



Richmond School House Documentary Shown at Beaver Station Event

Brighton Township Manager Bryan Dehart recently was a panelist at a Beaver Area Heritage Foundation speakers series presentation at Beaver Station about the making of the video documentary, "Richmond School House - A Story of Restoration."

The 13:35 minute video was shown at the meeting in a live feed from YouTube, available for viewing for free at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADGKL9DIy-4>

The documentary celebrates the building as a landmark in an era when rural townships had their own schools, grades 1 to 8. All were taught by a lone teacher who also built warming fires in pot-belly stoves, swept the floors and exacted discipline. 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.

Following the video, Dehart and documentary producer Jason Bumblis of Pacer Studios joined with emcee and Heritage Foundation board member Mark Miner in a lively conversation on-stage. They covered how the video came to be through a generous donation by the children of former Richmond student Leona Hogan Corbett to mark the 100th anniversary of her birth. They discussed the recruitment of two Richmond School veterans to speak on camera, including Jack Erath, a fifth-grader in 1944, and Jane (Wilson) Smyda, whose father helped save and restore the building. The panelists described the technical challenges of capturing the essence and personality of a building, and how the facility's story was set against the sweeping context and changes in American public education in the 19th and 20th centuries.

A large number in the audience gave a show of hands as township residents. Comments and questions ranged from surprise that there were six one-room schoolhouses in the township at one time to the role of school boards governing each, and how other families today may create memorial video documentaries of this nature in the future. Want to learn more about what the Heritage Foundation and Museum are up to? See page 14.

Photo: Emcee Mark Miner (left) with panelists Bryan Dehart and Jason Bumblis — all residents of Brighton Township.



Adam Horning has been hired as a full-time police officer with the Brighton Township Police Department, beginning in December 2025. Officer Horning brings a wealth of knowledge to the Department from his previous police experience. We wish him a long and successful career with Brighton Township.

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Police Department 2024 Annual Report



Chief of Police Howard Blinn has issued the following Department statistics for 2024:

Hours Worked.....	35,929
Miles Patrolled	148,144
Accidents Investigated	74
Criminal Arrests	66
Moving Traffic Citations Issued	906
Non-moving Traffic Citations Issued	34
Traffic Warnings Issued	400
Parking Violations.....	18
Hospital Calls	173
Homes Security Alarms Answered	125
Assists to Other Departments	180
911 Calls	136
Aid to Sick or Injured.....	901
Animal Calls.....	104
Vacation Checks.....	27
Business Check/Closure	363

Chief Blinn thanks all Township residents for their kind support to the Department and encourages the reporting of all suspicious activity. 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 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 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless a parent, guardian or other person having legal custody, accompanies the person.

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Volunteer Fire Department 2024 Annual Report

Fire Chief Mitchell Curtaccio has issued the following 2024 statistical report for the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department.

TYPE	NUMBER
Fire: Structural/brush/vehicle/rubbish	59
Rescue & EMS: Emergency/medical assist	681
Hazardous Condition	48
Service Calls	50
Good Intent Call.....	87
False Alarm	53
TOTAL CALLS.....	978

The Fire Department is still in need of volunteers to 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 - 9 p.m. The other volunteers look forward to meeting you and answering your questions. Please 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 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.

Fire Department Evaluates Replacement of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)

The Fire Department has recently evaluated a replacement program for current in use Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) within Brighton Township. This evaluation was brought forth due to multiple factors including: discontinuation of the current the model in use by Township entities, age of the AED's, availability of replacement components, pricing of batteries, and several operational AED's in need of repairs. The need for an outside storage option was also evaluated due to the accessibility of AED's located at recreational areas being requested by community organizations which do not have current access to buildings in the recreational areas.

With financial support from Brighton Township, 20 Zoll 3 AED's were purchased by the VFD, Police Department, and Road Department. Additional AED's will be placed in specialized cabinets located throughout the Township to be used by the community in an emergency. The cabinets continuously monitor the presence of the AED and its immediate surroundings. When an AED is removed from the cabinet, an alert is sent notifying emergency services, a picture is taken of the individual removing the AED, and an audible and visual alarm is sounded. The cabinets are all weather and will be in operation year-round. The installation of the AED cabinets will occur mid spring and signage will be posted at the locations.

AED and Cabinet Locations

- The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department - 10 AED's.
- The Brighton Township Police Department – 3 AED's.
- Recreational Areas – 4 AED's with outdoor cabinets (Hardy Field, Dawson Ridge Park, Ellis Fields, and Shultz Lodge/Two Mile Run Park).
- Municipal Building – 1 AED
- Municipal Garage Area – 1 AED with outdoor cabinet

CPR/First Aid Classes

The Fire Department will be scheduling community first aid/CPR/AED classes, beginning in the early summer. Information will be posted on the Department's Facebook page.

