

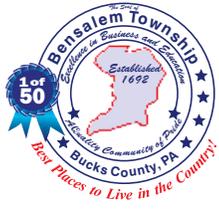
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# Around Town

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTERS



Fall 2016  
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# BENSALEM

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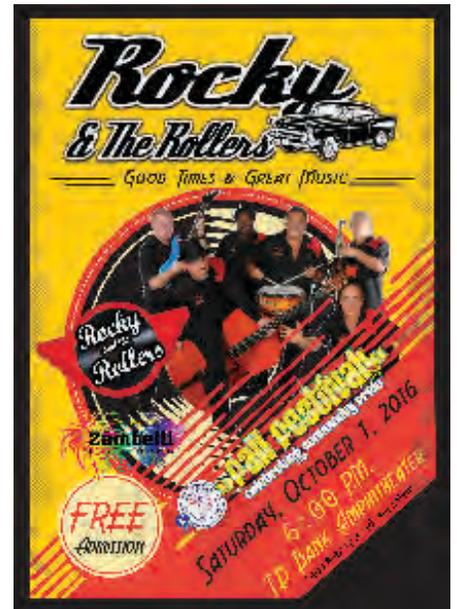
Bensalem Township has diverse residents and a diverse culture, almost 61,000 in a 21 square mile radius. The Municipal Building is located at 2400 Byberry Road and houses both the Mayor's offices as well as the State Accredited Bensalem Police Department, the largest police department in Bucks County. We have a strong business community, beautiful neighborhoods, 28 active and passive parks, which include our larger parks known as Bensalem Community Park, Bensalem Firefighters Park and Bensalem Central Park, the Home of the popular and award winning TD Bank Amphitheater!

This time of year, Bensalem Township anticipates our annual Festival known as "Bensalem Fall Festival, Celebrate Community Pride" (aka Pride Day). It is my hope you and your family will join us on Saturday, October 1st (rain date Sunday October 2nd) for our second to none, all day event. Food, all-day entertainment, amusements, business & craft vendor ally, evening concert and then the most fantastic fireworks! There is no parking on the venue, free transportation is provided by bus from the Bensalem High School and handicapped parking and transportation is provided from the Bensalem Senior Center. Gates open at 11:00 A.M.

I hope you will be able to attend this once a year event. It's a day of fun with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo



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## BENSALEM INSTALLS PATRIOTIC MAILBOX TO ASSIST IN PROPER RETIREMENT OF AMERICAN FLAGS

There's a saying in life, "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" (Charles Caleb Colton). Mayor DiGirolamo while driving through the quaint town of Lambertville, NJ, noticed a mailbox painted, red, white and blue and stopped to investigate.

"I love anything which depicts the patriotism of the United States", said Mayor DiGirolamo. The former US Postal Service Mailbox was converted into a repository for American Flags. "I knew in a heartbeat, we were going to do this for Bensalem", said DiGirolamo.

Within weeks, and with the talents of our Public Works Department, the mailbox, donated from the Bensalem Post Office was installed in the Bensalem Township Municipal Building Lobby and not a moment too soon! Just a few days after placement, the mailbox was stuffed with flags to be taken to the local VFW's for proper disposal.

Have flags that need disposal? The Bensalem Township Building is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.



## BENSALEM MUNICIPAL BUILDING FIRST IN BUCKS COUNTY TO INSTALL WOUNDED WARRIORS COMBAT WOUNDED PARKING SIGNS.

There are an estimated 1.8 million Purple Heart recipients, combat wounded service members who have transitioned back into civilian life. They have made great sacrifices to ensure our freedoms but often go unrecognized.



Wounded Warriors Family Support's founder, Colonel John Folsom, decided to change that. Wounded Warriors Family Support offers Combat Wounded Parking Signs to establishments as a way of honoring and recognizing these veterans.

