



Jeffrey Ziegler Welcomed to Brighton Township as Manager

Jeffrey Ziegler was welcomed as the Township Manager by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting of September 8, 2025. Shown from left to right are Gary J. Gordon, Supervisor; John Curtaccio, Chairman; Jeffrey Ziegler, Township Manager; and Mark Piccirilli, Vice-Chairman.

After an extensive search utilizing the services of Professional Partners of the Allegheny League of Municipalities, Jeff was hired as the Township Manager by the Board of Supervisors

to replace Bryan K. Dehart who has given his notice of retirement after 33 years. Jeff brings an extensive background in municipal management. Prior to being selected as the Brighton Township Manager, Jeff served as the Township Manager in South Strabane Township in Washington County, and also previously worked at Moon Township. As a resident of the community, Jeff looks forward to serving the Township and its residents.



Township Updates Website

Brighton Township has released an updated website with the goal of making it easier to navigate and search information for both residents and first-time visitors. The Parks area is significantly expanded to provide information on each park, with maps of each trail or walking area. The site makes it easier to find meeting agendas and minutes, information on water and sewer billing, applications and forms, and a payment portal for water and sewer payments. The Township will continue to update the site with new information, and to improve its ease of use: brightontwp.org

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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 at 84 Grange Road behind the Social Hall. Or email the BTVFD at station63@comcast.net if you want more information about 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 the case of an emergency.



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



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

Fall/Winter Fire Safety Tips

More fires happen in the winter months than at 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. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), home fires occur more in the winter than in any other season. As the snowflakes start to fall and the temperatures drop, it's 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 bedding, clothing, and curtains at least three (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 three (3) feet from your home.

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CHARGE into Fire Safety™

Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this kind of battery.



e-bikes



hoverboards



tablets



cordless vacuum cleaners



e-vehicles



power tools



mobile phones



remote control cars



e-scooters



laptops



e-cigarettes/
vapes



drones



golf carts



smart watches



headphones



toys

LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. By learning how to **BUY**, **CHARGE**, and **RECYCLE** these batteries safely, you can help prevent a fire in your home.



BUY only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.



STOP using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.



CHARGE devices safely. Always use the cables that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.



RECYCLE batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire.



CHARGE your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.



RECYCLE your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.



**NATIONAL FIRE
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Electrical, and Related Hazards

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 three (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’s 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 fireplaces. 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 manufacturers’ 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.

Community AED Cabinets

AEDs have been placed in specialized cabinets located throughout the Township to be used by the community in the event of 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.

AED and Cabinet Locations

- Shultz Lodge at Two Mile Park - Rear Outdoor Patio Under Awning

- Brighton Township Road Garage
- Hardy Field Restrooms
- Ellis Ballfields Concession Stand
- Dawson/Baker Ballfields Concession Stand
- Inside the Brighton Township Municipal Building

From Phones to Power Tools: The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department Urges Residents to Know the Risks of Lithium-Ion Batteries this Fire Prevention Week

The theme for Fire Prevention Week™, October 5–11, 2025, is “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.”

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) for more than 100 years — to promote this year’s FPW campaign, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.” It highlights how important it is to buy, charge, and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely.

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day — smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few — are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that’s rechargeable uses this type of battery.

If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. To reduce these risks, look around your home — it’s important to know which devices are powered by them. “Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they’re just about everywhere.” This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign helps people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach.

Buy only listed products.

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets important safety standards.
- Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

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Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The Problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

Recycle Batteries Responsibly

Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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Charge devices safely.

- Always use the cables that came with the product to charge it. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.
- Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly.

- Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

The Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department encourages all residents to be aware of their devices, follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach, and support this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™."

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.

Brighton Township VFD Community Building

The Brighton Township Firemen's Social Hall, located at the intersection of Dutch Ridge Road and Grange Road, carries more than a century of local history. Originally built in 1909 as a Grange, the hall was part of a national movement that supported farm families through education, social activities, and community events. In early years, the Grange hosted dances, fundraisers, and fairs showcasing canned goods, produce, grain, and livestock. In 1931, the Grange was relocated from another part of the property to its present site and expanded to better serve the community.

