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Operation Our Town Reporter

a monthly newsletter *by our volunteers to our volunteers about*
our fight against drugs and crime in Central PA

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Committed Businesses:

American Eagle Paper Mills
Folcarelli Supply
Grainger Industrial Supply
Norfolk-Southern Foundation
Small Tube Products

January Steering Committee Notes

Faith-based Roundtable

- Rev. Evie Madison reported that they are still working to have churches register their outreach services in the 211 directory. The Nehemiah Project is also working on a database of churches.

Law Enforcement Roundtable

- Randy Feathers reported that their main goal in 2012 is to get the Neighborhood Watch Program started again in the county with the help of the grant that was awarded to Dr. Mike Dillon and Dr. Kay Meyers.
- There has been influence in stopping/slowing the Blizzard problem because of the Blizzard video that was made and shown to all Blair County schools, the public forum that was held in March 2011 to educate on the dangers of it, and the legislation that was passed to ban the sale of it.
- He also said that meth is not as big of a problem currently, due in part to the meth training that was held in February 2011 for Blair County law enforcement.

Marketing Roundtable

- JR DiAndrea reported that they are working on 2012 messaging for the billboards and Amtran bus. They are also working on redesigning the OOT website.
- The radio series will continue at Forever Broadcasting for upcoming events.
- They are continuing the Cable Access Show and have already completed the first show of 2012 that features high school students. The show is running in January and February on Tuesdays at 9pm and Saturdays at 11am.
- The next Cable Access Show will be on the topic of prescription drug abuse. It will run in March and April on Tuesdays at 9 pm and Saturdays at 11 am.

Gang Roundtable

- Todd Negola reported that they were also featured on a Cable Access Show that aired in the spring of 2011 about Crime Clean-up Day.
- They would like to do another 3-day gang symposium again in Altoona.
- They are going to move the Crime Clean-up Day to September. It was reported that graffiti has been popping up again on businesses.

Next meeting: March 19th, 2012 at the Operation Our Town Office

Mission

Facilitating partnerships between community and business to fight drug use and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention techniques.

Our Partners & Friends

Blair Countians for Drug Free Communities

Crime Solvers of Blair County

Pennsylvania Gang Investigators Association

United Way of Blair County

One of the things I keep learning is that the secret of being happy is doing things for other people.

- Dick Gregory

[CLICK HERE to register as an Operation Our Town Volunteer](#)



To serve on an Operation Our Town Roundtable, to become a Committed Business or to make a tax-deductible donation, contact Shawna Hoover by email or call 814-296-8730.

Upcoming Operation Our Town & Partner Meetings and Events

Weekly

Wednesday's	HOPE Support Group Meeting	7:00 pm	Crossroads in Altoona
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Month of February

2/6	Booker T. Washington Meeting	4:00 pm	Blair Co. Community Action Agency
2/8	Northern Blair RT	7:00 am	Bull Pen Restaurant
2/9	OOT Chamber Breakfast	7:45 am	Casino
2/15	Crime Solvers	8:00 am	WTAJ
2/15	Marketing RT	4:00 pm	OOT Office
2/16	Pharmacy RT	7:15 am	OOT Office
2/16	CJAB RT	11:45 am	Blair County Courthouse
2/16	Faith-Based RT	2:00 pm	Pleasant Valley Assembly of God
2/16	K-12 Education RT	3:30 pm	Bellwood-Antis District Offices
2/25	Community Classic Dinner	6:00 pm	Bavarian Hall
Tuesday's	Issues Affecting Teens	9:00 pm	Local Access Channel 14
Saturday's	Issues Affecting Teens	11:00 am	Local Access Channel 14

Month of March

3/3	Bellwood-Antis Family Health & Safety Fair	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Bellwood-Antis Public Library
Tuesday's	Prescription Drug Abuse	9:00 pm	Local Access Channel 14
Saturday's	Prescription Drug Abuse	11:00 am	Local Access Channel 14

***OOT Meetings: For more information about Operation Our Town meetings, contact Shawna Hoover at oot@lsfiore.com or call 296-8730.**

Operation Our Town is pleased to announce the grant recipients from the Fall 2011 grant cycle. We appreciate all the hard work these programs do and their dedication to Operation Our Town's mission to fight drugs and crime. The recipients are:

- Altoona Area Christian Coalition: Hope for the Future - Youth Day
- Altoona Area School District: Project SOAR (Study, Overcome, Achieve, Reward)
- Central Blair County Recreation & Park Commission: Summer Rocks Playground Program
- Child Advocates of Blair County: Blair County Head Start
- Claysburg-Kimmel Cares: Strengthening Families 10-14
- Family Resource Center: Parents as Teachers/Infant Parenting Group
- Garver Memorial YMCA: YMCA Afterschool Program
- Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation: After School Program
- Joshua House, Inc.: Joshua House Community Center
- The ROCK (Reaching Out to Community Kids): After School Program
- The Beacon of Blair County Foundation CPCF: The Beacon

Operation Our Town will begin accepting applications on May 14 for its only grant cycle of 2012, with a June 29 deadline for applications. Up to \$80,000 will be available during this grant cycle for proven prevention and treatment programs. All nonprofit organizations, schools and government agencies are eligible to apply. Grant applications may be downloaded from OperationOurTown.org.

Upcoming Events

Operation Our Town
Chamber Breakfast
2011 Year in Review

Thursday,
February 9th

7:45 a.m.

Casino at Lakemont

Operation Our Town
Volunteers Needed!
Call 296-8730

Community
Classic Dinner

Saturday,
February 25th

6:00 pm

Bavarian Hall

For more info call
814-949-2231
or visit cbrcparks.org

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Volunteers Needed!
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Bellwood-Antis
Family Health
& Safety Fair

Saturday,
March 3rd

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Bellwood-Antis
Public Library

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Family Fun Blast

Saturday,
April 14th

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tyrone Area
High School

Community Classic Dinner and Benefit Auction

Saturday, February 25, 2012

The Bavarian Hall

6:00 P.M.

Presenting the 2012 Respected Citizen
Award to

Thomas A. Irwin Jr.

Former Bishop Guilfoyle High School
Head Football Coach



Featuring Guest Speaker

Adam Taliaferro
Former Penn State Cornerback

Cost: \$30.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission Office
2101 Fifth Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602

For more info call: (814) 949-2231 or visit our website www.cbrcparks.org

Proceeds benefit the Booker T. Washington Revitalization Project and the CBRC Scholarship Fund



Operation Our Town Address Change

As of February 1st 2012, Operation Our Town will be using a new mailing address. The location of our office has not changed. We will no longer be using our previous PO Box. Please update your records with the address below:

Operation Our Town
5508 6th Avenue, rear
Altoona, PA 16602



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