



Bensalem Township Pennsylvania

Bensalem Township Municipal Building - 2400 Byberry Road, Bensalem, PA 19020 | 215-633-3600

Dear Residents,

It is my hope that we are finally through the winter and can look forward to warm weather!

With nicer weather we can anticipate "living life a little easier." No coats, boots or gloves to weigh us down, or the worry of snow storms with trees snapping and causing power outages. It will be nice to see people out and about taking pride in their homes conducting "spring cleaning" and annual lawn care. I love the sound of warmer weather; there's an energy in the air and an excitement for all that spring and summer bring!



I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the men and women of our Public Works Department who worked tirelessly plowing roads, removing trees and performed various other tasks assigned during the weather emergencies in the month of March. Hopefully we've seen the last of the snow! However, as a retired farmer, I can tell you first hand- this time of year can be fickle. I can remember years when we had snow in April. But let's think positive!

This is the time of year when residents consider home improvements. Be sure to check out the information included within this e-newsletter regarding permit requirements for any projects you are considering and contact our Building and Planning Department to determine exactly what you need.

Please be reminded of the application for the plots available in the Bensalem Community Garden. The deadline for submission is April 16th and the garden will open for the season on Saturday, May 5th at 9am. Additionally, the Joseph DiGirolamo Scholarship Foundation applications are also now available. Both of these can be conveniently downloaded from our website at www.BensalemPA.gov.

As I'm fond of saying, "stay along for the ride as Bensalem continues to grow in all the right directions." Since being elected in 1994, it is my distinct privilege to serve as Mayor of Bensalem. I have always promoted an open door policy so if there is something you wish to discuss or have a question, please do not hesitate to contact my assistant, Dawn Davis, at 215-633-3631 to schedule a mutually agreeable date and time.

Sincerely,

Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor
Bensalem Township

Thank you!

All of us here at Bensalem Township would like to give our most sincere thanks to the employees of our Public Works Department. As we all know, March not only came in like a lion, but also went out like one! We took a beating from 4 major Nor'easters, with Winter Storm Quinn delivering us the hardest blow. These men and women spent countless

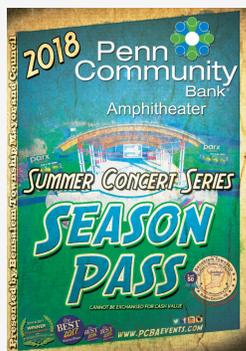
hours- some for days at a time- away from their families so that Bensalem could get back up and running as quickly as possible. If you see a member of our PWD while out and about, be sure to thank them. They will greatly appreciate it!



2018 Summer Concert Line-Up

Are you ready for another amazing summer of music at the Penn Community Bank Amphitheater? It took months of searching, listening & planning to bring together the 12 acts that will entertain you every Wednesday night. And we think we did a darn good job!

Are you an INXS fan? Then you'll definitely want to be here to help us "KICK" off the season on June 6th! Some other new artists joining us this summer are local southern rock favorite "High Noon" and coming all the way to us from Nashville, Tennessee is our Tom Petty tribute "Southern Accents."



Season passes are still available, but they're selling fast! At this time we have **less than 150** left for purchase. Once they're gone, they're gone! Either stop by the Township Building (2400 Byberry Road) between 8am and 4pm Monday through Friday or go to our website anytime to get yours!

Please note: If you complete your purchase online you will still need to pick up your physical pass(es) in advance of the concert season. Your online ticket will not gain you entry! Please come by the Municipal Building with your receipt and ID to pick up your pass(es). If you can't make it during regular business hours, you will also have the option to pick up your passes at one of the first three concerts. We caution that if you choose the latter be prepared to wait in line to get your passes as we anticipate a large number of purchasers choosing this option.

As always, please contact Amanda McDonald, PCBA General Manager, at 215-633-3630 or amcdonald@bensalempa.gov with any questions you may have. We'll see you on June 6th!