Lean more on page 6.



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.

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.



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♥ Early Defibrillation

- More than 15% of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in a public location; therefore, public-access automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and community training have a large role to play in early defibrillation. However, the number of patients who have an AED applied by a bystander remains low, occurring after only 10.2% of public arrests.
- In 2021, 28.7% of patients in the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) were defibrillated in the field. The proportion of patients first defibrillated by a bystander was 4.6%, whereas 19.1% and 76.3% were first defibrillated by a first responder or emergency medical services personnel, respectively.

♥ Functionality

- Inside the AED box are pads and a diagram that shows where to place the pads on bare skin. Once the device is turned on, a voice tells the person using it exactly what to do. Some devices offer this instruction in Spanish, but most are English-speaking.
- The first thing the AED will do is determine whether an electric shock is needed by analyzing the person's heart rhythm. You should only stop cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) while the machine is doing this analysis. If no shock is advised, it will tell you to resume CPR. If there is a shockable rhythm, it will tell you to press the Shock button and then to resume CPR.

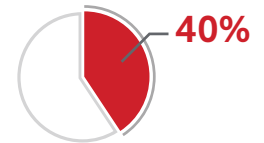
♥ More Stats



Your chance of survival while waiting for emergency medical services during a cardiac emergency decrease by **10% every minute** without CPR.



Of the people with cardiac arrest who receive a shock from an AED in the first minute, **9 out of 10 live**.



Bystanders administer CPR about **40% of the time** and AEDs even less so.

♥ AEDs at Work

- Are you one of the 50% who can locate an AED at your work? With 10,000 cardiac arrests happening in the workplace annually, you have the potential to save thousands of lives. Immediate CPR and use of an AED can double, or even triple, survival rates.
- The American Heart Association does not recommend one device over another. The AED you choose should be simple and easy to use.

♥ Children and AEDs

Children older than 8 years can be treated with a standard AED. For children 1 to 8 years old, the American Heart Association recommends the pediatric-attenuated pads that are purchased separately. In infants younger than 1 year, a manual defibrillator is preferred. If a manual defibrillator is not available, an AED with a dose attenuator may be used.

CARES 2021 Annual Report. Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival; 2021. https://mycares.net/sitepages/uploads/2022/2021_flipbook/index.html

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What Is an Automated External Defibrillator



An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a lightweight, portable device. It delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart when it detects an abnormal rhythm and changes the rhythm back to normal.

AEDs help people who have a sudden cardiac arrest, which occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating regularly. This happens when the heart's natural electrical system doesn't work correctly. If not treated within minutes, cardiac arrest quickly leads to death.

♥ Why are AEDs important?

AEDs save lives. They are an important part of responding to a cardiac arrest. A person's chance of surviving drops by 7% to 10% every minute a normal heartbeat isn't restored. So, immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation, also known as CPR, and AED use can double, or even triple, the person's chance of survival.

CPR combined with using an AED provides the best chance of saving a life. If possible, use an AED every time you provide CPR.



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♥ Who can use an AED?

AEDs are intended for use by the general public (or lay responders). They are portable, safe, accurate, and easy to use.



Nonmedical personnel, such as police, firefighters, flight attendants, and security guards, are trained to use AEDs. Other people who have been trained in CPR also can use them.

Although formal AED training isn't required, it's recommended to help you increase your level of confidence using it.

AEDs are accurate in detecting when (or when not) to deliver a shock. But even if an AED is used on a nonshockable rhythm, some research shows it may not lower the victim's chances of survival.

What Is an Automated External Defibrillator



♥ How does an AED work?

The AED uses voice prompts, lights, and text to tell the rescuer the steps to take.

AEDs may have 2 sets of pads: adult pads and child pads. For CPR, anyone 1 year or older who hasn't gone through puberty is considered a child. However, for defibrillation, make sure you use the adult pads for anyone 8 years or older.

Follow these steps when using the AED:

1. Turn on the AED and follow the voice prompts.
2. Remove all clothing covering the chest. If necessary, wipe the chest dry.
3. Peel away the backing from the pads and attach the pads to the person's bare chest following the illustration on the pads.
4. Plug the pads connector into the AED, if necessary.
5. The AED will check to see if the person needs a shock and tell you when to give one. While the AED is analyzing, make sure no one is touching the person.
6. Resume CPR if no shock is needed. If a shock is needed, make sure no one is touching the person and press the Shock button, and then immediately resume CPR.
7. Continue CPR until emergency medical personnel arrive.

