



BRIGHTON

SUMMER 2021 TOWN NEWSLETTER

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Supervisor's Message

William W. Moehle,
Town Supervisor



I don't think we have ever looked forward to spring and summer as much as we are this year. Just over a year ago, we entered COVID lockdown and we were forced

to learn a new way of living. At the same time, the Brighton Parks and Recreation Departments learned new ways of serving the needs of the community. As people looked to the outdoors as a safe haven, Brighton's parks and trails saw their heaviest usage ever. New regulations on sports and other activities also forced the Parks Department to follow new public health rules. Our park lodges have now reopened, with capacity limits. Basketball and other sports that were restricted or prohibited have resumed outdoors. Through it all, the Parks Department continued to maintain our parks and trails, and all Town parks and trails have remained open throughout the pandemic. We even opened a new grass trail in Buckland Park that has already proven to be very popular.

The Recreation Department faced similar challenges. Initially, all recreation programming was shut down, but the Department soon identified programming that could be provided on a remote basis. In particular we focused on remote senior programming, knowing that seniors were especially at risk, both to the virus and to isolation. Over time, more and more programs were held remotely and even certain in-person activities were resumed, masked and socially distanced, relying upon guidance from public health officials. Take-and-make activities proved particularly popular, and they will be continuing. All Parks and Recreation activities and rentals can be made online, but may continue to be subject to limitations and closures, depending on public health conditions.

One of the most popular summer programs, and one for which it is especially important to sign up early, is our Summer Day Camp. Your child can enjoy a wide variety of activities with friends, while you get some peace of mind while you work or a little down time for yourself. We will again operate our Summer Camps in full compliance with public health recommendations, but we promise they will be as much fun as ever! Please use our online registration portal at www.townofbrighton.org/rec to ensure your spot in the Summer Camp or any of your favorite programs.

The Brighton Farmers Market will open outdoors at Brighton High School early this season, on Sunday, April 11. Again this year, the Market will follow health guidance, and masks will be required for customers and vendors. We hope to be able to resume some of the features that make the Brighton Farmers Market the most popular Farmers Market in the area, as conditions continue to improve, but in any event, we will all enjoy another season of locally sourced food and products, and support local farmers and businesses who have been impacted by the pandemic.

We will hold our annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Brighton Veterans Memorial in Buckland Park to honor our veterans, particularly those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedoms, on Monday, May 31st. The public is invited to this outdoor ceremony to express their gratitude to our servicemen and women. During July and August, music lovers of all ages are invited to come out to the Bands at Buckland Park for our annual Tuesday night Summer Concert Series starting July 6th through August 10th. The concerts feature a wide variety of music, from the Brighton Symphony Orchestra to the reggae sounds of Noble Vibes.

This spring, although Brighton Clean Sweep has been cancelled (because the school facilities are not open to the public), we will hold other recycling and environmental events. April 24th

is our drive- thru Pharmaceutical Take Back Day, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Town Hall. Clean out your medicine cabinet and protect children, pets, and the watershed by turning in unneeded medications, which will be collected and safely incinerated at a licensed facility. Brighton's drive-thru electronics recycling and document shredding event will be held on Sunday, May 16th, from 9:00 am - Noon, at the Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Ave. There will also be a food drive held on May 8th. More information on each of these events is available at www.townofbrighton.org.

By the time you are reading this, we will have begun our lawn and garden debris pickup for the season. If possible, containerize your debris to ease pickup and keep our neighborhoods looking their best. If you have a large amount of lawn and garden debris after the winter, you may pile it on your lawn; not in the street. Debris left in the street becomes a safety hazard for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians alike, and can also clog storm drains, potentially causing street and basement flooding. If you hire a landscape company to do any of your lawn and yard work, please ask them to obtain a permit and transport debris directly to the Town landfill. Tree service companies MUST haul their debris to the landfill and must register with the Town. The Town does not pick up grass clippings; they should be left on your grass to enrich the soil, and we do not use pesticides or herbicides on Town property, except in emergency situations. We encourage our residents to consider doing the same, to help reduce the flow of pesticides into our watershed and to support butterflies, bees and other pollinators.

