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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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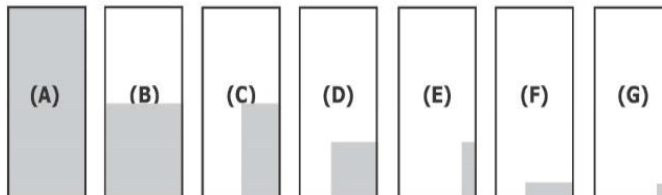
Our Town Times 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



**Distributed at the Annual Blair County Chamber
 Operation Our Town Breakfast and throughout the
 year to local business and community organizations!**
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PRIDE!

The 2019 Annual Report will provide an update to readers from this past calendar year. We will hear from law enforcement, healthcare professionals, business leaders and others from our community on the struggle with opioid drugs and methamphetamines. Get the inside scoop from Operation Our Town Roundtables on their projects and efforts to help keep our community safe!

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To facilitate partnerships between community and business to fight drug abuse and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention techniques.



REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY
PUSH OUT THE PUSHER

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Honor the Badge



PA 2-1-1 is a comprehensive database that includes information about health & human services.

PA 2-1-1 can be accessed by phone 24/7 or the web at:

<https://pa211central.info>

Upcoming Operation Our Town & Partner Meetings and Events

Weekly

Wednesday's	HOPE Support Group Meeting	5:30-7:30pm	Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships
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Monthly

2nd Saturday of every month	Breaking the Chains Recovery Service	7:00pm	Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
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Month of December

12/4	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Bull Pen Restaurant
12/6	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair County Chamber
12/6	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Al's Tavern
12/19	Blair Co. Crime Solvers meeting	8:00am	WTAJ



Pictured from left to right: Joe Meadows (Partner, The Meadows Original Frozen Custard of Hollidaysburg), Cullen Lloyd (Essay Contest Winner), Barb Harpster (Media Consultant, Altoona Mirror), Fred Imler Sr. (President, Imler's Poultry)

Altoona Mirror & Operation Our Town Essay Contest Winner

Congratulations to **Cullen Lloyd** from Martinsburg (8th grade, homeschool) whose essay was chosen out of 509 entries as the winner of the Altoona Mirror and Operation Our Town Essay Contest!

Cullen received \$250 in gift cards to The Meadows Original Frozen Custard in Hollidaysburg. Co-sponsors of the Essay Contest were the Altoona Mirror, Imler's Poultry, and The Meadows Original Frozen Custard in Hollidaysburg.

To view Cullen's essay on why being drug & alcohol free is important to a student's success, click on the link below:

<http://www.operationourtown.org/essay-contest-winner>

Community Events

Holiday Party & Santa

Saturday,
December 8, 2018

11:30am - 1:30pm

Blair Regional
YMCA

Free Movie Showing of "The Star"

Friday,
December 28, 2018

Joshua House,
Tyrone

Doors open - 6:00pm
Movie - 6:30pm

In partnership with
Blair DAP

Hollidaysburg Police Department Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday,
January 2, 2019

6:00-8:00pm

Allegheny
Creamery &
Crepes



Tyrone Borough Police K-9 PROGRAM

Establishing a K-9 Unit is
expensive. Estimate of projected
startup costs per canine team:

\$25,000

This amount includes:

- Cost of Canine
- Cost of handler/training
- Police Service Canine Kit
- Patrol car changes for canine

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814-684-1365

HOW YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION CAN HELP!

It takes a special dog with the right personality and learning capability to serve alongside police officers. Police dogs perform a variety of different tasks within the law enforcement department like catching criminals, sniffing out drugs, and rescuing people trapped under debris. The Tyrone canine will be a dual-purpose canine, doing both drug detection and patrol duties with its handler.

Officers and their canine partners team together with the community to prevent and deter unlawful activities that leave our citizens and business owners victimized. They also serve as ambassadors to strengthen public relations and opinions of the local law enforcement community. Much of the project work is complete, though we are left with a few rather large hurdles before us, the largest of which is the question of how to finance the program.

DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AT:

Tyrone Borough
1100 Logan Avenue
Tyrone, PA 16686

Checks made payable to: Tyrone Borough/ K-9 Fund



ONLINE DONATIONS CAN BE MADE
THROUGH OUR GOFUNDME PAGE ON
OPERATIONOURTOWN.ORG

2018-2019 Grant Recipient Highlight: The Nehemiah Project's The Wright Place For Kids

By Nicholas Gordon, PMSC AmeriCorps
Member with Operation Our Town



Lately, people are becoming interested in the new endeavors and the growth taking place in downtown Altoona. What many may not know, however, is that only a few blocks away something equally as fascinating is taking place. With a grand vision and enough capital to launch the process, The Nehemiah Project closed back in April on the building that formerly housed Wright Elementary School.

Community wellness has always been a primary concern for The Nehemiah Project. As a faith-based nonprofit organization, they want to share the gift and love they have received with others and watch our city flourish. Since the school building has plenty of extra real estate to work with, TNP has already begun developing community-driven partnerships, as they continue to invest in the lives of people in the surrounding neighborhoods.

To address one of these partnerships, John Seely of Empowering Lives Foundation and First Frontier Community Kitchen has utilized the facility, extending his impact and mission to empower people by helping them discover their purpose and develop their talents. As the space continues to grow, more partners are encouraged to take root there and align with TNP's mission. Building faith, families, and futures defines what they hope to accomplish.

Back in October, I had the great privilege to attend the grand opening and name reveal for The Wright Place for Kids. Despite inclement

weather, the event saw an amazing turnout. Families came from around the area for a time of fun and fellowship. TNP utilized a bounce house, grill, tables, and chairs that were funded by Operation Our Town through our grant cycle.

Alongside the grand opening and name reveal, TNP also had their ribbon cutting for the building. Mayor Matt Pacifico, Matt Stuckey, as well as others who are involved in the project joined together to celebrate the launch and kick off the festivities. Seeing individuals and local organizations come together to invest in this community was an awesome experience.



If you'd like to learn more about this project, or how you can become involved, please email Peter Joudry (pjoudry@tnppa.org) or Bethany Stanton (bstanton@tnppa.org) for more details and information. As time passes, you can stay tuned for updates on the project by following them on Facebook. Operation Our Town is excited to see the outcome of their endeavors.