As farming declined and membership diminished, the property was sold to the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department (BTVFD) in 1969. The BTVFD used the building as a Social Hall. Weekly fish fry dinners, remembered by many residents of the community, were the most popular events, often drawing large crowds and serving as the BTVFD's primary fundraiser. Over time, the BTVFD constructed two additions to the original Grange building structure to accommodate community needs. However, as the number of community volunteers declined, costs of operations increased, and the condition of the building deteriorated due to age, use of the facility was discontinued.

The cost to renovate the building and provide modern conveniences were very high. However, recognizing the importance of this facility and the need for modernization, the Brighton Township Board of Supervisors has opted for the reconstruction of the building to create a modern facility that will serve as a Community and Training Center for the

BTVFD. The project is now identified as the Brighton Township VFD Community Building.

Brighton Township secured grant funding in the amount of \$250,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) in support of this project, thereby enabling Brighton Township to offset project costs while providing vital community space and facilities for the BTVFD.

The scope of the Social Hall Reconstruction Project includes demolition of the existing building structure and construction of a new 3,200-square-foot single-story building. The building will predominately be used to support Fire Department operations. It includes additional office space for the Department, storage, and a training room for up to 50 people. Other groups that currently meet there will continue to do so, such as Cub Scout Pack 499. However, the building will not be a rental facility for parties or similar events. The site will be fully redeveloped with updated utility services, stormwater management facilities, new asphalt parking with line striping, concrete walkways and stairs, site lighting, landscaping, green space, and fencing.

Demolition of the existing Social Hall is underway. Construction of the new Social Hall and Fire Department Training Center will commence after demolition and is scheduled to be completed next year, continuing the legacy of the site as a cornerstone of community life of Brighton Township.

MS4 Update - Annual Outfall Screening

Annual MS4 compliance activities for 2025 reporting year are completed and the required annual report is filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PaDEP). 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 an example of annual activities, the Township implements an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDD&E) Program (MCM #3) each year to monitor discharges from its storm sewer system, including annual routine screening of outfalls, or discharge points, throughout the Township. Approximately 20% of the Township's known outfalls are screened each year. Screening is conducted during dry weather periods to identify non-stormwater discharges throughout the Township such as detergents, oils or sewage. If found,

efforts are made to remove the illicit discharge.

Residents play a large role in the implementation of the Township's IDD&E Program too. Storm sewer system is intended to convey stormwater runoff only. When washing vehicles, residents should consider the destination of wash water runoff. Wash water contains a variety of harmful contaminants, including soaps and cleaning agents, along with the dirt, debris, oils and greases removed from the vehicle. Washing should be done so that wash water does not reach the storm sewers or streams. Using commercial car washes is the best solution, as wash water is treated. If washing vehicles at home, residents should wash vehicles on a gravel or grass area where wash water can permeate or infiltrate into the ground, rather than be directed to the street, storm sewers or stream.



Typical storm sewer system outfall tested as part of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDD&E) Program (MCM #3)

If you observe any instance of dumping any substance into a Township storm inlet, or notice discolored or evidently contaminated discharge from any storm sewer, please notify the Township Office, Township Police or utilize the Illicit Discharge complaint form found on the Township Website to report what you have witnessed. The Township has issued citations for improper disposal of waste to the storm sewer system.

MS4 Update – Next Permit Cycle

The Brighton Township NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Permit will be submitted for renewal in September 2026. As part of this Permit renewal, the Township will continue implementation of its Stormwater Program. This program will continue to implement the six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) as listed below:

- 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

The NPDES MS4 Permit Renewal also anticipates a new program aimed at improving stormwater runoff control. As part of the Township's current NPDES MS4 Permit,

a Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) was implemented to improve water quality within the Township. The PRP included construction of new / renovation of existing stormwater management facilities to reduce sediment and pollutants, thereby improving water quality and reducing downstream discharge flow rates. The Township has completed two projects as part of this program. A third project is anticipated to be completed in 2026 to satisfy the remaining obligations of the NPDES MS4 Permit.