Public Works Department

Cleaning up the Neighborhood

Street sweeping continues all over Bensalem through mid-September. Here's where they'll be over the next 4 weeks:

WEEK #4: April 23 – April 27

Springdale & Neshaminy Valley

WEEK #5: April 30 – May 4

Neshaminy Valley, Barnsleigh West, & Belmont Hills

WEEK #6: May 7 - May 11

Newportville, Harvest Run West, Barnsleigh East, & Salem Point

WEEK #7: May 14 - May 18

Village Green, Eddington, & Upper Cornwells Heights

A complete schedule can be found [here](#) on our website. For questions about street sweeping, or anything for our Public Works Department, please call 215-633-3980 or 215-633-3733.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

Many household products- like pesticides, cleaning agents, weed killers and paints- unfortunately contain toxic chemicals that can be extremely harmful to the environment if not disposed of properly. These materials should never be discarded in the trash or into our streams, creeks and other waterways.



Bucks County is making it easy for you to dispose of your household hazardous waste at one of five upcoming events. The first one is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th at Harry S. Truman High School in Levittown from 9am – 3pm.

Electronics are NOT accepted at these events. Complete information, restrictions and a schedule of all five events can be found [here](#).

Building & Planning

Be Safe, Not Sorry!



The spring and summer months are a time when people think about projects around the house. For example, if you're considering installing a swimming pool (above or in-ground), a shed, or a fence please be reminded that **PERMITS ARE REQUIRED**. If you hire a contractor to perform this work, the contractor needs to be licensed with the State of Pennsylvania and Bensalem Township. Before you do anything, make it easy on yourself and call the Building and Planning Department at 215-633-3644 and ask questions. They will be happy to assist you!

Construction permits are a legal requirement of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, not

simply put in place by Bensalem Township. The permitting process is one designed to protect you, the consumer. When you obtain permits your project will be fully inspected for compliance with construction ordinances.

The health, safety and welfare of our residents is paramount! Permit applications are available [here](#) on our website or by visiting our Building & Planning Department during regular business hours.

Fly Old Glory!



The Kiwanis Club of Bensalem proudly offers their “Fly Old Glory” fundraising program with displays at four different times throughout the year- Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July & Veterans Day.

For only \$25 per year the Kiwanis Club will supply you with a 3’ x 5’ flag on a 10’ pole on each of these holidays. The best part is, they’ll even come install it and remove it for you. The Kiwanis Club does all the work and YOU proudly Fly Old Glory!

All funds raised through this effort stay in Bensalem and support the children in our community. To order your flag just fill out this [form](#) and mail it in along with your check or money order. If you have any questions, please contact the Kiwanis Club of Bensalem at (215) 642-6257.

“He loves his country best who strives to make it best.” - Robert G. Ingersoll

Public Safety

Cyber Safety Tip of the Month

Cell phones, tablets & other digital devices seem to rule our lives and they’re especially popular with today’s youth. Did you know that most, if not all, wireless routers (those devices that give you wireless internet) can be accessed and managed from another device? This is important if you would like to set limits and access times for specific devices, like a child’s iPhone or iPad.



The process of logging into your wireless router is relatively straightforward but varies by device. A Google search of your router’s manufacturer (Linksys, Netgear, etc.) or Internet Service Provider (Comcast, Verizon) and “how to access router” will provide you with step by step instructions on gaining access. Once you’re in, the process of limiting access to specific devices and setting time limits is all within reach. Deactivating a child’s cell phone plan does NOT disable its access to the internet.

Thank you to David Smalley & Brian Oliverio for sharing this information with us.

David is a Manager of Forensic Technology and Consulting for a leading worldwide electronic discovery organization with over 90 offices throughout the US, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Prior to his current role, David was affiliated with local law enforcement and also a member of the Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children task force. More information about David can be found at www.davidpsmalley.com.

Brian is a Detective with the Bensalem PD assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit and tasked with investigating internet crimes & social media. Brian is also a certified

Buzzin' Around B-Town



Winners of Penn Community Bank Amphitheater Summer Concert Series Season Passes from the Bensalem Career Firefighters Association Coach Bag Bingo event on March 18th!



Janice Stenderowicz and her daughters, Grace & Sofia, enjoying Breakfast with the Bunny at St. Ephrem's.



Public Works working hard to clean up the amphitheater grounds after Winter Storm Quinn.



Mayor DiGirolamo speaking to the students at Samuel K. Faust Elementary School at a recent D.A.R.E. event.



Michaela McDonald and her little sister, Avery, enjoy their first P.A.L. Easter Egg Hunt!



The Easter Bunny helps kick off the Bensalem P.A.L. Stranger Danger Awareness Easter Egg Hunt.

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