Upon learning of this initiative from the owner of Bensalem's Texas Roadhouse (Norm Patten) who has the first commercial site of a Combat Wounded Parking Sign, Mayor DiGirolamo and Council were eager to do the same at the Township Building. The Township Building, built in 1992 is dedicated to Veterans. We are pleased to announce, our municipal parking lot now has specific and marked parking for Combat Wounded Veterans. (put pictures in).

What a simple, yet most appropriate way to say "thank you" to the man and women of the United States of America Armed Services who protect our freedoms 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. God Bless America!



## LOST WORDS FROM OUR CHILDHOOD

Words gone as fast as the buggy whip! Sad really! The other day a not so elderly (65) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy and he looked at her quite quizzically, and said, what the heck is a Jalopy? OMG! He never heard of the word Jalopy!! She knew she was old, but not that old...

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle. About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included "Don't Touch That Dial," "Carbon Copy", "You Sound Like A Broken Record" and "Hung Out To Dry". Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie! We'd put on our best bib and tucker to straighten up and fly right. Heavens to Betsy! Gee Whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moly!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley, and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China! Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell?

Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers.

Oh! My aching back! Kilroy was here but he isn't anymore. We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we

can say, well I'll be a monkey's uncle! Or, This is a fine kettle of fish! We discover that the words we grew up with . . . the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone.

Where have all the phrases gone? Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey it's your nickel! Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well fiddlesticks. Going like Sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Heavens to Murgatroyd!

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the early stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

See ya later, alligator!

(Written by Richard Lederer - Thank you!!!)

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## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE BENSALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT

In light of recent national events, the Bensalem Police Department has received an overwhelming show of support from the Bensalem community. Director Harran and the members of the police department would like to say thank you to all the citizens and businesses that have shown their police support over the past few months.

Recently, Mayor DiGirolamo once again showed his support of the police department by having yard signs made for members of the community to show their support for the Bensalem Police Department. These signs are now visible all over town and are proof that the police department and the community continue to work together to make Bensalem a great place to live and work.



## BUCKS COUNTY DUI TASK FORCE

Have you noticed police officers from other jurisdictions patrolling Bensalem Township during holiday weekends?

The reason is rather interesting! In November of 2015 the Bucks County District Attorney's Office formed the Bucks County DUI Task Force. The task force is fully funded with grant money from the Commonwealth of PA. Police officers from Bensalem, Middletown, Warrington, Warminster, Warwick, Quakertown, Penndel and Upper Southampton Townships participate, just to name a few.

Driving under the influence (DUI) occurrences and accidents cause a significant source of harm throughout Bucks County. DUI enforcement is a priority for law enforcement and an effective way to reduce the number of victims associated with this very preventable crime. The Bucks County DUI Task Force significantly enhances the ability of law enforcement to arrest more offenders and prevent more accidents. The principal component of the Bucks County DUI Task Force program is to conduct large scale, highly visible saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints that focus on specific geographic areas within Bucks County.



For years, individual police agencies in Bucks County have conducted saturation patrols for DUI enforcement in their own jurisdiction. This would result in one, two or three officers from that jurisdiction focusing on DUI enforcement for the evening. This approach does still occur. However, Bucks County has also decided to focus on specific geographical areas separately over the course of the Holiday Season (Thanksgiving Eve to New Year's Eve). A good example of this was Thanksgiving Eve of 2015. A saturation patrol was conducted on the Street Road corridor from State Rd. and Street Rd. (Bensalem) to Lower State Rd. and Street Rd. (Warrington) The detail yielded 9 DUI arrests in 5 hours.

The Task Force moves around the county focusing on popular holidays that involve the heavy consumption of alcohol such as St. Patrick's Day and Memorial Day.

The Task force also conducts DUI sobriety check points throughout the year.

