



Your Brighton Township Newsletter | **FALL 2026**

Welcome Chief Joshua Curtaccio

After an extensive search utilizing the services of Dailey Operation Consulting, LLC, the Brighton Township Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Joshua Curtaccio as Brighton Township's next Chief of Police.

Chief Curtaccio has proudly served the Brighton Township Police Department since 2006, most recently as Sergeant. During his tenure, he has led numerous technology and public safety initiatives, supervised patrol operations, and served as the department's lead firearms and less-lethal instructor. His commitment to professionalism, innovation, and public service has made him an invaluable member of the department.

In addition to his law enforcement career, Chief Curtaccio has served our nation for more than 20 years in the United States Air Force and Pennsylvania Air National Guard, where he held leadership positions overseeing security operations, training, and personnel. He has also served the community as Fire Chief of the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department and continues to support emergency preparedness as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Chief Curtaccio holds advanced degrees in legal studies, organizational leadership, and criminal justice, along with numerous professional certifications in law enforcement, emergency management, and public safety.

Please join the Board of Supervisors, Township staff, and the entire Brighton Township community in congratulating Chief Joshua Curtaccio on his appointment. We wish him continued success as he leads the Brighton Township Police Department into its next chapter.



Left to right: Supervisor Gary Gordon, Township Manager Jeffrey Ziegler, Supervisor Matthew Quigley, Chief Joshua Curtaccio, Supervisor John Curtaccio.

Congratulations, Chief Blinn

Congratulations to Chief Howard Blinn on his well-deserved retirement after more than 35 years in law enforcement, including 26 years with the Brighton Township Police Department. Since joining the department in 2000 and serving as Chief of Police since 2007, Chief Blinn has led with integrity, professionalism, and compassion, leaving a lasting impact on the department and the community. We thank Chief Blinn for his outstanding service and leadership and wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement. Congratulations, Chief!

Congratulations, Corporal Don Yates

After more than 30 years with the Brighton Township Police Department, Corporal Don Yates is retiring. Don began his career in 1996 as a Patrolman and was promoted to Corporal in 2007. Don was a passionate advocate for juvenile victims and made a lasting impact as a School Resource Officer at Dutch Ridge Elementary School. He was a mentor, role model, and friend to countless students and families. The Brighton Township Police Department, Dutch Ridge Elementary School, and the Brighton Township and Beaver Area communities thank Don for his compassion, dedication, and commitment to making a difference.

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Brighton Township Volunteer 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 on Grange Road behind the Social Hall. 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 six (6) feet of any hydrant to permit unrestricted access to the hydrant in case of an emergency.



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



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.

What you should know about home cooking safety

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the kitchen while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

Cooking fire facts

- Two-thirds of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.
- Clothing is the item first ignited in less than 1% of these fires, but clothing ignitions caused 8% of the home cooking fire deaths.
- Ranges or cooktops account for three-fifths of home cooking fire incidents.
- Unattended equipment is a factor in one-third of reported home cooking fires and over half of the associated deaths.
- Frying dominates the cooking fire problem.

Safety considerations for cooking with oil

- Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.
- Keep an eye on what you fry. If you see wisps of smoke or the oil smells, immediately turn off the burner and/or carefully remove the pan from the burner. Smoke is a danger sign that the oil is too hot.
- Heat the oil slowly to the temperature you need for frying or sautéing.

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Safe Charging Is a **SUPERPOWER**

Charge into Fire Safety™

Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in. Everyday charging habits can help prevent lithium-ion battery fires.

Safe charging is a **SUPERPOWER!**

USE YOUR CHARGING SUPERPOWERS



CHEAP CHARGER? DON'T CHANCE IT.

Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer.

Why it matters: Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the chance of fire. Cheap or off-brand chargers may not meet important safety standards.



SOFT SURFACE? HARD PASS.

Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk, or bare floor.

Why it matters: Devices and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows, and couches can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.



FEELS HOT? STOP USING IT.

Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds.

Why it matters: A damaged battery can overheat and start a fire.



FULLY CHARGED? TIME TO UNPLUG.

Unplug your device when it is fully charged.

Why it matters: Leaving a device plugged in can increase heat and stress on the battery.



FOR TOOLS AND RIDES, CHARGE OUTSIDE.

Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging.

Why it matters: These batteries are larger and store more energy. Fires can grow quickly if the battery fails.



OUT OF SIGHT? NOT IN FLIGHT.

When on a plane, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device, such as if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell.

Why it matters: If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to be able to respond quickly.

