



Dear Residents,

The Parks and Recreation Department on behalf of Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo and Council would first like to wish each and everyone a truly blessed holiday season. This year has been a very difficult year for all of us and one which has had many challenges. We have had our summer interrupted by the pandemic causing our department to cancel all of our summer camp programming as well as our signature end of the summer event "Family Affairs Under the Stars." Don't worry though, we won't cancel our holiday tree lighting or the opportunity for our Bensalem youth to write their letters to Santa.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Bensalem's Parks & Recreation Department is now gathering Letters to Santa to send to the North Pole from all of the children of Bensalem Residents! Drop off your letter to our special mailbox- located in the front lobby or mail them to:



SANTA CLAUS, NORTH POLE
C/O Bensalem Parks & Recreation Department
2400 Byberry Road
Bensalem, PA 19020

Be sure to include your name, age & address and send them in by <u>December 12th</u> so Santa has time to get back to you before his big trip around the world!

ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Santa Claus is coming to B-Town! Join Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo, Council and the Bensalem Township Parks and Recreation Department for our Annual Community Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 12th beginning at 5 p.m. Admittance to the tree lighting is a non-perishable food items which will be collected when you receive your gift bag. This year, our traditional tree lighting will be much different than past years. So as not to break tradition all together and allow the pandemic to totally defeat us, we are going to present our tree lighting in a much different manner than years past keeping the safety and well -being of Santa and the children at the forefront. Afterall, we don't want to do anything that might jeopardize Santa's ability to make his trip around the world for all the good little boys and girls!

Our township tree lighting will be held on December12th where Santa will be waiting to wave to all the children in front of the municipal complex beginning at 5pm. There will be no sitting on Santa's lap or inside activities. Instead, all will remain in their cars drive through, view the holiday display, say hello to Santa and pick up a small gift while supplies last. We hope you are able to join us as we attempt to bring a little "Joy to the World."



SOCCER SHOTS

Soccer Shots focuses on the skills and lessons of the game by offering non-competitive classes. Each child learns the fundamentals of the game through principled high-energy instruction, creative and age appropriate games and soccer fun! We are changing the lives of young people with principles and life skills like confidence, respect, honesty, and teamwork. Class and class length per age group varies. To register on line, go to www.soccershots.org/lowerbucks or philladelphiaarea.soccershots.com If you have any questions email philly@soccershots.org or call 267-630-1557

SPRING 2021 SEASON

Location: To be Determined

Start Times:

Ages 5-7 3:00 p.m. Ages 3-4 3:55 p.m. Age 2 4:45 p.m.

Dates: Saturdays, March 27th--May 15th (8 weeks) Rain Make Ups: May 22 and June 5th

Cost: \$111.00 + \$25 Annual Enrollment Fee (once per year per child)

GIRLS JUNIOR FIELD HOCKEY



Stay tuned! We are truly hoping that we are able to offer a field hockey program during 2021. Stay tuned for program updates and keep those sticks ready. Things may be a bit different but, we will be back. Need additional information please call 215-633-3614

SUMMER REC PLAY AREA & EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMS

Let's get our Summer Camps back! We are planning to return with our summer recreation programs in 2021. Naturally, there may be some changes on programming. Stay tuned for additional information on when registrations will begin in addition to which programs are being offered for the 2021 summer season.



Please be advised that any programming offered will have strict guidelines on registrations and enrollment limits which will need to be followed. Keep your eyes and ears open for 2021 summer recreation camp updates.

2021 YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Parks and Recreation Department will accept applications for employment with our summer recreation programs beginning Monday, March 1nd. No applications will be given prior to this date. Applications must be obtained in-person from the Parks and Recreation Department. Applicants must be a Bensalem Resident and 16 years of age at the time the application is acquired. Please be advised that completing an application does not guarantee you a position or even the opportunity to interview as programming needs may change for the 2021 season making positions un-available.

Should you decide to complete an applications you should know that all applications must be returned directly to the Parks and Recreation office no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, March 5th. Should you have additional questions or need further clarification regarding obtaining an application for possible employment, please feel free to contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 215-633-3724 or 215-633-3614.