The Task Force has the ultimate goal of zero DUI arrests. The Task Force has partnered with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Uber to get the message out that if you are going to drink please have a designated driver, use a

## 2016 COP CARD PROGRAM

In June, the Bensalem Township Police Department completed their Cop Card Program for 2016. This marked the 6th year the Department participated in this event. The program started last October and provided an opportunity for our police officers to interact with their community members, in particular with the children. Children were encouraged to reach out to the officers to collect the various cop cards. The cards which resemble baseball cards, display the officer's photo on the front and provide a short biography on the back. A total of 90 cards were created for the children to collect. The grand prize winner was 11 year old Bensalem resident, Chase Malampy. Chase was recognized at a Bensalem Township Council meeting for his tireless efforts to collect all the cards. Chase was rewarded with a new XBOX 1S video game system. Bensalem police would like to congratulate Chase on this accomplishment and thank all of those who participated in the program and encourage future participation.



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# PAL SUMMER UPDATE

The 2016 Bensalem PAL Basketball League had 415 children participating this summer. The league consisted of children entering 3rd to 12th grade. Twenty-nine police officers from the Bensalem Township Police Department and 28 members of the Bensalem community volunteered their time over the summer and coached the 38 teams that participated. PAL would like to thank the businesses that supported the league this year with their sponsorship.



On Saturday, July 30, 2016, Bensalem PAL held its annual Flag Football Tournament. This year 40 children from the community participated in the tournament. Sixteen police officers from the Bensalem Township Police Department volunteered their time to coach, referee and assist with the tournament. Special thanks to Neshaminy Electric – Necco Security who sponsored the entire PAL Flag Football Tournament and also sponsored 5 PAL basketball teams over the summer.



We need and welcome new sponsors to help make this program a huge success. No donation is too small to help children foster friendships and stay actively involved in our community. We hope to team up with local business and community members to make this a success. Why do we do it? As our motto says **“Because Every Kid Needs A PAL.”** “Youth Comes but Once in a Lifetime” so let's make it one they will remember.



Interested in sponsoring or just looking for more information? Please contact Bensalem P.A.L. at 215-633-3655 ext 3990 or visit the website at Bensalempolice.org. Please make checks payable to Bensalem Township Attn: Sgt. James Donnelly.

## BENSALEM TOWNSHIP HOME SALES

Sellers are always asking what the market is like, is this the right time to sell, or should I wait to list my home? Just in case you are one of those Bensalem Township homeowners wondering how the residential home sales are shaping up for 2016 please see the statistics below. Based on these stats for Bensalem the real question should be “how soon can I find my new home”.

Call our office to speak with one of our Top Sales Professionals for more detailed information on the current market statistics, or to get your very own personal Comparative Market Analysis for your home.

### Monthly Statistics for the Date Range Selected

Date	Units Listed	Listed Volume	Listed Average	Pended	Units Sold	Sold Volume	Sold Average	Average DOM
Aug 2016	22	5,441,150	247,325	15	18	4,454,300	247,461	49
July 2016	54	16,383,497	303,398	50	58	14,828,958	255,671	34
June 2016	73	23,704,997	324,725	51	55	13,210,481	240,190	75
May 2016	95	26,410,825	278,008	49	48	11,503,822	239,662	60
Apr 2016	76	19,554,215	257,292	47	38	8,624,100	226,950	76
Mar 2016	64	15,760,675	246,260	56	43	11,582,597	269,362	62
Feb 2016	57	17,265,093	302,896	42	33	8,025,785	243,205	65
Jan 2016	59	16,171,773	274,097	45	38	9,015,840	237,258	67
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>140,692,225</b>	<b>281,384</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>81,245,883</b>	<b>245,455</b>	<b>61</b>

### Inventory Accumulation for the Last 12 Full Months

Current Inventory *	Inventory Volume	Current Average	Average Monthly Sales**	Inventory Accumulation ***
169	53,560,783	316,927	44	3

\*Current Inventory is based on the actual available properties on the date this report was created.