— Working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan can help make a life-saving difference. —



BATTERY SAFETY STARTS BEFORE YOU PLUG IN

Buy products listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, ETL, or CSA.* Listed products meet important safety standards.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The Leading Information and Knowledge Resource on Fire, Electrical, and Related Hazards

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Charge into Fire Safety™



Family Power Check

Work together and see how strong your charging superpowers are.
Small actions. Big impact. Be a hero every time you plug in!

Total your **points** and
enter your **score** below.

Circle one for each: ☐ Always ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never

1.	We use the correct charger for our device.		☐ 3	☐ 2	☐ 1
2.	We charge all our devices on something hard.		☐ 3	☐ 2	☐ 1
3.	We look for warning signs from our devices like heat or a smell.		☐ 3	☐ 2	☐ 1
4.	We unplug when charging is done (at 100%).		☐ 3	☐ 2	☐ 1
5.	We charge e-bikes, e-scooters, and large tools outside.		☐ 3	☐ 2	☐ 1
6.	When on a plane, we charge our devices where we can see them in case there is a problem.		☐ 3	☐ 2	☐ 1

15–18 points

SUPERCHARGED HERO

You are doing a great job!

10–14 points

POWERING UP

Keep going.
You are close.

6–9 points

LEVEL UP

Pick one habit
to practice.

Family Power Mission

What is one charging habit your family will work on?

Superpower Pledge

We make safe choices every time we plug in.

Date _____



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- Add food gently to the pot or pan so the oil does not splatter.
- Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If you have a fire, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again. Let the pan cool for a long time. Never throw water on the fire.
- If the fire does not go out or you don't feel comfortable sliding a lid over the pan, get everyone out of your home. Call the fire department from outside.

If you have a cooking fire

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Smoke and CO Alarms

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 manufacturer's suggested procedures. If you are in need of 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.

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department Urges Residents to Power Up Their Devices with Fire Safety in Mind

Fire Prevention Week

The theme for Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™), October 4–10, 2026, is "Charge into Fire Safety™: Safe Charging Is a Superpower."

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department is involved in a series of events in support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign including school visits and community events. If your organization would like to host a

fire prevention event or site visit, please contact the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department by phone or email at 724-495-3803 or prevention@brightontwpvfd.org.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities, please contact the Brighton Township Fire Department at 724-495-3803 or prevention@brightontwpvfd.org. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and lithium-ion battery safety, visit www.fpw.org.

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) to support Fire Prevention Week. This year's FPW theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," focuses on the simple steps people can take to recharge safely. Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in.

Many devices used in our daily lives—phones, tablets, laptops, tools, toys, e-bikes, and scooters—run on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, which store a lot of energy in a small space. If they are damaged or charged the wrong way, they can overheat, start a fire, or even explode.

"The way you charge your lithium-ion battery devices can make a difference in helping prevent home fires," said Mitchell Curtaccio, Fire Chief of the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department. "It comes down to using simple habits each time you plug in."

- Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer. Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.
- Charge devices on a table, desk, or other hard, flat surface. Do not charge them on beds, couches, or under pillows. Devices and chargers produce heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause the battery to overheat.
- Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell. These are warning signs that the battery may be damaged or failing.
- Unplug your device when it is fully charged. Do not leave it plugged in longer than needed. Leaving a device plugged in too long can increase heat and stress on the battery.
- Charge larger items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside and away from exits. These batteries are larger and store more energy. If they fail, fires can grow quickly and spread.
- When on a plane, keep your device where you can see it while charging. Do not charge devices in overhead compartments. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on a plane. If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to respond quickly.

Township Adopts International Fire Code

Brighton Township has officially adopted the International Fire Code (IFC). The purpose of the adoption is to enhance community safety and establish uniform fire prevention standards across the municipality. This adoption aligns Brighton Township with nationally recognized safety practices to protect residents, business owners, and first responders. By adopting the International Fire Code, Brighton Township ensures that all new and existing commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential structures meet rigorous guidelines for fire hazards, emergency access, and life-safety systems. Ultimately, this adoption underscores the Township's proactive commitment to risk reduction, sustainable development, and the long-term well-being of the community.

The International Fire Code applies to all commercial and industrial buildings as defined in the Township's Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the International Fire Code applies to any residential building that has three or more dwelling units. The International Fire Code does not apply to private single-family homes, and does not regulate how you live inside your home. The International Fire Code gives the ability to inspect commercial buildings, industrial buildings, and apartment complex common areas; the interior of a private residence is not inspected or entered.

