hardy Field and Two Mile Run Park North at the disc golf course have paved walking areas that are less challenging and have better accessibility.



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Little Beaver Pump Station Upgrade

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority recently completed a \$172,850 capital project to replace the four pumps and motors within the Little Beaver Pump Station with two current industry standard pumps, variable frequency drive motors, and related electronics. The pump station has an 1,795 LF force main and the sewage is lifted approximately 125 vertical feet where it connects to a shared force main with the Lisbon Pump Station. The Little Beaver Pump Station is one of the eight primary pump stations utilized with the Authority's sewage collection and conveyance system. To date, five of these pump stations have been upgraded.

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 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.



Safely Dispose of Common Household Chemicals

Beaver County's Department of Sustainability & Waste Management will host a Household Chemical Collection event at the Beaver County Recycling Center located in Brady's Run Park on **Sat., Oct. 12** from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The event is registration based.

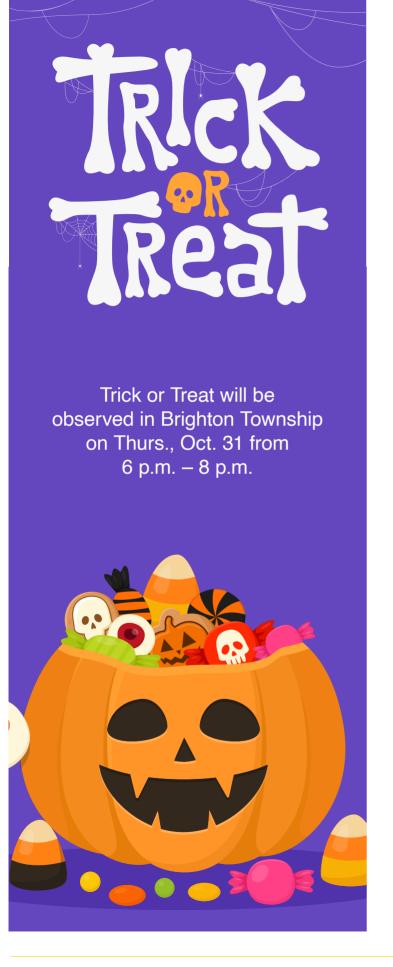
2024 FEE STRUCTURE

\$20 fee covers disposal of up to 10 gallons/50 pounds of the following materials:

- · aerosol cans
- automotive fluids: antifreeze, brake fluid, motor oil, transmission fluid
- · batteries
- · camp fuel/small propane bottles
- · chemistry sets
- compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)
- · electronic cigarettes
- · gasoline and kerosene
- household cleaners: acid cleaners, ammonia, drain openers, oven cleaners
- · mercury thermometers
- paint products: alkyd based, arts/crafts chemicals, furniture strippers, latex, oil based, paint thinners, water sealers
- pesticides/herbicides: fertilizer, insecticides, mothballs, rodent killers, weed killers
- · photo chemicals
- · pool chemicals
- · smoke detectors
- Oversized loads will be subject to additional charges at the discretion of on-site staff
- ADDITIONAL FEES: \$12 per fire extinguisher;
 \$15 per pound of liquid mercury



ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED prc.org/CollectionEvents 412-488-7490



A Reminder from the Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office

The 2024 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills were sent to the mailing address according to the Beaver County Assessment Office. If you did not receive a bill for the 2024 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax, you must contact the Beaver County Assessment Office at 724-770-4480 to verify that your address is correct and updated.

The second installment payment for the 2024 School Real Estate tax is due by October 31, 2024.

When making payments, please include a telephone number on the check.

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

Office Hours:

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.

2024 PADEP Inspection

As part of the Township municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) permit, an inspection is held every five years with representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). The Township had its inspection on July 11, 2024. The inspection included review of the Township's MS4 files as well as a review of the Public Works Facility and Township stormwater management infrastructure. PADEP found no violations associated with the Township's MS4 Program.

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Water Service during Vacation or Home Vacancy

Going away for an extended period of time? The Brighton Township Municipal Authority offers a service to have your water service shut off at the curb stop for homes that may be vacant for an extended period of time. A service fee of \$10.00 is charged for both the shut-off and turn-on; a total of \$20.00.

No charges accrue to your account while your water is shut off.

- You will need to call the Authority Office at 724-774-4800 to schedule an appointment for these services.
- Please provide a 24-hour notice of your water shut off and/or water turn on request to allow for appropriate staffing.
- A person must be present at the home when the service is turned back on during normal work hours Monday through Friday.

If the home is vacant for an extended period, you can also turn off your main shut off valve located near your water meter. This will help prevent significant flooding within the home should there be a plumbing failure. However, unless service is terminated at the curb, monthly charges will continue to accrue during the vacancy.



2024 MS4 Stormwater Outfall Screening Report

As part of compliance with the requirements of its NPDES MS4 Permit and to maintain water quality of our surface waters, the Township implements 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. Screening completed in 2018 initiated a new five-year cycle; screening completed in 2022 completed the current five-year cycle. The Township's Permit was administratively extended for two years until March 2025 by PaDEP. The Township has continued to complete outfall screening during this two-year extension period to ensure there are no pollutants being discharged from the Township storm sewer system into the streams.

