

Township Adopts 2025 Budget

At their December meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2025 Township Budget. The budget continues to fund services and programs that are currently in place to serve the community. The \$6.24 million operating fund budget provides \$3.15 million for public safety related police and fire expenditures. The Brighton Township Police Department maintains an active approach to serve the community through neighborhood patrols and community interaction. Under negotiated contracts, the Department also provides a School Resource Officer at both the Dutch Ridge Elementary School and New Horizon School, and continues to provide police services within the **Emergency Department of the hospital** 16-hours per day. For 2025, the Police Department remains at 15 full-time officers to staff operations. Fire Department funding includes expenditures for vehicle and building maintenance, operational expenses, as well as paid personnel. The Fire Department continues to operate with an active volunteer contingency responding daily to your calls.

The budget includes \$1.8 million for the Public Works Department which adds an additional employee for 2025. The Department maintains all Township facilities year round; to include 46.78 miles of Township roads, storm water collection and retention systems, parks, trails, and other municipal facilities. The funding includes the annual roadway paving program and road sealing program. In addition to Township roads, the Department also provides winter maintenance of 8.6 miles of State roads.

The Township maintains a 10-year schedule of projected capital vehicle and equipment replacement needs and the budget sets funds aside each year as part of budget programming to plan for their orderly replacement. To provide for future projects, funds are allocated and held in reserve for the purchase of fire apparatus and open space or land acquisitions. The annual Stormwater Service Fee of \$66 per single-family detached residential property will remain unchanged for 2025. The funds collected through this fee are used for stormwater system maintenance and capital projects to comply with Federal/ State Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regulations.

To fund the 2025 Budget, the Board adopted a real estate tax rate of 2.25 mills as compared to 2.05 mills the prior year. As everyone is aware, the Beaver County reassessment became effective in 2024. Through the year, many of the assessments were appealed. As a result, the Township's 2025 Certified Assessed Valuation for real estate tax purposes is \$8.504.400 less than the 2024 certification. There are pending appeals to reduce assessments up to an additional \$30,000,000. The 2025 assessment roll also shows that over 16.7% of the Township's assessed value is exempt from real estate taxes. Each year the Township works diligently to be good stewards of the resources it receives through active Board oversight and responsible department managers. These efforts are undertaken to keep Brighton Township as a community that our residents can be proud to call home. The continued support of everyone is appreciated.

On Street Parking Prohibited During Snow Removal Activities

Winter has arrived and the Township Road Department is responding to the winter road maintenance needs of the community. As a reminder, 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.

Township Code prohibits parking, or allowing to be parked, any motor vehicle or other vehicle on a 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.

STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

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

Municipal Authority and Sewage Authority 2025 Budgets Adopted — Rate Increase Goes Into Effect February 2025

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) and the Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA) have approved their 2025 budgets. The budgets include an increase of the water and sewage rates effective with the February 2025 billing, with payment due in March. The increase will apply to all excess consumption being billed at that time.

Rate increases were based on a number of factors. The BTMA source of water supply is the Vanport Township Municipal Authority (VTMA). The VTMA is in the process of refurbishing a 2 million gallon water storage tank, along with planning upgrades to water treatment facilities, so it can remain in compliance with the PA DEP and Federal EPA requirements. The cost of these improvements is currently estimated at \$7.16 million. The VTMA gave notice to the BTMA of effective rate increases to fund these improvements. The increased cost of water to the BTMA is expected to increase as much as 70%; primarily to fund debt for the capital improvements to the water treatment plant, and water storage facilities.

The BTMA upon notice of the VTMA rate increase met several times with the VTMA Board with the purpose of reviewing the scope of the proposed Water Treatment Plant Project and the financial requirements. The BTMA Board prioritizes fiscal responsibility and consideration for all BTMA customers and is committed to that philosophy. As a result of these meetings the BTMA negotiated a new agreement with VTMA that changes the method of billing to a cost share basis that smoothes the financial impact of the capital improvements over time.