\*\*Average Monthly Sales is the average sales for the last 12 full months

\*\*\*Inventory accumulation (in months) = Current Inventory Units / Average Monthly Sales

### Pricing Details of Sold Units for the Date Range Selected

Minimum Prices	Maximum Prices	Average Prices
Original List Price : \$53,900	Original List Price : \$649,999	Original List Price : \$256,044
Sold Price : \$51,000	Sold Price : \$625,000	Sold Price : \$245,455

Inventory Accumulation figures are only calculated when Report End Month is the current month

### Market Statistics Criteria Used

Date Range:	1/2016 to 8/2016
Price Range:	\$0 to \$999,999,000
Property Category:	Residential
Area:	Bensalem Twp

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## WHAT TO DO IF STOPPED BY POLICE

While driving a car you may be pulled over if a police officer has reasonable suspicion or probable cause to believe that a violation of the Vehicle Code has been committed or a crime has occurred. The same applies if you are walking along a city street, through a neighborhood, or in a commercial shopping area. These scenarios play out hundreds, if not thousands of times a day across America.

Lately, many of these encounters have resulted in physical confrontations between citizens and law enforcement, some having fatal outcomes. Below are some tips citizens can take to help avoid conflicts with law enforcement. These tips are being offered to give the general public an understanding of law enforcement concerns and to improve police-community relations. These simple steps can help unnecessary conflict or injury to an officer or a citizen.

During an encounter with law enforcement you should:

- Fully roll down the windows of your car, (especially if they're tinted). If pulled over at night, turn on the vehicle's interior lights so the officer can see clearly inside as he/she approaches.
- Stop using your cell phone and turn down your vehicle's radio so you can speak with the officer. It is also important to understand that there are times when officers have to speak loudly because they are near traffic and other noisy conditions. The officers are not yelling at you or trying to intimidate you.
- When speaking with the officer, remain calm, courteous, and respectful; do not argue with the officer and always answer the officer's questions truthfully. Being rude, confrontational, belligerent, or refusing to answer reasonable questions will only escalate the situation and may cause the officer to become more suspicious.
- Keep your hands in plain view at all times, (on the steering wheel is always best). Also, do not duck down or make sudden movements, especially toward the floorboard, rear seat, or passenger side of the vehicle. The officer may interpret these movements as an attempt to hide illegal items or to obtain a weapon.
- Understand that most officers are trained to ask for identification and registration first before providing an explanation of the stop. This is to avoid debating the

reason for the stop prior to acquiring this necessary information. Give the officer a chance he/she will explain the violation.

- You should always have your documents, (driver's license, registration, and insurance), organized and easily accessible. Be sure to throw away old, expired documents to avoid the frustration of sifting through countless papers which will only increase your anxiety. If you do not have your documents ready when the officer approaches, wait until he/she asks for them and then tell them where they are before retrieving them.
- Don't be alarmed if another police officer arrives at the stop. Police officers often stop to see if the officer needs any assistance during a traffic stop.
- If you are armed and possess a valid license to carry a firearm, immediately provide this information to the officer; also tell him/her where the firearm is located and await further instructions.
- Finally, even if you disagree with why you are being stopped, or why you are being questioned, do not argue with the officer on the roadside. If you need an explanation or have concerns, you may bring these up to the officer, and if not satisfied with the response, discuss it later with a supervisor from the law enforcement agency, an attorney, or the judge.

Most citizens understand that law enforcement is a difficult and dangerous profession. Hundreds of police officers are killed each year, and thousands more are injured or assaulted in the line of duty. For these reasons, police officers tend to be extremely cautious. The officer might maintain a defensive posture until he/she feels that there is no risk of harm or injury. Officers place a great deal of emphasis on safety and are trained in specific safety procedures throughout their careers. Although these procedures maximize safety for the officers, citizens might perceive the officer as being standoffish, impolite or offensive . . . but that is not the intention.

As far as police officers are concerned, no traffic stop is "routine" the potential for danger is always there. We hope that this information will help you gain a better understanding of police procedures, while at the same time reduce the stress or frustration you may feel after being stopped by a police officer.

## FIRE RESCUE

October is fire prevention month. This year's national theme is "DON'T WAIT: CHECK THE DATE!! REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS EVERY 10 YEARS"

The NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) and most manufacturers specifications require smoke alarms to be replaced every 10 years. Because the public is generally unaware of this requirement, many homes likely have smoke alarms that are past their expiration date.