♥ Where can AEDs be found?

Ambulances, law enforcement vehicles, many fire engines, and other first-response vehicles should have an AED.



In addition, AEDs may be placed in public areas, such as sports venues, shopping malls, airports, airplanes, businesses, convention centers, hotels, schools, swimming pools, and doctors' offices. They also may be found in any other public or private place where large numbers of people gather, such as near elevators, cafeterias, main reception areas, and on the walls in main corridors.

♥ Where can I get CPR and AED training?

The American Heart Association offers CPR and AED training through Training Centers. To locate a Training Center near you, call your nearest AHA office or 1-877-AHA-4CPR (1-877-242-4277). You may also visit [heart.org/CPR](https://www.heart.org/CPR).

Planning Commission 2024 Annual Report

Members of the Commission serve as volunteers, and are appointed by the Board of Supervisors to review land use proposals, such as subdivision and land developments, and make recommendations on their adoption to the Board. They also develop and review amendments to the Township's land use codes. The Commission holds monthly meetings to conduct all business. The Commission welcomes all input from residents on the Township's land use policies and other matters that fall under their review.

2024 Commission Members:

William L. Snider, <i>Chairman</i>	Tim O'Brien
Kimberly Radler, <i>Vice Chairwoman (Resignation effective Oct, 14, 2024)</i>	Mark Piccirilli
Karen Green, <i>Secretary</i>	John Wattick (<i>Appointed Nov. 12, 2024</i>)
Christopher Dugan	Kathryn L. Johnston, Solicitor
Jeffrey S. Maze	

Following is a brief summary of the Commission's formal activities during 2024.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PLAN REVIEWS:

1. Subdivision for McGrath (filed 2023, approved 2024)3 Lots@
2. Roberts Run Lot Consolidation Plan (consolidates 4 lots; filed 2023, approved 2024) 1 Lot@
3. Roberts Run Subdivision (filed 2023, conditional approval 2024 – not recorded).....55 Lots
4. McNamee Subdivision.....3 Lots @*
5. Lot Line Revision Plan for Beaver Valley Church of God 3 Lots @**
6. Yankello Property Lot Line Revisions.....3 Lots @*
7. Subdivision/Lot Consolidation Plan for Jay Swartzlander 3 Lots @***
8. Wright Plan of Lots.....3 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 ordinance revisions and the adoption of other land use regulations. The recommendations included the following:

Zoning Code Amendment to Add Place of Worship to all Zoning Districts – During 2024 the Commission prepared and recommended for approval an amendment to the Zoning Code to add Place of Worship (Church) as a Permitted Use in the HC-1 Health Care Service District, C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District, C-2 Mixed Use District; and as a Conditional Use to the SC-1 Special Conservation District. The Board of Supervisors adopted the recommendations as Ordinance No. 242.

Subdivision & Land Development Code Updates – The Commission completed its review and recommendations for the Design Standards within the Code to update transportation and street requirements, street lighting, and other public improvement requirements for new development. This concluded a comprehensive review of Chapter 180 Subdivision and Land Development that began after approval of the Implementable Comprehensive Plan. The Board of Supervisors adopted the recommendations as Ordinance No. 243.

Minimum Construction Standards and Details - Minimum Construction Standards and Details were adopted at the same time as the revised and restated Subdivision and Land Development Code. The standards and details set for the minimum standards for public and private improvements and other requirements for subdivisions and land developments. The Board of Supervisors adopted the Minimum Construction Standards and Details by Resolution No. 2024-16.

Recreation Fee In Lieu of Dedication – The revised and restated Chapter 180 Subdivision and Land Development Code includes an updated Section 180-64.1 Public Recreation Land and Facilities. Under this Section the Board of Supervisors can levy a fee-in-lieu of dedication of public land for each residential unit of up to \$1,427.27. The fee is based upon calculations in the Brighton Township Public Recreation Land and Facilities Plan that was updated by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting of November 13, 2023. The Board of Supervisors established the fee as \$1,000.00 for each dwelling unit by Resolution No. 2024-17.



2025 Stormwater Service Fee

Stormwater Service Fee bills for 2025 were mailed in February by Berkheimer. The rate remains at \$66 per year (\$5.50 per month) for each single-family detached residential property. The billing provides discount, grace 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 2025 bills, the Township identified approximately 180 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. Fees collected are segregated into a separate fund and are used specifically to meet the requirements of more stringent federal and state regulations for stormwater management, and provide enhanced maintenance and improvements to existing infrastructure.