As part of the next NPDES MS4 Permit, the Township will be required to implement a Volume Management Plan (VMP). The VMP focuses on storage and detainment of stormwater runoff and resultant reduction of discharge flow rate. As part of the NPDES MS4 Permit renewal, the Township will be submitting the Volume Management Objective (VMO) which establishes the required storage the Township is required to achieve on a yearly basis. It is anticipated that conceptual plans are to be discussed in 2026 and 2027 with final plan preparation in 2028. Any required projects will be then constructed from 2029 to 2031 in accordance with the next issued permit.



New Employees

You may be seeing some new faces throughout the Township performing work on the water, sewer, road, or stormwater systems. Left to right are Ryan Eiter (Municipal Authority), Zachary Riley and Dylan Gaughan (Sewage Authority), and Eugene Jones (Public Works). Each of these employees have been hired during the past year. If you see them, thank them for the work they are doing.



Among the work completed by the Public Works Department is the maintenance of the storm sewer systems. The pictured work is an example of older brick storm sewer inlet being replaced with a new precast concrete basin with a bicycle safe grate.



Municipal Authority Secures Grant Funding to Advance Infrastructure Improvements

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) is pleased to share that it has recently secured two significant state grants to support ongoing water system improvements in the community. The first grant, totaling \$300,000, was awarded through the COVID-19 ARPA H2O PA program and funded the purchase of lead-free water meters, helping ensure safe and reliable service for residents. The second grant, in the amount of \$250,000, was awarded through the Pennsylvania Local Share Account program and will support replacement of aging waterlines along Tuscarawas Road to improve system reliability and reduce maintenance efforts. By securing grant funding, BTMA is able to offset project costs, helping to keep water rates stable for both current and future customers.

Lead-Free Water Meter Procurement

BTMA is responsible for the ownership, operation, and maintenance of residential water service meters within its service area. The existing meters, currently in use for approximately 18 to 20 years, are nearing the end of their expected service life.

As part of this project, BTMA is transitioning from Sensus brand meters to Neptune brand meters. This change provides two key advantages for the community. First, Neptune meters are equipped with replaceable batteries while maintaining service, which extends the overall life of the meter and helps reduce long-term replacement costs. Second, the meters feature a lead-free bronze body that is NSF-certified, ensuring compliance with current drinking water standards while maintaining the strength and durability of a traditional metal housing.

As many residents have noticed, the \$300,000 in funds acquired through this program has allowed the BTMA to successfully replace over 1,200 residential and commercial water meters.

This project represents just one step in BTMA's broader capital improvement plan for water service meters. Looking ahead, BTMA plans to implement Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technology, which will enable the new Neptune meters to transmit water usage data in real time. With AMI, both the BTMA and its customers will benefit from

more frequent and accurate information, making it possible to detect leaks earlier and reduce the financial impact of undetected water loss. Early detection not only helps prevent wasted water, but also minimizes the risk of costly damage within homes and businesses and high-water bills as a result thereof. Together, these improvements will promote smarter water use and help protect the community's potable water supply for the future.

Tuscarawas Road Waterline Replacement

The Brighton Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) is preparing to replace an aging waterline along Tuscarawas Road between Pleasantview Drive and Center Drive; funded in part by a \$250,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Local Share Account. This section of waterline has experienced frequent leaks and breaks over recent years, causing service interruptions for residents and costly emergency repairs for the BTMA. Replacing the waterline will address these long-standing issues and provide a more reliable water supply for the community.

This project involves replacing approximately 1,425 feet of deteriorating waterline. Upon completion, the upgrade will significantly improve reliability and efficiency of the water system, reduce ongoing maintenance efforts and emergency repair costs, and ensure that customers are provided consistent, uninterrupted water service. Construction is planned to begin in Spring, 2026. BTMA will work to minimize disruptions, maintain access to homes throughout the project and provide updates to keep residents informed.