What is the International Fire Code?

The International Fire Code (IFC), published by the International Code Council, is a model code adopted by 42 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and territories to establish minimum regulations for fire prevention, hazardous materials, and building safety. Updated every three years, it applies to both new and existing structures.

Internationally, code officials recognize the need for a modern, up-to-date fire code addressing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, explosion, handling or use of hazardous materials and the use and occupancy of buildings and premises. The International Fire Code is designed to meet these needs through model code regulations that safeguard the public health and safety in all communities, large and small.

This comprehensive fire code establishes minimum regulations for fire prevention and fire protection systems using prescriptive and performance-related provisions. It is founded on broad-based principles that make possible the use of new materials and new system designs.

The International Fire Code (IFC) provides fire prevention and safety standards for existing buildings. It covers:

- Preventing fires and eliminating fire hazards
- Fire alarm systems
- Emergency planning
- Fire department access
- Water supplies
- Sprinkler systems
- Maintenance of fire protection equipment



What are the key aspects of the International Fire Code?

- **Purpose:** The IFC aims to protect public health and safety by regulating fire-related hazards, including building design, fire protection systems, and emergency responder access.
- **Scope:** The code covers fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, emergency planning, evacuation, hazardous materials, and specialized risks like lithium-ion battery storage.
- **Adoption:** While it is a “model” code (not federal law), it is widely adopted at the state and local levels as legally binding regulation.
- **Updates:** Updated every three years. The 2024 IFC, for instance, includes new provisions for energy storage systems (Section 1207) and improved, more readable formatting.
- **Application:** It works in conjunction with the International Building Code (IBC) to ensure comprehensive safety.

What are the benefits of the International Fire Code?

- The provisions of this code provide protection for public health, safety, and welfare from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in buildings, structures and premises.
- This model code is flexible in that it allows for the use of alternative and innovative materials and performance-based methods in achieving code compliance.
- This code does not give undue preferential treatment to particular types or classes of materials, products or construction methods.
- This code references nationally developed consensus standards.
- This code addresses extraordinary fire risks in existing buildings with retrospective requirements, but only in this limited area is there a need for alterations, as long as the building and its occupancies comply with reasonable fire prevention provisions.
- This code includes reasonable yet comprehensive regulations for hazardous materials.
- This code includes requirements or expanded requirements for: vacant premises, indoor displays, fire protection water supply, fire apparatus access roads, key boxes, high-piled storage, tire rebuilding and tire storage, mechanical refrigeration systems, explosion control, smoke and heat vents, lead-acid battery systems.

How does the adoption of the International Fire Code help me?

- **Improved Life Safety and Reduced Risk:** Fire codes (such as the International Fire Code) mandate safety requirements that protect occupants, including proper building egress, fire protection systems, and fire-resistant construction. They help prevent fires from starting and, if they do, contain or limit the spread to allow safe evacuation.
- **Lower Property Insurance Premiums (ISO Ratings):** A critical, tangible benefit for homeowners and business owners is the potential for lower insurance premiums. Fire codes help improve the community’s ISO (Insurance Services Office) Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating. A better, lower ISO score indicates to insurers that the municipality has a more dependable fire suppression and prevention system, potentially resulting in lower insurance rates.
- **Reduced Damage and Economic Loss:** Regular, proactive inspections of high-risk properties (high-rises, restaurants, schools) identify and eliminate hazards, which reduces the severity of fires and the resulting property damage.
- **Enhanced Fire Department Efficiency and Safety:** Adopting a fire code provides the Fire Chief and/or their designee and/or Code Enforcement Officer with the legal authority to inspect properties and abate fire hazards. This, in turn, helps firefighters and first responders by providing crucial information about building systems before an emergency, allowing for safer, more efficient, and better-coordinated responses.
- **Reduced Need for Public Disaster Aid:** Standardized, enforced codes result in stronger, more resilient structures, reducing the overall demand for public disaster aid in the wake of significant incidents.



IMPORTANT EMERGENCY ALERTING SYSTEM UPDATE

Beaver Valley Power Station Public Alerting System 2027

The Beaver Valley Power Station plans to update its public emergency alerting system in 2027. The new system will utilize the capabilities of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), a federal platform designed to rapidly distribute critical emergency information to the public.



HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE ALERTS



EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)

EAS messages will be broadcast through television and radio.



WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS (WEA)

WEA messages will be delivered directly to mobile phones and other wireless devices.



MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS (MNS)

Counties within the 10-mile EPZ utilize Mass Notification Systems, which can also reach landline telephones.