Based upon these increases, the 2025 and 2026 BTMA annual budget for the purchase of water from VTMA is

estimated to be \$910,000 and \$1.23 million, respectively, as compared to the current 2024 budget of \$625,000. The total projected increase of 70% for water purchase will be a deficit in the BTMA annual budget of \$605,000. The BTMA reviewed options for the rate increase. The pass-through cost for the purchase of the water from VTMA is approximately 75% of the total rate increase implemented by the BTMA. The remaining BTMA increase, and the BTSA increase, are for rising cost of electric power for pump stations, materials, and other

operating and capital costs.

Overall, the residential rate for water and sewage base rate will increase \$10.50 (14.58%) per month to \$82.50. The residential water rate will increase to \$38.50 per month. Excess water will be billed at \$8 per 1,000 gallons of consumption. The sewage rate will increase to \$44 per month, with excess sewage billed at \$11 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption. A residential customer is permitted 4,000 gallons of consumption per month with the base rate. The Township is divided into three billing districts, and each month one district has a water meter reading. Therefore, each meter is read once every quarter (each three months) or four times per year. Any use over 12,000 gallons is classified as excess usage and billed accordingly.

A 2% discount is available to those residential customers registering for automatic bill payment. More information on the discount program can be obtained at the Municipal Building or on our website at www.brightontwp.org under Automatic Bill Payment on the Water/Sewer page.

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Township MS4 Permit Update

Annual Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System compliance activities are ongoing and will continue into 2025. The Township's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System 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 and to preserve and improve surface water quality - 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
- MCM #6: Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

MCM Nos. 1 and 2 implement a Public Education and Public Involvement Program. The goal of these MCMs is to solicit community involvement in the Township's MS4 program as well as continuing to educate the community relative to MS4 and stormwater initiatives. Part of the ongoing MS4 education program includes regular MS4 updates in the Township newsletter as well as regular discussion at the Board of Supervisors meetings. The Township

also advertises several recycling events throughout the year for residents to participate in, as well as providing a brush/grass clippings bin for residents to utilize. All of these initiatives are included on the Township website, which includes a dedicated Stormwater Management / MS4 page which includes the most up to date information relative to the Township's permit.

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 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 Sanitary Authority staff regarding the Township's Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Operation and Maintenance Plan. This O and 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 is regularly held at the February Board of Supervisors Meetina.

Refuse and Recycling Contract Bid Release

The Township's current contract for refuse and recycling collection ends June 30, 2025. Bid documents will be released in early 2025 for a new contract to be effective July 1, 2025. Prior to release, the bid documents will be reviewed for any changes that could help to alleviate the expected increase in the cost of collection, to include limitations on bulky waste collection, and limitations on the amount of waste.



Brighton Township Vol. Fire Department

The Brighton Township Volunteer 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 at 84 Grange, Or. email us at station63@comcast.net if you want more information on volunteering with the organization.

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

WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

More fires happen in the winter months than any other time of the year. During the cold months, we spend more time indoors and use different methods to heat our homes. It is important to keep fire safety in mind when you are heating your home. Heating, cooking, decorations, and candles all contribute to an increased risk of fire during the winter months. As the snowflakes start to fall and the temperatures drop, it is important that you take the proper steps to make sure your family and home are protected from winter fire hazards.

If you are using a portable heater:

- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off so if it tips over, it shuts off.
- Keep anything that can burn such as bedding, clothing, and curtains at least 3 feet from the heater.
- Plug portable heaters directly into wall outlets. Never use an extension cord or power strip. Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

If you are using a fireplace:

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out and starting a fire.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Before you go to sleep or leave your home put the fire out completely.
- Put ashes in a metal container with a lid. Store the container outside at least 3 feet from your home.

If you are using a wood stove:

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from the stove.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Before you go to sleep or leave your home, put the fire out completely.