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 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.

Posts Set for New Double Batting Cage

The Brighton Township Road Department set posts for the new double batting cage that has been constructed at Hardy Field. The Township and Beaver Area School District cooperated on the installation of this facility.





REAL ESTATE TAX INFORMATION

The elected Real Estate Tax Collector, James W. Onuska, would like each property owner to be aware that the 2025 Brighton Township Real Estate Tax bills were mailed March 1, 2025 and that the 2025 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed July 1, 2025. Unpaid 2024 Beaver Area School District Real Estate Tax bills were filed on April 1, 2025 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 to where they needed to go and, as a result, some bills went 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 the 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. New office hours for the Tax Collector will be as follows effective March 1, 2025.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday:4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday:9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Personal appointments may be made by contacting the tax office.

Tuscarawas Road Waterline Replacement

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority has received a \$250,000 Pennsylvania Local Share Account Grant for a waterline replacement project on Tuscarawas Road. The project extends from the area of Center Drive to Spring Lane. The award was recently announced. The Authority Engineer will perform survey work and project design over the next several months. Watch for more information as project details are finalized by the Authority



2025 Roadway Improvement Program

The Board of Supervisors has released for bid the 2025 Roadway Improvement Program. The paving program includes the full length of Center Drive, the full length of Kaye Circle, and Bradys Ridge Road from Dutch Ridge Road to Livermore Drive. The Township and Columbia Gas are also planning a joint paving operation to repave the portions of Windy Ghoul Drive where the gas lines have been replaced.

The Road Department will also conduct its 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.

Time to Renew Your Yard Waste Permit!

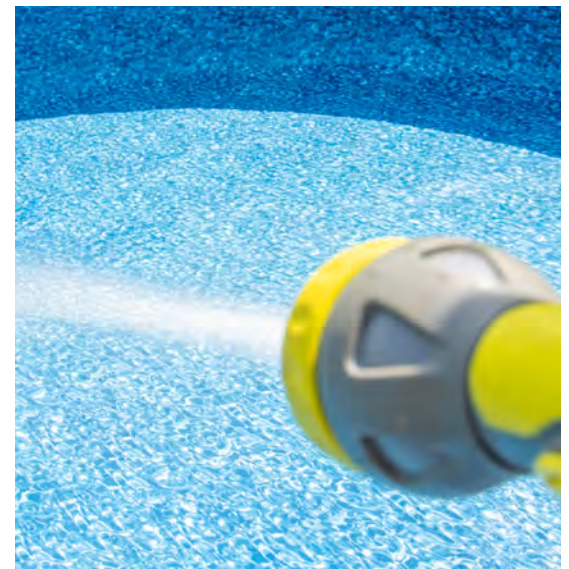
Yard Waste Composting Site Permits must be renewed for use of the site. Permits may be renewed annually as follows:

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 (\$2 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.



Sewer Deduct Meters Available

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority, in cooperation with the Brighton Township Municipal Authority, 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.

Brighton Township 2025 Yard Waste Permit Renewal

Name

Address

Previous Permit No.

Signature

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 square feet 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 2024

Single Family Dwellings.....	14
Demolitions	3
Residential Additions	10
Porches/Decks/Stoops.....	24
Garages/Carports	9
Sheds/Pole Bldgs./Barns/Pool House.....	9
Swimming Pools.....	10
Solar Panels	27
Pavilion	2
Hot Tub.....	2
Non-residential/Commercial.....	6
Wood Stove/Chimney	1
Signs	2
Roof/Repairs	4
Interior Remodel/Fire Restoration.....	1
Estimated Construction Value	\$10.5 million

Disc Golf Course and Walking Trail 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 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.



Heritage Museum Tackles Ambitious and Engaging Agenda

The Beaver Area Heritage Museum trustees are advancing an ambitious agenda over the next several years to help celebrate the facility's belated silver anniversary and capture the public enthusiasm of the "America 250" celebration in 2026 and beyond.

Museum Refresh – Already this year, the museum interior has undergone a beautiful interior repainting for the first time since 1998. The trustees are using the opportunity to refresh some of the permanent displays to potentially include fascinating artifacts that have not before been exhibited and recall highlights of previous years' "rotating" displays.