All spring and summer activities are subject to change, depending on COVID guidance. Please check the Town of Brighton webpage for updates at www.townofbrighton.org. We seem to be closer to a return to more normal activities, particularly for those who have been vaccinated. When you have the opportunity to be vaccinated, please do so. The vaccines protect you from the virus, but they also help protect your family, neighbors and friends, and the whole community.



SUMMER IS COMING SOON!

We are excited to look ahead to another great summer season filled with smiles and laughter. As we continually adapt to the pandemic, we expect that our summer programs will include a mix of online and in-person programs, hopefully with a shift toward an increase of in-person programs (while following strict health and safety guidelines).

We are finalizing plans for our Summer Camp Program and are confident that we will again provide the best possible in-person camp option for our families. Camp sizes will be determined by the state and local mandates in place at the start of summer. We realize this will make our program small, but we are committed to meeting your needs and keeping everyone safe.

Stay tuned to the Recreation Department website and Facebook page for upcoming announcements and details about the Summer Camp Program details.



TOWN OF BRIGHTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT Summer Program Update

All of our program offerings will continue to be featured ONLINE:

- Being virtual allows us the flexibility to make adjustments and customize our programs in an ongoing basis to continue to meet the needs of the community.
- Check our website often, as we will continue to add programs and events throughout the season.
- New programs and events will be communicated via the Town website, social media and email. Please help us share, and get the word out when something interests you!
- All in-person programs will follow strict health and safety protocols. Please see each program description for full details.

SUMMER REGISTRATION DATES:

Tuesday, April 13: Summer Camp Registration (Brighton Residents Only)

Tuesday, May 4: Resident Registration, All Programs

Tuesday, May 18: Non-Resident Registration, All Programs

We hope to see you either online or in-person soon!

As we continue to work on other upcoming community and family events, all the details will be posted on the Recreation Department webpage (www.townofbrighton.org/rec) and Facebook page

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Although our in-person drop-in programs and Senior activities are still on hold due to COVID-19, remember that you can join us online. Now more than ever, it's important to find ways to stay safely connected. Catch up with us at our Weekly Tuesday Lunch Bunch on Zoom! If you can e-mail, you can tune in with video on Zoom. If you can make a phone call, you can "audio-only" Zoom. It's not too difficult, and we promise you will leave the chat with a smile! Please contact the Recreation Office for details on joining us at (585) 784-5260 x0.

GRAB-N-GO MEALS

We are glad to continue our partnership with the Monroe County Office for the Aging Grab-N-Go meal program. Pre-ordered bagged meals are available to individuals 60 and over. After pre-ordering, meals are picked up on Wednesdays in a contactless drive-thru fashion at our Senior Center. For full program details, and to place your order call (585) 784-5260 x0 and leave your name and phone number so we can contact you.

Recreation Office contact information: (585) 784-5260 x0 or brighton.recreation@townofbrighton.org.

Hiring SUMMER CAMP STAFF!

We're looking for outgoing and outstanding individuals to join us for a fun summer! Must be available June 28 - August 13 for camp. No vacation time permitted. Hiring for camp counselors and directors!

For more information and to apply, please contact Michele at 784-5261 or michele.patterson@townofbrighton.org.



List of Senior Resources

Eldersource Care Management/NY Connects

(Hotline through partnership with Lifespan & Monroe County Office of the Aging)

Case Management & Support (585) 325-2800

See also www.lifespan-roch.org/resource-lists

Brighton Food Cupboard

Food Related Support in Brighton & surrounding zip codes

(585) 736-4526

Meals on Wheels

URMC Meal Delivery Service

(Fresh meals available each weekday)

(585) 787-8397

www.urmc.rochester.edu/home-care/meals-on-wheels.aspx (Online apply available)

Lifeline Mental Health Emergency Hotline

(585) 275-5151

NYS Mental Health Hotline

Free Emotional Support

(844) 863-9314

Assessor's News

Susan Wentworth, Town Assessor

2021 Tentative Assessment Roll To Be Filed

Formal Grievance Opportunity In May

The Town's 2021 Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed by May 1, 2021 and will be available to view on the Town website - www.townofbrighton.org. Any property owner who is not satisfied with their assessment may take advantage of the annual grievance process. Grievance Applications (RP-524) will be available in the Police Department lobby on May 1, 2021 and on the Town website. The RP-524 application must be filed with the assessor on or before Grievance Day: May 25, 2021.