When heating your home, you need to be aware of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "invisible killer" because it is a colorless, odorless, and poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the U.S. die every year from accidental CO poisoning from generators or fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fire places. Breathing CO at high levels can kill you.

Put CO alarms inside your home to provide an early warning of increasing CO levels. These alarms should be placed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.

Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. On levels without bedrooms, install alarms in the living room (or den or family room) or near the stairway to the upper level, or in both locations. Smoke and CO detectors should be tested and inspected at least once per month. 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 manufactures suggested procedures. If you need a smoke or CO 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.





Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involves heating equipment.



Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators **outside**, **away from windows**, **and as far away** from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.



Plug only **1 heat-producing appliance** (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it **outside at least 10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.









For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.

New Positions within the Department

In November, the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department hired two additional full-time firefighters for a total of three full-time firefighters currently employed. These newly hired positions will assume the roles of department training coordination and fire prevention and community outreach. By having these positions, the department will be able to provide more community education and expand our community outreach programs to better serve the Township and its community members.



DREW SNYDERFull-Time Firefighter

Drew has been a part -time employee of Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department since 2018 and has been involved with firefighting for the past 23 years. Drew was previously employed with Greenville Fire Department for 9 years. Drew is a certified fire inspector along with numerous other fire and EMS certifications. Drew will be taking on the role of the fire prevention and community outreach coordinator within the department. With the hiring of Drew the department is looking to expand its roles in community education and fire prevention. This includes the smoke detector program, community cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) programs, community fire safety programs and pre planning of our commercial buildings. If you or your community group are interested in scheduling a community program or speaking with Drew, please contact him at 724-495-3803 or via email at prevention@brightontwpvfd.org.



JUSTIN DEYBER
Recruitment and Retention
Coordinator

Justin has been appointed to the role of the recruitment and retention coordinator within the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department. Justin has been with the department since 2018 and currently works full time with Integrated Medical Transport. Justin has been in firefighting roles for the past 10 years. The Recruitment and Retention Coordinator is a federally funded position through the Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant program. Justin will manage recruitment and retention programs within the department including the volunteer shift staffing program, which is also federally funded through the Staffing For Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant program.

If you are interested in joining the Department as a volunteer, please contact Justin Deyber at 724-495-3803 or via email at recruitment@brightontwpvfd.org.



JOSH COULTER
Full-Time Firefighter

Josh has been a part-time employee of the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department since 2018 and was previously employed at NOGA Ambulance Service and Ellwood City Fire Department. Josh has been involved with firefighting for the past 21 years. Josh will be taking on the role of the training coordinator within the department and will manage all aspects of department training and education. Josh is a Pennsylvania State EMS Instructor and a Pennsylvania State Non-Suppression Instructor along with additional national and state firefighting and EMS certifications.



New Apparatus

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department along with Brighton Township recently purchased a 2018 KME Aerial Fire Apparatus from Monroe Connecticut. The new aerial apparatus was purchased to replace our aging 1996 Aerial apparatus to provide better service and response to the Township during emergency incidents. The apparatus was purchased at a cost of \$975,000. The decision to purchase a used apparatus was a cost saving initiative with the cost of a new aerial apparatus ranging from \$1.8 million to \$2.4 million with a 3-year build period. The replaced 1996 Aerial apparatus was purchased in 2010 for \$450,000 and was replaced due to increasing maintenance costs and current standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Agency and the Fire Underwriters Survey. The new KME Aerial has an 81 foot elevated platform with a 1500 gallon per minute water pump and a 300 gallon water tank, plus it has a shorter wheelbase which will enable the department to respond in a manner that is faster and safer. The shorter wheelbase allows more maneuverability when responding and actively working at fire scenes. In service training was received by the Department in July 2024 from St. Louis Quint Concepts a contracted service provider of KME.

