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**City of Brighton Residents Get Expanded Recreation Opportunities
Through New Collaboration with Brighton Area Schools**

One chapter ends and another begins for City residents on July 1, 2016 with a new recreation collaboration beginning with Brighton Area Schools (BAS). After rising costs and concerns about recreation services provided through SELCRA, the City of Brighton, along with Genoa Township, provided notice of their intent to withdraw from SELCRA effective June 30, 2016. SELCRA programs will still be available to city residents at the non-member rate. The City's membership fee to SELCRA will be directed towards other priorities.

Beginning in the Fall, residents will have access to expanded recreation and community education offerings through BAS. Offerings will include a variety of youth sports and enrichment programs and will be available to anyone. Pricing will be competitive and at the same rate for all participants, both within and outside the school district. Residents will see all BAS offerings in its fall Community Education catalog expected to be mailed late August. Residents should also note rental and reservations of the Brighton Community Center, formerly handled by SELCRA, will also be handled by BAS effective July 1.

According to Mayor Jim Muzzin, "Our new collaboration with BAS provides a great value to our residents by providing high-quality recreation programs at a competitive price point, while eliminating the annual cost to the City's general fund. At a time when the City is looking for resources to direct towards long deferred infrastructure improvements, this new arrangement is a win for the City, a win for our taxpayers, and a win for our schools."

What does this mean for City Residents?

- Expanded sports and recreational offerings through BAS
- Continued access to SELCRA programs at the non-member rate
- General Fund Dollars directed towards other priorities
- Brighton Community Center Rentals/Reservations will be handled by BAS

BAS Recreation director Ken Grybel said "Brighton Area Schools is excited to be involved in ways to enhance the recreational needs of our community. We are looking forward to creating new and exciting programming that links seamlessly with all of our user groups. This is an exciting opportunity to partner with our municipalities to maximize the resources that are available to us."

For more information about programs offered through BAS, or to schedule use of the Brighton Community Center, contact Brighton Area Community Education at 810-299-4130.

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