Completed Grievance Applications should be placed in the outdoor drop box located in the back of Town Hall between doors 8 and 9, beginning on May 1, 2021 through May 25, 2021 at 8 PM.

A completed Grievance Application must include supporting documentation such as recent comparable sales, interior/exterior photos and/or a recent appraisal.

If you have questions, please call (585) 784-5215.

Message From The Chief

David Catholdi, Police Chief

The spring and summer months are a great time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. I hope that we, as a department, will be able to continue our community engagement efforts this summer if the pandemic begins to subside. I look forward to the reopening of the Brighton Farmers Market, particularly because it is a great place for us to engage with the community.

With the warmer months approaching, please drive with caution as children will be out and about playing in the neighborhoods. The pandemic certainly has had an impact on traffic patterns and we will continue addressing traffic concerns as they arise.

This year we are redesigning the Brighton Police Department Annual Report. We currently chart data that includes crime type, day of week and time of occurrence, and we provide data for the previous five years. At the request of the community, and in the interest of transparency, we are including more data about your Police Department in the report. All of this information is available for you to review in the Brighton Police Department 2020 Annual Report, which can be found (along with prior years' reports) on the Police pages on the Town of Brighton website, www.townofbrighton.org.

I continue to look for ways to engage with the community, either by our dedicated staff or me personally, so if you have an idea please contact me directly.

If you have a concern about your neighborhood or some other area in Town, I want to hear from you. You can reach me at (585) 784-5101 or david.catholdi@townofbrighton.org.

BRIGHTON MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Monday, May 31

Veterans Memorial Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Rd.

Please join us for a brief ceremony to remember the servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. Visit www.townofbrighton.org for complete details.





PHARMACEUTICAL Take-Back Event

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24
FROM 10 AM - 2 PM**

Town Hall parking lot, 2300
Elmwood Ave.

Bring your unwanted over-the-counter and prescription drugs to the Police Department's take-back event.

Electronics Recycling & Secure Document Shredding Event

**SUNDAY, MAY 16 FROM
9 AM - NOON**

Highway Department, 1941
Elmwood Ave.

Sorry, no TVs! See what you can recycle at www.maventech.com/recycling-answers.

NOTE: Both events will be drive-thru to minimize contact with others. Please wear a mask. Place your items in your trunk or backseat so masked volunteers can remove them efficiently and keep the line moving.



CONVERSATION WITH THE Town Clerk

Daniel Aman, Town Clerk

As we all dealt with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic last summer, many Brightonians replaced summer barbecues and hanging out with friends by welcoming new furry companions into their lives.



New York State Agriculture and Markets Law [Article 7, Section 109] requires that all dogs living in New York State be licensed upon reaching four months of age. These licenses are required to be renewed annually by the municipality, which in our case is the Town Clerk's Office.

License Fees are \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs, \$20 for unaltered dogs. If their human has reached the age of 65, the fees drop to \$7 and \$15.

As the pandemic has dragged on, I have been trying to find ways to reinvent how we process the various transactions here in the Clerk's Office. Residents are now able to register new dogs through our website: <https://www.townofbrighton.org/doglicenses>. Dog owners will need to upload a PDF or JPG of the rabies certificate and spay/neuter certificate (if applicable), after which we will follow up with a phone call to collect payment and mail the license tag. In addition, please visit the website if you have an updated rabies certificate, have turned 65, or your dog has moved or passed away.

Brighton Town Code requires that the identification tag shall be affixed to a collar on the dog at all times.

The Monroe County Dog Parks require a Town license in order to register and enjoy any of the five parks across the County, so be sure to you get your license renewal taken care of before you pick up your pass for 2021!