The purchase of the KME was from the Fire Truck Reserve Fund. This fund was established decades ago when it became apparent that the cost of fire apparatus was rapidly escalating and the purchase of the vehicles could not take place without proper financial planning. The Township contributes to this fund annually as part of the adopted budget for this purpose. The 1996 apparatus was sold for \$90,000 and the proceeds placed in this fund to be used towards future purchases.



Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) is designed to further reduce the risk of lead exposure by implementing strict regulations regarding lead levels in drinking water; primarily by requiring public water suppliers to provide for a comprehensive lead service line identification of the public and private side of the water service line. The Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) is working toward full compliance with the U.S. EPA LCRI. Requirements include notifications to residents with lead, galvanized steel requiring replacement, or unknown service lines. A comprehensive water service line inventory is being developed. and the BTMA initial inventory was submitted to PaDEP and the U.S. EPA on Oct. 16, 2024.

The BTMA initial obligation was to review historical records of the water system to identify material of each line. Water service lines connected to the Authority system have been required to be constructed of a non-lead material (i.e. copper, high density polyethylene (HDPE) or polyvinyl chloride (PVC) since 1952 (BTMA Historical "Rates and Rules" effective March 15, 1952). Utilizing BTMA Historical Records and the Beaver County Tax Assessment completed for the BTMA Customers, over 90% of the Authority's system was classified as non-lead. While the BTMA does not believe there is lead used in this area, properties that predate the historical records must be inspected by the BTMA operations staff. While the option for the BTMA customers to complete the Water Service Material Questionnaire is voluntary participation at this time, the BTMA must gather this information, and mandatory participation as directed by the U.S. EPA, may be required at any point in the future.

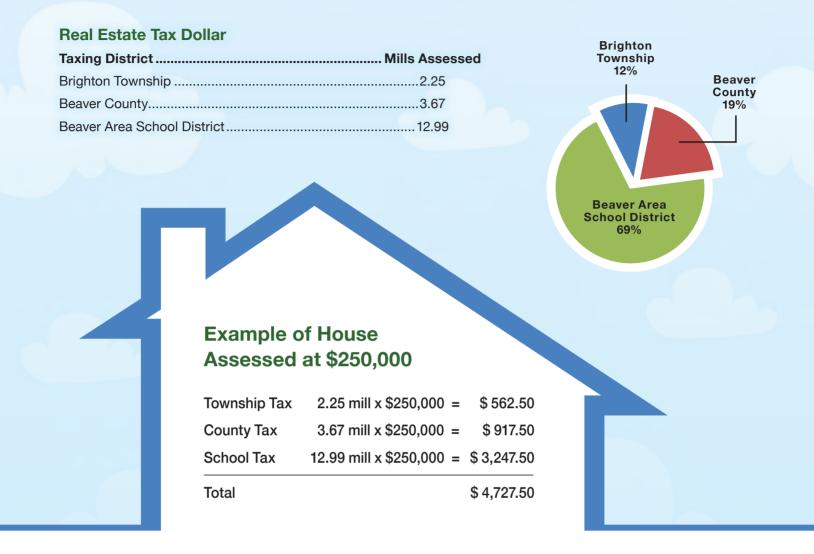
The BTMA has mailed over 2,900 mailers to customers requesting cooperation and support in identifying the water service material prior to and after the water meter. Following the initial U.S. EPA and PA Department of Environmental Protection submission on Oct. 16, 2024 the BTMA mailed over 250 subsequent mailers in November 2024 to customers that were identified as lead, galvanized steel requiring replacement, or unknown water service lines.

During 2024 and 2025, in addition to performing routine maintenance, water meter replacements, and upgrades to the BTMA water distribution system, the BTMA will be acting to identify the materials used for construction of the private and public side of the water service line to each BTMA customer. In addition to routine meter replacements, the BTMA has secured a \$300,000 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. With the funds provided by this grant, and the BTMA matching fund contributions, the BTMA will replace approximately 1,000 residential meters during 2025 and 2026.

