



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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September Steering Committee Notes

- **Faith-based Roundtable** - Rev. Evie Madison reported that the roundtable had a luncheon in May for clergy on how to access services in Blair County. From that luncheon, the clergy realized that the churches should coordinate their resources so that they're not duplicating services to the same people. Ruth Donahue from Interfaith Human Services located in State College spoke to the roundtable about how their organization works to coordinate services. The Faith-based RT will be inviting people from the May luncheon to the roundtable meeting in October to discuss how they can move forward to coordinate resources. The roundtable meets in a variety of locations, primarily in Altoona, but has representation from other areas of the county.
- **Retail Roundtable** - Jo Ann Nardelli reported to Shawna that she coordinated the Mirror Moms back to school event that was held on August 19th at the Logan Valley Mall. Three Logan Township officers helped to fingerprint over 125 kids. They also gave out 20 yard signs and lots of materials.
- **Gang Roundtable** - Todd Negola reported that 75 people attended the gang symposium in August and received an 8.9 out of 10 rating from attendees. The symposium went well but has room for improvement for next year such as partnering with organizations, vendors, and media.
- **Marketing Roundtable** - Randy Feathers and JR DiAndrea created an informational and hard hitting Blizzard video. It will be played on the Public Access Channel in October on Tuesday's at 9:00 pm and Wednesday's at 11:00 am. The video is available to watch on YouTube and is posted on Operation Our Town's Facebook page through the following links in two parts:
1 of 2: <http://youtu.be/xfX22ULn6TM> 2 of 2: <http://youtu.be/anxN1L6Yxos>
- **K-12 Education Roundtable** - Brian Toth reported that he already showed the Blizzard video in the Bellwood-Antis schools. He will be distributing it to the other superintendents at their next meeting.
- **CJAB/Judicial Roundtable** - The Honorable Jolene Kopriva, Blair County Children, Youth & Families and Blair County Juvenile Probation invite you to participate in an informative day-long session focused on helping our community achieve safe homes, ensuring healthy children and promoting strong families. Save the date Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Blair County Convention Center for the "Strengthening Families Summit". Permanency Practices will include: The Impact of Grief & Loss, Family Group Decision Making, Family Development Credentialing, Fatherhood Initiative, and Visit Coaching. Come learn how these initiatives can assist in your daily interactions with families whether you are the police officer on the street, the teacher in the classroom, the social worker in the field, the medical professional in the hospital, or the attorney in the courtroom. CEU's (including Act 48) and CLE's have been applied for regarding this session. Cost of attending is \$10.00 per person. Additional information will be provided at a later date. Immediate questions may be directed to Blair County Children, Youth & Families at 814-693-3130.

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](#)

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

-Ami Carmichael

[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 October

10/8	Fall Festival	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Evergreen Manors
10/11	Booker T. Washington Meeting	4:00 pm	Blair Co. Community Action Center
10/12	Northern Blair RT	7:00 am	Bull Pen Restaurant
10/13	Pharmacy RT	7:15 am	OOT Office
10/15	6th Annual Pumpkin Festival	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Allegheny Street Hollidaysburg
10/19	Crime Solvers	8:00 am	WTAJ
10/19	Marketing RT	4:00 pm	OOT Office
10/20	CJAB RT	11:45 am	Blair County Courthouse
10/20	Faith-Based RT	2:00 pm	2nd Ave United Methodist Church
10/29	Prescription Drug Take-Back Day	10:00 am to 2:00 pm	Mainline Medical Associates
Tuesday's	OOT Video Blizzard	9:00 pm	Local Access Channel 14
Wednesday's	OOT Video Blizzard	11:00 am	Local Access Channel 14
Friday's	OOT Board	6:00 pm	Local Access Channel 14
Saturday's	OOT Board	11:00 am	Local Access Channel 14

Recognize 2011 Red Ribbon Week - BE DRUG-FREE! - October 22nd to 30th

Month of November

Friday's	OOT Board	6:00 pm	Local Access Channel 14
Saturday's	OOT Board	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.

Marketing Roundtable Request

The Operation Our Town Marketing Roundtable is recruiting new members to join our roundtable!

If you have a background in marketing or sales and can volunteer your time, then we would love to have you help us further the efforts of Operation Our Town.

If you are interested, please contact Shawna Hoover at 296-8730 or oot@lsfiore.com to provide us with additional information.

Upcoming Events

Saturday October 8th

Fall Festival

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Evergreen Manors

**Operation
Our Town
Volunteers
Needed!
Call 296-8730**

Saturday October 15th

**6th Annual
Pumpkin Festival**

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Allegheny Street
Between Montgomery
& Union Streets
Hollidaysburg**

**Operation Our Town
Volunteers Needed!
Email OOT2@lsfiore.com**

**Prescription Drug
Take-Back Day**

**Saturday,
October 29th 2011
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Mainline Medical
Associates - Altoona**

**More Information
Coming Soon!**



RED RIBBON WEEK

**October 22nd to 30th, 2011
Choose to Be Drug-Free!**

Altoona Area 3rd Quarter Crime Statistics

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Drug Sale/Mfg-Opium/Cocaine	2	4	3
Drug Sale/Mfg-Marijuana	3	5	0
Drug Sale/Mfg-Synthetic	0	1	0
Drug Sale/Mfg-Other	1	3	0
Drug Possession-Opium/Cocaine	1	0	0
Drug Possession-Marijuana	5	23	0
Drug Possession-Synthetic	0	2	2
Drug Possession-Other	6	4	1
DUI	31	23	6

Push Out the Pusher 3rd Quarter Statistics

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	Total 3rd Quarter Calls:
Voicemail	76	118	54	
Live	37	32	21	
Total	113	150	75	338

OOT On Facebook!



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Please like our page to stay updated on news, events,
and volunteer opportunities. You can find us at
www.facebook.com/operation-our-town. Thank you!