This waterline replacement project is part of BTMA's broader efforts to proactively maintain and improve the BTMA water infrastructure. The BTMA regularly evaluates the distribution system to identify areas in need of upgrades or preventive maintenance, ensuring that potential problems are addressed before they impact service. By actively seeking grants and other funding opportunities, BTMA can complete critical infrastructure projects while minimizing the financial burden on customers.

BTMA thanks the community for its patience and support as it works to strengthen and modernize the water system for years to come.



How to Make Two Mile Run Park Reservations

Brighton Township residents may begin reserving the Two Mile Run Park facilities for 2026 dates on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Reservations will be taken in person only at the Municipal Building (from 8:00 a.m. until noon on October 11).

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 13th starting at 8:00 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 (on Reservation Day).

Residents from Beaver, Bridgewater or Vanport may make reservations (beginning) on or after December 8th, 2025. Payment for telephone reservations will be due within one week.

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

Rental rates for 2026 are as follows:

Brighton Township Resident:

Shultz Lodge	\$175
Shelters	\$50

Beaver, Bridgewater or Vanport Resident (After December 8, 2025)

Shultz Lodge	\$200
Shelters	\$60

A new security deposit in the amount of \$150 will be required at the time of reservations for Shultz Lodge.

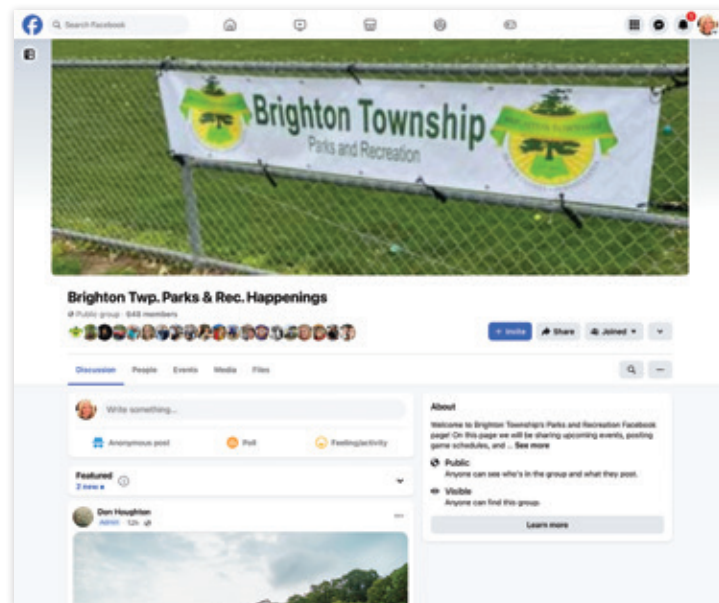
Forms needed for reservations can be found on the Applications and Forms Page of the Township website at www.brightontwp.org.



Parks and Recreation Facebook Page

The Brighton Township Parks and Recreation Board has created a Facebook page to post the latest news and events in the Township and parks. Township parks are home to numerous youth sports and other events. Hardy Field serves as the home field of Beaver Bobcats Baseball, and Ellis Field serves as the home field of Beaver Softball. Dawson Ridge Park and Ellis Fields host little league for the entire Beaver area. Don't miss the action on the gridiron at Hardy Field as the Brighton Township Bears Football and Cheerleaders bring live action. Hardy Field also hosts the Brighton Township Beaver Soccer Association playing games. Come out, catch a game, have a meal, and support our local youth.

Throughout the year the Parks and Recreation Board hosts events with new events coming up soon. Stay up to date with all the happenings by following the Board on Facebook at Brighton Twp. Parks & Rec Happenings