The BTMA is asking customers who have not yet completed their water service line material form to contact and make an appointment with the BTMA Operations Staff at (724) 774-4800. If you choose to complete the survey on-line, photographs of the meter zone must be included. The BTMA is working closely with the U.S. EPA and PaDEP on the next steps for the BTMA customers.



Real Estate Tax Distribution



Real Estate Tax Information

Some reminders for residents from the Elected Tax Collector, James W. Onuska:

- All 2024 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills must be paid in full by March 31, 2025. Unpaid bills will be filed on April 1, 2025.
- The 2025 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed on March 1, 2025. All tax bills will be mailed to residents.

The tax office hours as follows:

Tuesday: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and **Thursday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Personal appointments may be made by contacting the tax

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 at 724-774-2622.

NOTE: When mailing, please do not include your tax payments within the same envelope as your water and sewer payments. These items should be mailed independent of each other. Those utilizing bill payment services should also notify their bank of this requirement.

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Two Mile Run Park Improvements



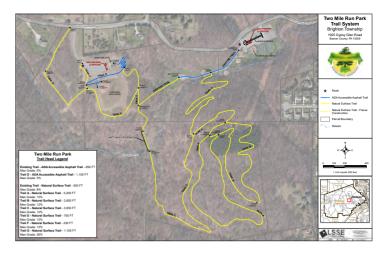
NEW BUILDING AT ENTRANCE OF TWO MILE RUN PARK TO HOUSE BATHROOMS

The Brighton Township Road Department is currently constructing a building to house bathrooms at the entrance to Two Mile Run Park Extension located at 1250 Brighton Road. This popular park includes a Disc Golf Course and a loop walking trail. The trail is 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.

TWO MILE RUN PARK RESERVATIONS AND SECURITY DEPOSIT

The Township has begun the collection of a security deposit in the amount of \$150 that is collected at the time of reservations for Shultz Lodge. This became necessary due to failure to comply with rules and regulations for use of the facility. The use of tape, tacks, command strips, and similar items on the walls of the lodge cause damage. The lodge walls have been repaired and repainted. Following each rental, the walls will be inspected for the use of any of these items. If found, the security deposit will be forfeited. Other rules and regulations, listed with the rental agreement, if not followed, can also lead to forfeiture of the security deposit.