"From Silver to Gold Gala" – Mark your calendar for Thurs., Aug. 14, 2025 for the museum's formalwear gala at Beaver Station to honor Norm Mitry, Sam Spanos and Rob Pratte for their enduring financial and advocacy support over many years. The dinner event will serve as a major fundraiser to give supporters an opportunity to celebrate the museum's 25th anniversary and consider generous funding support for big picture projects that go beyond the annual budget.

"Other Truths" Exhibit for 2026 – Plans are underway to mount a major exhibit for 2026, our nation's semi-quincentennial, focusing on the legacy of the Treaty of Fort McIntosh from the perspectives of the Delaware Lenape Indians and the U.S. Government. The museum will be partnering with officials with the Delaware Lenape nation and the University of Akron to mount what trustees hope is compelling and meaningful for a yearlong display and YouTube video documentary.

Fort McIntosh Artifacts – Thanks to corporate sponsor Michael Baker International, the museum is conducting a first-ever analysis of tens of thousands of Fort McIntosh artifacts by a Michael Baker team of professional archaeologists and cultural resources specialists, with an eye toward a greatly expanded permanent display someday.

Fort McIntosh Task Force – Chaired by longtime BAHF volunteer and civil engineer Daniel Martone, a task force is evaluating the fort site. The objective is to develop a strategy to design and obtain funding for significant visual enhancements to make the fort more appealing to passersby locally and Revolutionary War enthusiasts regionally and nationally.

Public Education Mission – The trustees are in discussions with the Beaver Area School District to bring back the educational field trips at the log house and create internships to help high school seniors gain valued



Photo: Michael Baker archaeologists Martin Fuess (left), Jonah Jankovik and Bryan Cunning sorting thousands of artifacts from the early 1970s dig at Fort McIntosh.

experience. This type of field trip programming can be replicated for at-risk youth served by the county's non-profit community.

"Sponsor Sundays" – The trustees plan to re-open on Sunday afternoons after a hiatus of several years. Docents/greeters are needed to welcome guests and answer questions. To do so, the museum is engaging with local organizations to provide representatives and to date, the Rotary Club of Beaver, Beaver Area Memorial Library and Bags and Blessings have agreed to serve in this role. Would your group be interested in helping for a few hours every other month and receiving widespread social media exposure in recognition?

Brighton Township Refuse & Recycling Program

The current contract for refuse and recycling collection expires June 30th. As a result, sealed bids were recently opened and a new contract has been awarded effective July 1, 2025. J. Young Refuse was the lowest bidder, and will retain the contract. The bid was \$20.88 per month for the 1st year of the contract. The next lowest bid was \$23.52 per month.

New Rate Effective July 1, 2025

Base Rate July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 \$20.88
 Quarterly Refuse Rate effective July 1, 2025 \$62.64

Contract terms and conditions have some modifications under the new contract. The following limits apply to the number of bags permitted to be placed for collection by residents of single-family residential units for Garbage and Rubbish Collection:

- No more than 10 33-gallon bags or;
- No more than 18 tall kitchen bags – typically 13 gallons in size.

Bulky Waste items must be able to be lifted and placed into the collection vehicle. Where practical, items shall be cut and bundled into lengths not to exceed 4 feet. Bulky Waste collection is limited to:

- No more than 1 large household appliance per week (stove, dishwasher, washing machine, clothes dryer, or refrigerator [freon removed]); or
- No more than 1 large household furnishing or furniture

piece per week (table and chairs, mattress [1 king or queen and boxspring or 2 single or twin and boxspring], couch, recliner & love seat, etc.).

It is recommended that you contact J. Young Refuse in advance of placing bulky waste items out for collection to determine if there are any special conditions where compliance is needed.

Mandatory Participation – Each residential unit is required to participate in the contracted refuse and recycling collection program. Brighton Township is also mandated by State law to provide curbside collection of recyclables to each residential unit. Township ordinance requires mandatory participation in these programs. As the contracted hauler provides the Township with the names and addresses of non-participants, notices will be sent. Continued non-participation can result in the filing of an enforcement notice with potential fines of not less than \$100 nor more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution, for each violation.

Included/Excluded Items – For a summary list of what is included and excluded from the refuse and recycling collection, visit the Solid Waste & Recycling Page on the Township website.

Recycling Containers - A new or additional recycling can with lid can be purchased at the Township Office for \$10, lower than the actual purchase price. These containers are 20-gallons in size. Please use multiple containers when necessary.



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



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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. (Third Wednesday in November.)



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 2025 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 16 to August 8 and is for students in K-5th grade. It is operated from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. 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.

Two Mile Run Park Reservations & Security Deposit

The Township now collects a security deposit in the amount of \$150 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.