Leaf Waste Collection Program Returns This Fall

Collection Dates: Oct. 15 & 29, and Nov. 12 & 26

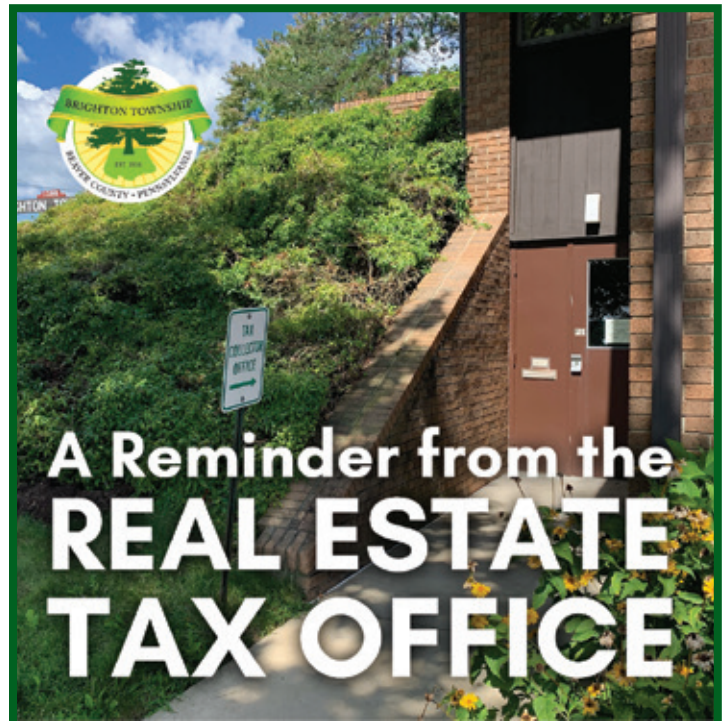
This fall the Township will provide a fee-based curbside collection program for leaf waste to comply with, and implement State regulations that mandate curbside recycling, including yard waste. The yard waste drop-off site will continue to operate on the same basis as it currently is and, therefore, participation in the curbside collection program is optional. Homeowners are encouraged to continue to use the drop-off site, or compost leaves in their own yards.

The collection of leaves and yard waste is a fee-based program whereby residents purchase biodegradable paper collection bags at a cost of \$2.00 each within which the leaves, garden residues, shrubbery clippings or tree trimmings must be placed. Bags must be placed at the curb on collection days to be designated. Bags will be pre-sold at the Municipal Building. Bags utilized must be purchased from the Township, and not be from another source, such as a home improvement store.



Two Mile Extension Entrance Improvement

The Township recently completed improvements to the entrance of Two Mile Run Park Extension located at 1250 Brighton Road, also the location of the Public Works site. The improvements include a small paved parking area and a new bathroom facility that was constructed by the employees of the Public Works Department. This park includes a paved walking trail that permits dogs on a leash, and a 9-hole par-35 disc golf course featuring 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. The park is open year-round.



The 2025 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 2025 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 2025 School Real Estate tax is due by October 31, 2025.

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.

Water Service during Vacation or Home Vacancy

Going away for an extended period of time? The Brighton Township Municipal Authority offers a service to have your water service shut off at the curb stop for homes that may be vacant for an extended period of time. A service fee of \$10.00 is charged for both the shut-off and turn-on; a total of \$20.00. No charges accrue to your account while your water is shut off.

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

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



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 snow storms or at night. Maneuvering a plow truck through parked traffic makes the job of the plow truck driver much more difficult.

- Township Ordinance regarding snow removal does prohibit parking, or allowing to be parked, any motor vehicle or other vehicle on any public street within the Township following the deposit or accumulation of ice or snow of 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.



Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI)

The U.S. EPA Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) are designed to further reduce the risk of lead exposure by implementing strict regulations regarding lead levels in drinking water. The rule requires public water suppliers to identify the construction materials of both the public and private sides of the water service connection and to notify customers if their service line contains lead, galvanized steel requiring replacement, or if the material of construction cannot be confirmed at this time.

Previously, customers were notified that the BTMA was actively working toward full compliance with the LCRI. As part of this effort, the BTMA completed its initial water service line inventory and submitted it to PaDEP and the U.S. EPA on October 16, 2024. Using historical BTMA documents and Beaver County Tax Assessment records, over 90% of the water system was classified as “non-lead” and was constructed with materials such as copper, HDPE, or PVC. While no lead lines have been identified to date, properties predating the historical records continue to be inspected by BTMA Operations Staff to ensure safety and accuracy of the inventory.