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 HIKING TRAIL

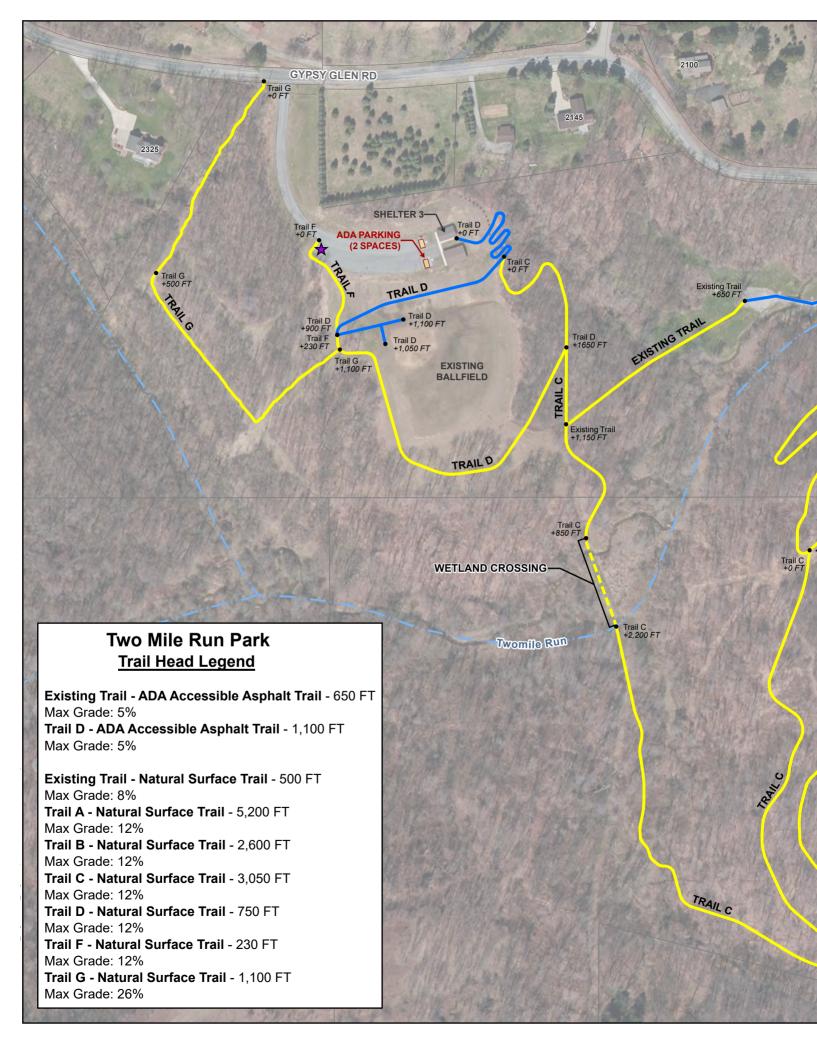
The Township has completed construction of the Two Mile Run Hiking Trail Phase II project. The project adds 4,825 linear feet of additional trail in two loops to the existing trail network within the park. The project was partially funded with a grant of \$100,000 through the PA DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant Program. With the completion of this project, Two Mile Run Park has nearly 3-miles of trails. Refer to the Trail Map for the locations of these trails.

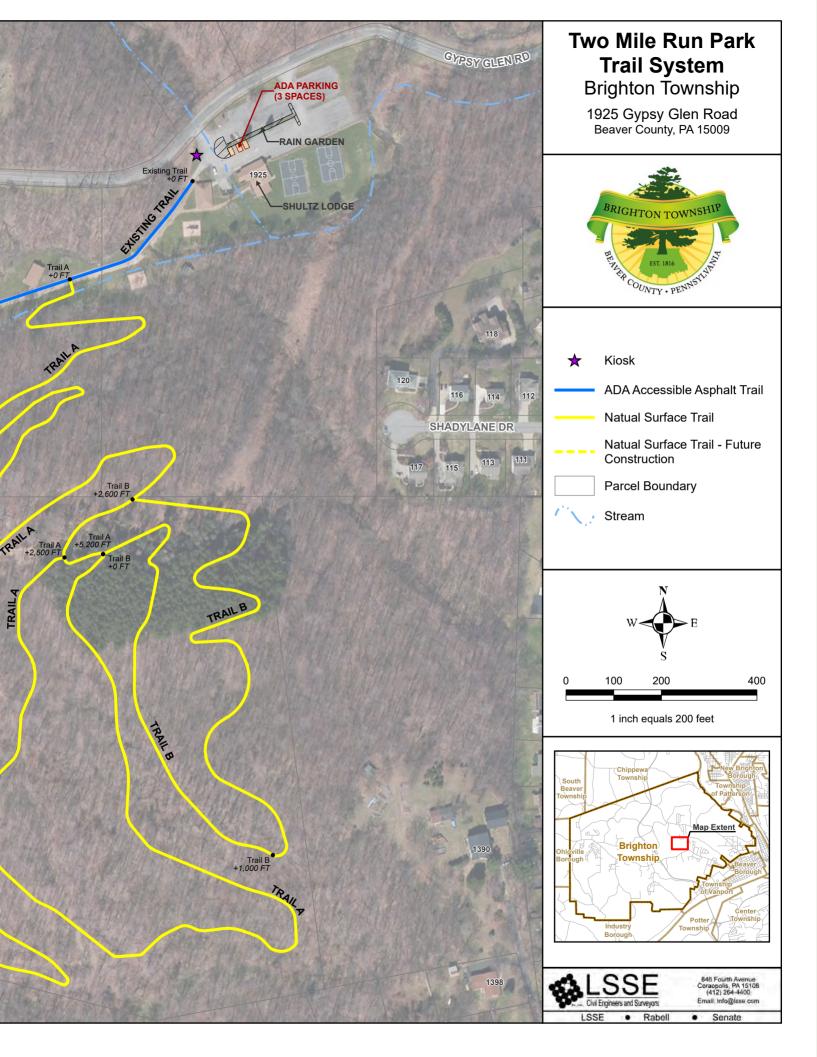
(See the following pages for larger version of the map.)