The purpose of the screening program is to identify and eliminate illicit discharges that may contribute pollutants to the Township's streams and lakes. Screening is conducted during dry weather periods to identify non-stormwater discharges throughout the Township. In 2024, thirty-two (32) outfalls were screened for potential pollutant contamination. All of the Township's eighty-nine (89) regulated outfalls have been screened since renewal of the Township's current NPDES MS4 Permit in 2018.

Of the thirty-two (32) outfalls screened in 2024, four (4) outfalls were found to have dry weather flow. As part of the thirty-two (32) outfalls that were screened, ten (10) outfalls from 2023 were rescreened in accordance with Permit requirements to annually screen outfalls known to have

continual dry weather flow. Detectable concentrations of chlorine, ammonia-nitrogen, and detergents were observed among the samples collected. In accordance with Permit requirements, the Township will continue annual screenings of outfalls with dry weather flow and continue to monitor these outfalls for any changes in the dry weather flow.

Several outfalls were found to contain detergents, which may indicate the presence of wash water within the MS4, resulting either from an illicit connection of internal plumbing from a washing machine or wash tub, or the impact of vehicle washing. When washing vehicles, residents should consider the destination of wash water runoff. Wash water contains a variety of harmful contaminants, including soaps and cleaning agents, along with the dirt, debris, oils and greases removed from the vehicle. Washing should be done so that wash water does not reach the storm sewers or streams. Using commercial car washes is the best solution, as wash water is treated. If washing vehicles at home, residents should wash vehicles on a gravel or grass area where wash water can permeate or infiltrate into the ground, rather than be directed to the street, storm sewers or stream.

Aside from the routine annual screenings conducted, residents play a large role in implementation of the Township's IDD&E Program. Remember that the storm sewer system is intended to convey stormwater runoff only. If you observe any instance of dumping any substance into a Township storm inlet, or notice discolored or evidently contaminated discharge from any storm sewer, please notify the Township Office, Township Police or utilize the Illicit Discharge complaint form found on the Township Website.

Township MS4 Update

Annual MS4 compliance activities are underway for the 2023-2024 reporting period. 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). One of these MCMs, MCM #5, involves activities associated with Post Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control. As part of this MCM, the Township must review each stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) facility located within the Township. These BMPs include stormwater detention basins, rain gardens, and underground detention tanks. Stormwater BMPs are designed to provide rate control for new developments; water quality improvements; and retain larger volumes of water to provide for infiltration into the ground or release into a stream at a slower rate, thereby reducing the potential for downstream

flooding and/or erosion. Each Spring, with the assistance of the Township Engineer, Brighton Township performs an annual review of each stormwater best management practices (BMP) to observe its condition and functionality of the structure. The intent of these reviews is to observe whether the stormwater BMP [eliminate space at flush left in layout] is operating and being maintained in accordance with the approved Operation and Maintenance Plan associated with each facility. If a deficiency is observed during the review, the Township provides notice to the responsible party to address the deficiency. It is then the obligation of the responsible party to address the deficient items within the allotted time. The responsible party, as well as the Township, completes a follow-up review of the Stormwater BMP once notified that the deficiencies have been addressed.

KEY ITEMS THAT ARE REVIEWED DURING THE PROCESS ARE:

IS THE OUTLET STRUCTURE **OBSTRUCTED?**

IS EROSION PRESENT?

IS EXCESS VEGETATION PRESENT?

IS STANDING WATER IN THE FACILITY?



Figure 1: Well Maintained Facility



Figure 2: Facility Exhibiting Overgrowth



The winter season is quickly approaching! To be prepared, the Township has arranged for the purchase of the needed maintenance materials. A bid contract through the Beaver County Regional Council of Governments has been executed for the purchase of 600 tons of road salt. A second contract through the PA Department of General Services has been entered into for the purchase of 1,750 tons of road salt. The amounts purchased can be extended to 140% of the contract estimates. Arrangements for the purchase of anti-skid materials are also in place. The Township provides winter maintenance on over 53 miles of local and contracted roadways.



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 anti-skid. 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 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.



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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 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

First Monday of each month 7:30 p.m.

SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month 7 p.m.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Third Monday of each month 7:30 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

As requested.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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

Fall Festival Sat., Sept. 28

The Brighton Township Parks and Recreation Board has planned a Fall Festival for Sat., Sept. 28, 2024 at Hardy Field. The festival will run from noon - 6 p.m. and will include fun and entertainment for the whole family!

- Arts & Craft Vendors!
- Food Trucks!
- Entertainment!
- Inflatables!
- · Kids Activities!
- Petting Zoo!
- Pumpkin Patch!
- Other special activities and surprises!
- Admission is FREE!



2024 Tire Disposal Sept. 28

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. Over the past years thousands of tires have been collected at the Brighton Township site. These are tires that may have otherwise been improperly disposed of.

This year's collection will be Sat., Sept. 28, 2024 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works site, 1250 Brighton Road. Fees are as follows:

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.