During fire prevention month Firefighters from Bensalem Township Fire Rescue will once again be presenting fire prevention programs to school children throughout the township.



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## BENSALEM POLICE ASSISTING IN RECOVERY (BPAIR)

The Bensalem Police Assisting in Recovery program (BPAIR) is now operational and Bensalem Township residents battling addiction now have a helping hand to assist them. BPAIR is an active program aimed at helping people deal with opioid and other drug addictions by connecting them to a treatment provider. Law enforcement agencies across the country have been confronted by the consequences of drug addiction and the toll it has on their community. BPAIR is a clear path to recovery for an individual and an effective approach to the growing opioid epidemic.

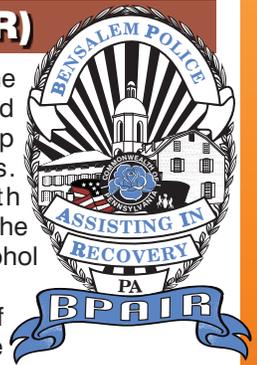
So how does BPAIR work? Any Bensalem resident struggling with substance abuse can walk into the Bensalem Police Department anytime 24/7 and ask for help. If the participant voluntarily turns over any drugs or drug paraphernalia on their person at the police department they will not be charged. The participant will then be paired with a "Navigator" (volunteer) who will accompany them to a nearby treatment center for an assessment. Transportation will be

provided from the police department to the facility. The "Navigator" will offer support and encouragement to the person seeking help until the assessment process begins. Bensalem Police has partnered with Gaudenzia Inc., a treatment facility, where the person will be assessed by a drug & alcohol professional.

An exception to the program would be if the participant is found to have an active warrant. The individual would be taken into custody and would be welcome to return once they have taken care of their legal matters.

A BPAIR helpline has been set up for Bensalem residents. If you need help please call 215-633-3727.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer "Navigator" contact Ann Marie Erdman, the program coordinator at 215-633-3674.



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# THE BENSALEM TOWNSHIP OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Bensalem Township in conjunction with the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority, acting under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, can provide assistance to homeowners in the repair and rehabilitation of their homes with the following provisions:

## ELIGIBILITY

- A. An applicant must be a resident of Bensalem Township.
- B. The applicant must have owned and occupied the single family dwelling for a period of at least one year.
- C. The applicant shall have an annual household income that does not exceed the following:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Household Income</u>
1 Person	\$45,450
2 People	\$51,950
3 People	\$58,450
4 People	\$64,900
5 People	\$70,100
6 or more Persons	\$75,300

- D. Income is defined as the combined gross annual income of all occupants of the dwelling unit. Potential recipients shall be required to prove annual income. Income shall be verified by income tax returns, paycheck stubs or other means. Periods of temporary

unemployment shall be excluded from the determination of the normal annual income.

- E. Families with disposable assets in excess of \$10,000 and elderly or handicapped persons with disposable assets in excess of \$20,000 shall not be eligible for assistance. Assets such as stocks, bonds, cash and real estate shall be considered. The value of the primary residence and up to one automobile per driver shall be excluded from this provision.
- F. Program funds may only be used to meet housing code standards, weatherization and modifications to accommodate the handicapped. (Roofing, siding, plumbing, electric, sidewalks with tripping hazards, windows, floor covering and similar home repairs.)
- G. Assistance under this program is available to any person meeting the qualification standards without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or familial status. If you believe you have been a victim of housing discrimination, you may file a complaint online at [www.hud.gov/fairhousing](http://www.hud.gov/fairhousing) or call (888) 799-2085.

For more information or to obtain an application, call the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority at (215) 781-8711 or go to [www.bcrda.com](http://www.bcrda.com).