JOIN OUR COMMUNITY Solar Program

Save an additional 5% on your electric bill. Your sun powered energy will come from solar farms in NY, and for every new customer, the Town will receive \$50 to use on a sustainable project. Call Source Power at (833) 227-6367 to join or go online at cca.sourcepowerco.com.

Did You Know? Brighton's YouTube channel is a great place for information. You can watch our March 16 webinar on Brighton's Police Reform Plan, which was crafted as part of the state's Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative; listen to Supervisor Moehle's 2021 State of the Town address; learn more about Community Choice Aggregation from our 2020 information sessions; see Town Board meetings and more.

Bands at Buckland Concert Series

Bring a blanket or lawn chair, plus dinner, and enjoy performances in the Pavilion at Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Road. We have music that will get you up and moving! Concerts are FREE to the public. Join us every Tuesday for six great weeks. Contact the Recreation Department at (585) 784-5260 with questions.

TUESDAYS, 6:30PM - 8:00 PM

BUCKLAND PARK, 1341 WESTFALL RD.

July 6	Brighton Symphony Orchestra	Symphonic
July 13	Mambo Kings	Latin Jazz Quintet
July 20	The Klick	Funk, Pop, Soul, R&B
July 27	Noble Vibes	Reggae
<i>Presented by ESL Federal Credit Union</i>		
August 3	Hanna PK Band	Blues, Swing, Boogie Woogie
August 10	8 Days A Week	Beatles

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2021 APRIL-DECEMBER

The Brighton Farmers Market will soon be open for the summer at the Brighton High School parking lot. This year the market opens on April 11 for an early season, with vendors bringing early spring produce and plants. The early season will be held from April 11 through May 2 with shorter hours: 10 am to noon. The main season will run from May 9 through November 21 with the usual hours of 9 am to 1 pm and a late season will run from November 28 through December 19 from 10 am to noon.

Last year's challenges highlighted the importance of a strong local food system, and the market's farmers and producers were grateful for the strong support shown by the community. Vendors are already planning for the new season and will offer an abundance of high quality and sustainably produced local goods, including vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants, meat, eggs, baked goods, and

much more. The market continues to prioritize the health and safety of the vendors and customers; masks and social distancing will again be required. As always, the market welcomes SNAP customers and will be offering the SNAP bonus program again this year.

Market updates can be found at www.brightonfarmersmarket.org and on Facebook and Instagram. The Farmers Market is sponsored by the Town of Brighton.



**FACEMASKS AND
SOCIAL DISTANCING
GUIDELINES MUST BE
FOLLOWED**

Every Sunday

**APRIL 11 TO MAY 2,
10AM-NOON**

**MAY 9 TO NOV. 21,
9AM -1PM**

**NOV. 28 TO DEC. 19,
10AM-NOON**

**BRIGHTON HIGH
SCHOOL PARKING LOT**

EBT/SNAP and WIC welcome! Ask about SNAP bonus program.

www.brightonfarmersmarket.org

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It's That Time Again

2021 YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION TO BEGIN ON APRIL 12TH



When the Town of Brighton begins our yard debris collection program you know it's a sure sign that blue skies and warmer weather are on the way.

This year, the Highway Department will begin the annual collection of brush and garden debris on April 12th. The bulk and containerized yard debris collection schedule can be viewed at <https://www.townofbrighton.org/516/Leaf-and-Yard-Debris-Collection>. Please understand that the yard debris schedule is greatly influenced by the weather and the amount of debris encountered during collection. Therefore, the yard debris collection schedule is adjusted daily to reflect our crews' progress. During normal operating conditions, bulk debris collection requires 7 - 10 working days to complete a pass through Town. During times of heavy volume, (spring debris and fall leaf collection) a complete pass through Town may require 15 - 20 working days. Containerized collection takes the Town 5 - 7 working days to complete a pass through Town during normal conditions. During periods of high volume, a complete pass through Town may require 10 - 15 working days.