This system is designed to account for both residents and the transient population within the EPZ.



SIGN UP FOR MASS NOTIFICATION ALERTS

Residents **do not** need to register to receive IPAWS alerts. However, to ensure your contact information is included in the county's Mass Notification System, you are encouraged to sign up by:



TEXTING
BCAlerts TO 77295



OR VISITING
Beaver County Emergency Services Website
www.beavercountypa.gov/911



MAKE SURE YOUR CELL PHONE IS READY TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY ALERTS.

Check your device settings and ensure that Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are enabled.

These alerts can provide critical emergency information and protective action instructions directly to your mobile device.



OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS WILL BE DECOMMISSIONED AND REMOVED

As part of this transition, all outdoor warning sirens within the 10-mile EPZ will be decommissioned and removed.

The nuclear industry is transitioning away from sirens as the primary method of public notification and moving toward modern emergency alerting technologies capable of delivering information more quickly and providing specific instructions.



- ✓ Sirens were designed primarily to alert individuals who are outdoors and do not provide specific information or protective actions.
- ✓ IPAWS and other modern notification systems can deliver emergency alerts directly to mobile devices, reaching individuals whether they are at home, outdoors, at work, or traveling.
- ✓ These systems can also provide clear, detailed instructions regarding the appropriate protective actions to take during an emergency.



The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department and Brighton Township Police Department

encourage all residents to take advantage of these notification systems, verify that Wireless Emergency Alerts are enabled on their mobile devices, and remain informed about emergency preparedness and protective actions.



Tuscarawas Road Waterline Replacement Project Update

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) continues to invest in improving the reliability of the Township's water system. One project moving forward is the replacement of an aging waterline along Tuscarawas Road between Pleasantview Drive and Center Drive. Replacement of this waterline was originally identified as a priority in the Water System Master Plan developed in the early 2000s, which outlined the need to upgrade transmission and distribution mains throughout the Township.

This section of waterline has experienced frequent leaks and breaks in recent years, resulting in service interruptions for customers and costly emergency repairs. To address these ongoing issues, BTMA has secured \$250,000 in grant funding through the Pennsylvania Local Share Account program to help offset construction costs.

The project will replace approximately 1,500 feet of waterline, improving system reliability, reducing future maintenance needs, and helping maintain water service for residents. BTMA has since received its PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit for work within the state right-of-way, completed final design, and issued the project for public bidding in August 2026. Construction is anticipated to begin in October or November 2026 and is expected to take approximately one month to complete.

This improvement will also mark the completion of one of BTMA's primary waterline segments within the Township. Since 2018, BTMA has steadily upgraded this main waterline beginning near the Tuscarawas Road Plaza and Hardy Fields to Center Drive. With the completion of this final segment, BTMA will have replaced approximately four miles of waterline along this route over the years.

BTMA will share additional information regarding construction timing and any anticipated traffic impacts as the project moves closer to the start of work.

Lead and Copper Rule Improvements - Water Service Line Inventory

As previously reported, the U.S. EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) require public water suppliers to identify the construction materials of both the public and private sides of every water service connection. BTMA completed its initial service line inventory and submitted it to PaDEP and the U.S. EPA on October 16, 2024, confirming that the vast majority of the system, over 90%,

is constructed of acceptable materials such as copper, HDPE, or PVC. Work continues to fully verify the small number of remaining service lines.

New Requirements: 2027 Baseline Inventory and Replacement Plan

U.S. EPA and PaDEP have since issued additional requirements under the LCRI that go beyond the 2024 submission. By November 1, 2027, BTMA must submit an updated baseline service line inventory. This is not simply a resubmission of the 2024 inventory; it requires more detailed information, including additional documentation supporting each material classification and field verification of a sample of lines.

Water systems are also required to prepare and submit a Service Line Replacement Plan to EPA by November 1, 2027, describing the process the utility will follow going forward. This plan must describe how BTMA will:

- Continue to investigate and confirm the material of any service line not yet fully verified;
- Carry out full service line replacements where needed, including construction methods and restoration;
- Notify and communicate with affected customers before, during, and after any replacement work;
- Provide flushing instructions; and
- Prioritize replacement work and funding requirements going forward.

Under the federal rule, any remaining qualifying service lines must generally be fully replaced within 10 years of the November 1, 2027 compliance date, at a minimum average pace of about 10% of the applicable lines per year.

BTMA is currently reviewing its 2024 inventory data against the updated PaDEP requirements, identifying any gaps in address, connector, or verification information, and beginning work on the required replacement plan. Additional updates will be provided to customers as this work progresses.