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1	SEP 11	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EDT</sub>				<b>BROWNS</b>
2	SEP 19	8:30 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EDT</sub>		AT		<b>BEARS</b>
3	SEP 25	4:25 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EDT</sub>				<b>STEELERS</b>
4	BYE					
5	OCT 9	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EDT</sub>	<b>FOX</b>	AT		<b>LIONS</b>
6	OCT 16	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EDT</sub>	<b>FOX</b>	AT		<b>REDSKINS</b>
7	OCT 23	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EDT</sub>	<b>FOX</b>			<b>VIKINGS</b>
8	OCT 30	8:30 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EDT</sub>		AT		<b>COWBOYS</b>
9	NOV 6	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EST</sub>	<b>FOX</b>	AT		<b>GIANTS</b>
10	NOV 13	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EST</sub>	<b>FOX</b>			<b>FALCONS</b>
11	NOV 20	4:25 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EST</sub>		AT		<b>SEAHAWKS</b>
12	NOV 28	8:30 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EST</sub>				<b>PACKERS</b>
13	DEC 4	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EST</sub>	<b>FOX</b>	AT		<b>BENGALS</b>
14	DEC 11	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EST</sub>	<b>FOX</b>			<b>REDSKINS</b>
15	DEC 18	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EST</sub>	<b>FOX</b>	AT		<b>RAVENS</b>
16	DEC 22	8:25 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EST</sub>				<b>GIANTS</b>
17	JAN 1	1:00 <sup>PM</sup> <sub>EST</sub>	<b>FOX</b>			<b>COWBOYS</b>

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## A SOLID SEASON!

First allow me to say thank you, thank you, thank you! The 16th season of the "We Love Wednesdays at the TD Bank" was nothing short of spectacular. It's nothing short of the truth and I am proud to be the manager of this award winning entertainment venue.

Just like anything worthwhile, it took some time for the amphitheater to grow. I credit my predecessor, David Fiedler who was the Manager prior to 2011. David and I worked together in the early years of the amphitheater on marketing and design, etc. When asked to manage the amphitheater, I was both flattered & frightened! But, I love a challenge and I love music.

Fast forward to 2015/2016, where The TD Bank Amphitheater was named "Best Live Entertainment Venue", "Best Summer Program" and "Best Entertainment Venue" (Concert Hall, Club) in Bucks County!

I have the **best team** behind me, the **most giving** volunteers and of course **awesome** fans! However, the entertainment would not be possible without the financial wherewithal of our sponsors.

Thanks for the memories of a wonderful summer season, I'm already planning 2017, stay tuned.

*Dawn M. Davis*



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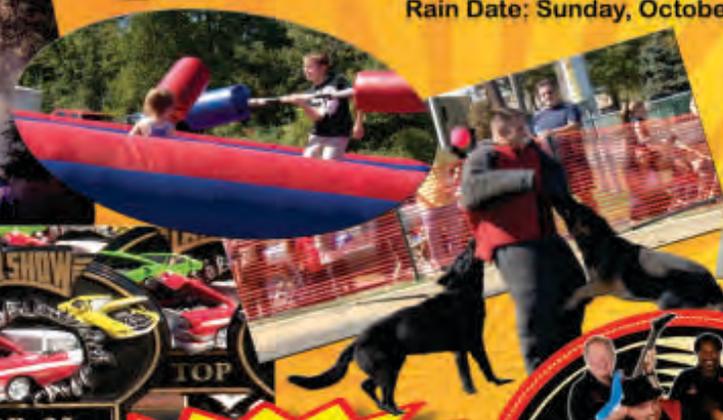


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You can visit the township building to sign the petition, right in the lobby, any day from Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. There is strength in numbers and we need as many signatures as we can so we can get the attention of the legislators that we need to be heard on this issue.



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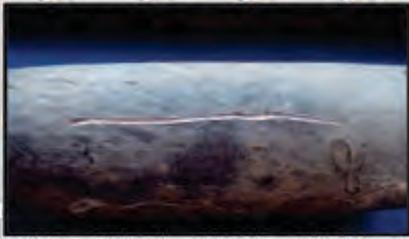
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Lead service lines often end just inside the front or side wall of the home, but may extend further into the building as shown, where the lead service line comes out of the basement floor to the water meter and then back into the floor, continuing further into the building.