As our hardworking women and men make their way through Town, here are a few helpful reminders that will help keep our crews on schedule:

- Grass clippings **will not** be collected. The Town of Brighton has a grass-recycling program that encourages residents to either compost their clippings or simply leave them on the lawn. Brighton residents may drop off grass clippings for composting at the Highway Department, which is located at 1941 Elmwood Avenue.
- Small piles of yard debris or brush must be placed in acceptable containers for a quick, clean pickup. Containers must weigh no more than 50 lbs. and/or be no larger than 32 gallons in size. Small loose piles will not be collected.
- Please place brush and garden debris at the curb in containers or paper bags - **not in plastic bags** - or in a neatly stacked pile, no more than eight feet long, and free of sod, dirt, or construction debris. Multiple piles of brush must be separated.
- Place lawn and garden debris along your property frontage between the sidewalk and the edge of the pavement. If there is no sidewalk, lawn and garden debris must be placed on the lawn area along the edge of pavement within the Town right of way. Do not place any debris piles or containers onto the roadway, shoulders or gutters as it creates a **safety hazard** for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists and is also a violation of NYS Highway and NYS Vehicle & Traffic law.
- Yard and garden debris shall not be placed adjacent to and/or behind obstacles such as: trees, decorative rocks, garbage/recycling totes, utility poles and their guy wires, retaining walls, mailboxes, fire hydrants, light poles, etc. Yard and garden debris shall not be placed in ditches, block culverts and/or driveways. Decorative rocks may be damaged or accidentally removed if covered by yard and garden debris. The Town is not responsible for damage to or replacement of decorative rocks if they are covered by yard and garden debris.
- Do not mix household refuse with yard waste.
- Bulk yard debris is to be separate from bulk leaf piles.

The Town will **NOT** collect material generated by a paid professional for special projects, such as extensive tree trimming, tree removal, etc. The Town Highway Department will notify residents that the debris will not be collected and it will be the property owner's responsibility to dispose of debris from special projects.

Tree service providers must be registered with the Town of Brighton.

Paid professionals may obtain a permit to use the Town of Brighton Yard Debris Processing Facility to dispose of tree and/or yard and garden debris. The Town will, however, collect materials which are a part of your routine yard maintenance.

Remember that wood chips are available at the Town of Brighton's Highway Department. Residents need to bring their own container.

For more information, call the Highway Department at 784-5280 or check out the Town's website at www.townofbrighton.org for daily location updates of yard debris collection.

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Work Within The Highway Right-Of- Way

The Department of Public Works would like to remind Brighton residents and business owners that all work done within the Town's Right-of-Way requires a permit.

Section 166-21 of the Brighton Town Code states that, "No person or corporation shall open, disturb or work within, erect fences or structures, plant trees within or cause to be opened or disturbed by cutting, missing, boring, digging, resurfacing or excavating the soil, pavement or sidewalk within any street, sidewalk or right of way, for any purpose whatever, without having secured a permit to perform such work."

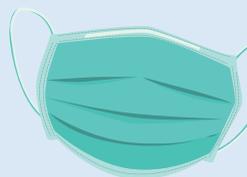
If you would like additional information, you may obtain a copy of the Brighton Highway Access Guidelines at the Department of Public Works or at the Highway Department. Permit forms and fee schedule can be obtained at the Department of Public Works or Highway Department offices located at 1941 Elmwood Ave. They also can be downloaded from the Town's website at www.townofbrighton.org/highway.

Brighton Memorial Library

AVAILABLE SERVICES

***CURRENT HOURS: 10AM - 5PM MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS ·
10AM - 8PM WEDNESDAYS · 12:00PM-3:30PM SATURDAYS (UNTIL JUNE 15) ·
1PM-4PM SUNDAYS (STARTING JUNE 20)** *Hours are subject to change

- Masks required at all times
- Curbside pickup is still available
- Screening and temperature check required to enter the library
- Quick browse and borrow visits only
- Returned items are quarantined for at least 72 hours.



The Brighton Memorial Library continues to offer a variety of programs for all ages, including teen and adult Zoom book discussions, technology classes, BSI (Books Sandwiched In) video reviews, and more. Program listings can be found on our website at www.brightonlibrary.org and on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Plus, you can still enjoy our materials without having to enter the library by using curbside pickup. Call us at (585) 784-5300 or log onto www.brightonlibrary.org/curbside-pickup to place an order and schedule a pickup time.