PLAYGROUND — The Township has replaced the playground equipment at Two Mile Run Park in the area of Shultz Lodge and Shelter No. 1. The new playground and swings includes a rubberized fall zone as well.





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Brighton Township 2025 Recycling Calendar

WHAT: 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: Place your recycling container in the same area where the garbage is picked up.

WHEN: Your regular garbage collection day during the recycling weeks shown below:

GREEN: Collecting areas on/off of Dutch Ridge Road, Dawson Ridge and Gypsy Glen Road

RED: Collecting along Tuscarawas Road, from Dutch Ridge Road to Beaver

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL: J. YOUNG REFUSE, 724-495-6199

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Refuse and Recycling Program Rates Effective Jan. 1, 2025

Brighton Township's contract with J. Young Refuse for the collection of all residential refuse and recycling includes provisions for a semi-annual Fuel Cost Adjustment. A calculation has been prepared for fuel cost based upon Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) price postings and in accordance with the formula included in the contract documents. The calculation results in an increase of \$0.56 per month over the base rate. Based upon the semi-annual adjustment, the Jan. 1, 2025 rate is as follows:

Base Rate July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025	\$12.21
Fuel Cost Adjustment calculated effective Jan. 1, 2025	<u>\$ 0.56</u>
Monthly Refuse Rate effective Jan. 1, 2025	\$12.77
Quarterly Refuse Rate effective Jan. 1, 2025	\$38.31

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.

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 and 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 (polyethylene terephthalate) and HDPE (high-density polyethylene) 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 & All Paper **Brown Folders Glossy Paper Newspaper &** & Magazines **Phone Books** Tin & Junk Mail Aluminum Plastic Aseptic All containers 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.

NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS Glass **Electronics / TVs Food Waste Glass Pane** & Pyrex Food Ink/Toner **Containers** Cartridges

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 NO LONGER accepted for recycling.
- · 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.



Brighton Township

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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 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. (Third Wednesday in November.)



All unpaid Stormwater Service Fee bills have had delinquent notices sent by Berkheimer and are now in the delinquent collection program. The Township is conducting its annual review of accounts with unpaid balances to be filed as a lien upon the property. Liens incur additional fees and interest until paid. The current Lien Preparation, Filing Fee and Satisfaction Fees total \$87.50 and interest accrues at 6% per year. Properties that have liens filed upon them do not receive notification of the filed lien.

Bills for the Stormwater Service Fee are mailed at the beginning of February by Berkheimer at the rate of \$66 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. The fee unit is identified as an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). An ERU is designated as 4,700 square feet of impervious surfaces based upon the Township's Stormwater Service Fee Analysis and Report. Non-single family properties pay fees based upon how many ERUs their property has.

Stormwater activities of the Township are highly regulated as can be seen in the Township MS4 Permit Update article. Requirements of the Township's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for its Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) as issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) necessitates frequent inspection, maintenance, and quality monitoring, similar to water, sewage, or other utilities. As a result of regulatory requirements, costs for these activities continue to increase. As a result, the Township is proactive with the maintenance of existing storm sewer systems and site inspections. The Township continues to invest in new infrastructure and site improvements that are necessary for regulatory compliance and to implement the requirements of the approved Pollutant Reduction Plan.