Upcoming Mailer Notice

As part of BTMA's ongoing compliance efforts, another mailer will be sent by November 16, 2026, to the small number of customers whose service line material has not yet been fully confirmed or falls into a category requiring further action. This notification fulfills the requirement to inform those customers annually until the service line

Tuscarawas Road Cleanup

On May 18, 2026, the Beaver Rotary Club participated in a District-wide Service Day by taking on a cleanup project along Tuscarawas Road. Volunteers collected litter from the Beaver High School parking lot to Ridgeview Drive, helping improve the appearance of this well-traveled roadway.

By the end of the morning, the crew had filled more than ten large black garbage bags with collected debris. It was a simple but spirited community effort that made a noticeable difference. We thank the Beaver Rotary Club for giving its time and energy to help keep our township clean and beautiful.



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Tuscarawas Road Waterline Replacement Project Update

material is confirmed or the line is replaced. Customers receiving this notice will be provided with instructions for submitting their service line information and scheduling inspections, if necessary.

BTMA continues to encourage all customers who have not yet submitted their water service line material form to contact Operations at 724-774-4800 to schedule an appointment.

BTMA remains committed to providing safe and reliable drinking water and is working closely with the U.S. EPA and PaDEP to ensure that all regulatory requirements are met on schedule.

Updates to the Municipal Authority Water System Master Plan

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) continues to make progress on its Water System Master Plan Update, a comprehensive 20-year study that will guide system improvements through the year 2055. BTMA anticipates adopting the completed Master Plan in 2027.

As part of this effort, BTMA has begun development of a hydraulic model of the water distribution system, which is

nearing completion. The hydraulic model uses information on the Township's water supply and pumping facilities, waterlines and storage, pressure zones, and current and projected water demands to simulate how water moves through the system under different conditions.

To support this work, customers should look out for hydrant flow testing occurring throughout the Township in fall 2026. This testing allows the Authority to measure system pressures and fire flow availability at various points in the distribution system, which is used to calibrate the hydraulic model. Customers near testing locations may notice temporary discoloration or a brief drop in water pressure.

Once complete, the hydraulic model will be used to develop a 20-year Capital Improvements Plan that identifies where improvements are needed, when they should occur, and how they can be phased over time. This plan will help BTMA budget responsibly for future projects and position the Authority to pursue funding and grant opportunities as they become available.



Two Mile Run Park Reservations

Brighton Township residents may begin reserving the Two Mile Run Park facilities for 2027 dates on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Reservations will be taken **in person only** at the Municipal Building on Saturday, October 10 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 Monday, October 12 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, October 10th.

Residents from Beaver, Bridgewater, or Vanport may make reservations on or after December 14th, 2026. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week.

Schultz Lodge Event Room

MAX. OCCUPANCY:
90



Rental Includes:

- Tables & Chairs
- Indoor / ADA Restrooms
- Working Fireplace
- Kitchen with Stove & Refrigerator



Please be reminded that the person signing the rental agreement must be present when the facility is opened and closed.

The rental rates for 2027 will be approved at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 14, 2026.

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

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 used must be purchased from the Township, and not be from another source, such as a home improvement store.



A Reminder from the Brighton Township Real Estate Tax Office

The 2026 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 2026 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 2026 School Real Estate Tax is due by October 31, 2026.

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

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

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.

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.



Township Prepares for Winter Road Maintenance

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 snowstorms 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 three (3) inches or greater in depth, until the snow has been completely plowed from the full width

of the roadway. Violators are subject to a \$15 fine when ticketed by the Police Department, or towing when necessary.

- 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.

Todd Road Sewage Lift Station Upgrades

The Brighton Township Sewage Authority (BTSA) has completed upgrades to the Todd Road Lift Station, one of the Township's largest lift stations, with the improved station now up and running and serving the Township. The project replaced the station's pumps, variable frequency drives (VFDs), and pump controls, providing more reliable and efficient operation and better equipping the station to handle current flows and meet future needs.

Serving the Township since the late 1970s, the Todd Road Lift Station experienced maintenance challenges and reduced reliability in recent years, demonstrating the need for modernization. Completed in July 2026, this project addresses those concerns and

reduces the likelihood of emergency maintenance going forward.

Most of BTSA's lift stations were built during the late 1970s and 1980s, and many components are now reaching the end of their expected service life. As a result, the Authority is facing increased maintenance requirements and is proactively budgeting for lift station upgrades in the coming years to maintain reliable wastewater service throughout the Township. These planned improvements will help mitigate emergency repairs, improve system efficiency, and support the long-term integrity of BTSA's collection and conveyance system.