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The Members of B3T, the Diversity Committee and Shafer Middle School would like to invite you to attend and/or participate in our 3rd annual program of AWARENESS, CELEBRATING and SHARING the giftedness of our diverse cultures within our community.

This added awareness springs from the positive experiences during our annual UNITY WEEK celebrations. Learning and appreciating the various ways we express our Faith among the citizens of our community lends itself to wanting to learn more about who our neighbors are and their roots in their Country of origin.

Participants representing various countries will display information about their cultural community and will be invited to give an approximate 10 MINUTE presentation. We ask that those who will participate RSVP by Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Responses may be sent to the email addresses below. We will appreciate your assistance in helping to make this event known.

When: Thursday, October 6, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm

Place: Shafer Middle School

Thank you for all you do to assist our community in working together so all the students and their families can continue to live with respect for one another.

Sincerely,

Melinda Gordan  
B3T Youth Project's Coordinator  
mpgordan@gmail.com

Yolanda Robinson  
Shafer Middle School  
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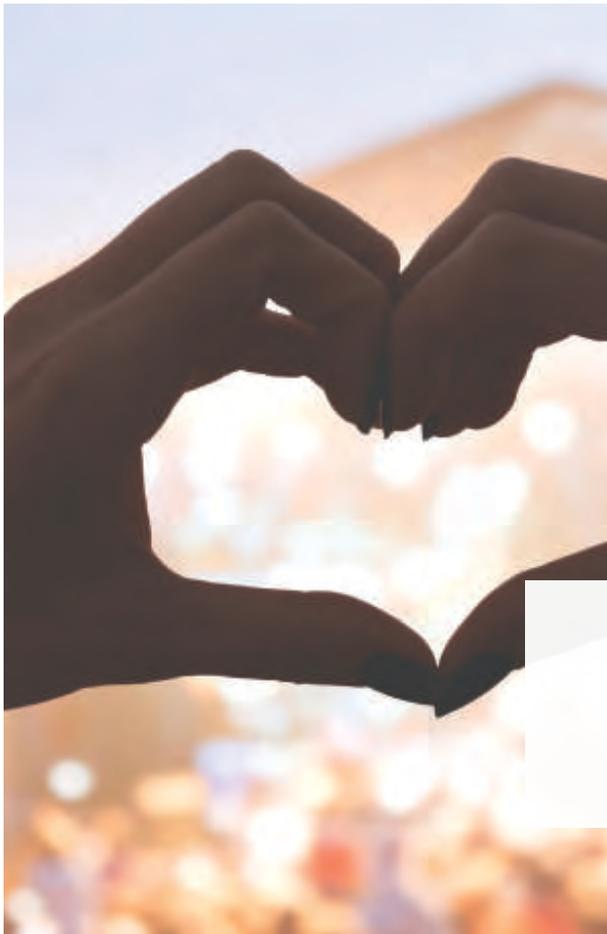
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## Current Drug Trends The Impact on Our Community



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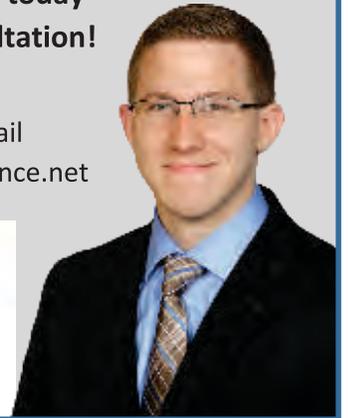
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The response was overwhelmingly favorable! These gardens will be for Bensalem Residents and be ready for planting in the Spring of 2017. The site, located next to the Bensalem Community Park (off of Richlieu Road) has been cleared and designed for 27 boxes. There will be more in-depth information in the next newsletter. For now, however, we need to obtain the name of individuals who are interested in the project. The gardening spots are limited, therefore the boxes will be designated by a raffle.

If interested, please complete the information below and return to:

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