BTMA previously mailed over 2,900 notices to customers requesting assistance in identifying the materials used in construction of their water service lines, followed by over 250 additional mailings in November 2024 targeting customers identified as lead, galvanized steel requiring replacement, or with unknown service line material of construction. These efforts represent the BTMA's ongoing commitment to maintaining a comprehensive inventory of water service lines and provide transparency to all customers.

BTMA continues to proactively update its water service line inventory and encourages customers who have not yet submitted their water service line material form to contact Operations at 724-774-4800 to schedule an appointment or use the QR code provided below. Collecting this information is essential to ensure that BTMA remains in compliance with federal and state regulations. Although participation is currently voluntary, mandatory participation may be required in the future under U.S. EPA guidance.

Upcoming Mailer Notice

As part of BTMA's ongoing compliance efforts, another mailer will be sent by November 16, 2025, to customers with service lines currently identified as lead, galvanized steel requiring replacement, or lead status unknown. This notification fulfills the requirement to inform customers in these categories annually until the service line material is confirmed or the service line is replaced. Customers receiving this notice will be provided with instructions for submitting their water service line information and scheduling inspections, if necessary.

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. By continuing these efforts, the BTMA seeks to provide peace of mind to all residents regarding the safety of their water service lines.



We would like to thank BOY SCOUT TROOP 766 for their continued efforts to keep Brighton Township litter free. This summer the Troop completed another cleanup of Brighton Road, collecting and bagging litter and other debris along the road.

Join Us FOR THE JOURNEY!



Heritage Museum Launches Capital Campaign with “From Silver to Gold” Gala

The Beaver Area Heritage Museum’s recent “From Silver to Gold Gala” at Beaver Station launched a capital campaign for an exciting CSX Railroad caboose restoration and rail history center initiative and other important enhancements.

The caboose will be installed alongside the museum’s back loading dock. It will anchor a new rail, streetcar and trolley history exhibit to educate and inspire students and visitors of all ages. It also will serve as a destination for history and rail enthusiasts and tourists throughout the tri-state region.

Three community giants were honored at the Gala for their “Enduring Legacy” of support – Norman Mitry of Heritage Valley Health System, Rob Pratte of KDKA News Radio and Sam Spanos of the Spanos Group of Raymond James.

In their Gala remarks, Beaver resident Nicholas Raught spoke of his experience as an elementary school student who attended the museum

and log house field trips. Museum Chairman Mark Miner outlined the trustees’ vision for a higher arc of relevance in coming years. The trustees’ plans include transforming the Fort McIntosh site on River Road. When packaged with an all-new Fort Room at the museum, the fort can become a national tourist experience for scholars and buffs of the Revolutionary War, frontier forts and Native American Indians. The trustees will petition the Pentagon to formally recognize the fort as the first home of the standing U.S. Army.

The Fort Room would include an expanded display of fort artifacts from the archaeological digs of the 1970s. Michael Baker International experts are advising in this work.

The trustees aspire to use technology to aid future history-telling. This ranges from a digital scale model of the fort – and mobile apps for guided tours of the museum and fort – to an interface between the museum’s collections management software and online search engines.



Artist's rendering



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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.)

Police and Fire Departments Thank St. Barnabas for Their Support

The Brighton Township Police Department and the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Shop 'N Save and St. Barnabas for their generous financial support of our public safety personnel. Both the Brighton Township and Rochester Shop 'N Save stores make and collect donations for emergency service organizations that serve the communities the stores are located in. Donations were recently distributed to those organizations represented in the photograph:

Left to Right: Brian Hanne (Captain Brighton Township VFD), Mike Mamone III (Chief Rochester Fire Dept), Dawn Shane (Acting Chief Rochester Boro Police Dept), Howard Blinn (Chief, Brighton Township Police), Jarret Safran (Shop 'N Save), Brittany Kutchmark (Shop 'N Save), Steve Bailey (General Manager Medic Rescue)