COMMUNITY TIRE COLLECTIONS

Need to get rid of tires or wheels from your car or light truck?



**Conducted by
Independence Conservancy
at the following locations:**

Sat., Sept. 19	9 AM - 12 Noon	CRESCENT TWP. Fire Dept. 225 Spring Run Road, Crescent PA 15046
Sat., Sept. 26	9 AM - 12 Noon	BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP Public Works 1250 Brighton Road, Beaver PA 15009
Sat., Oct. 10	9 AM - 12 Noon	HOOKSTOWN FAIR GROUNDS 1198 Route 168, Hookstown PA 15050

All events 9 AM to 12 Noon - rain or shine - NO EARLY BIRDS

Proof of residency is not required.

Individuals and small businesses are welcome.

No limit to the number of tires anyone may bring.

Checks payable to "Independence Conservancy" accepted with ID.

WE TAKE TIRES ON RIMS: PASSENGER CAR & LIGHT TRUCK ONLY

Size:

Up to 18" off rim

Over 18" off rim (SUV & light truck)

Up to 18" on rim

Lawn tractor/wheel barrow on rim

Tractor trailer up to 22.5" (no rims accepted)

Farm tractor up to 75 lbs. (no rims accepted)

Farm tractor over 75 lbs. (no rims accepted) Priced by weight

Your cost to dispose:

\$5 each

\$7 each

\$12 each

\$15 each

\$30 each

\$35 each

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Artist's rendering of the Heritage Museum with the planned caboose installation.

Heritage Museum Caboose Project on Track for Major Expansion

The Beaver Area Heritage Foundation is moving forward with an ambitious project that will bring a vintage railroad caboose to the Beaver Area Heritage Museum while making possible a series of improvements to the Museum and its exhibits.

The Foundation recently purchased a vintage caboose in Ohio that trustees believe is an excellent fit for the project. Featuring a traditional cupola and a largely intact interior, the caboose is exceptionally well preserved — reducing the need for costly sandblasting and interior renovation.

The caboose will be installed alongside the Beaver Area Heritage Museum, a former P&LE Railroad

freight station renovated by the Foundation on River Road, creating a natural setting for interpreting Beaver County's rich rail history.

A new "History of Beaver County Rail" exhibit is planned in and near the caboose. Visitors will learn about the functions of a working caboose and its crew, along with the history of railroads and trolleys throughout Beaver County. Displays will feature route maps, dates, names of former lines and historic photographs. A replica model of Beaver County's last passenger train is also planned to run on an overhead track.

The project will make possible other improvements inside the Museum. The existing loading dock will be

enclosed to create an expanded Gift Shoppe, allowing the current Gift Shoppe space — the freight station's former manager's office — to become a dedicated Fort McIntosh Room.

The new Fort McIntosh Room will allow more of the fort's archaeological artifacts to be displayed and interpreted in a visually engaging setting. Plans also incorporate technology, including a "digital twin" of Fort McIntosh and a 3-D talking hologram of Gen. Lachlan McIntosh. The new room will complement planned improvements at the Fort McIntosh site, with the two envisioned as a destination for military-history audiences from throughout the country.

The Foundation has already received more than \$100,000 in lead gifts toward its \$300,000 fundraising goal for the caboose project, Gift Shoppe relocation, and Fort McIntosh Room.

To learn more about the caboose project or support the campaign, visit beaverheritage.org/caboose.





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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.)



Stay Connected with Brighton Township Parks & Recreation

Looking for the latest news, events, and activities happening in Brighton Township parks? Be sure to follow the Brighton Twp. Parks & Rec Happenings Facebook page for updates throughout the year.

Brighton Township parks are home to a wide variety of youth sports and community activities. Hardy Field is the home of Beaver Bobcats Baseball, Brighton Township Bears Football and Cheer, and the Brighton Township Beaver Soccer Association. Ellis Field is home to Beaver Softball, while Dawson Ridge Park and Ellis Field host Little League programs serving families from across the Beaver area.

Whether you're cheering from the sidelines, enjoying a meal at the concession stand, or supporting our local athletes, there's always something happening at our township parks.

The Parks and Recreation Board also sponsors community events throughout the year, with seasonal activities and special events for residents of all ages. Follow Brighton Twp. Parks & Rec Happenings on Facebook to stay informed about upcoming games, events, and opportunities to get involved.