



Bensalem Township Pennsylvania

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April 16, 2019

Dear Residents,

Happy Spring! The flowers are popping and the trees are shedding their winter emptiness, making way for blooming the most beautiful colors! There's excitement in the air as residents take to cleaning up the blah of winter and preparing for outdoor activities. Lawnmowers and the smell of fresh-cut grass is just delightful!

It's my hope that you will find the articles in this newsletter interesting and useful. At this time I would like to wish all residents who celebrate- a Happy Easter and Passover. I hope you enjoy the gatherings with family & friends, and the love that is shared on these special days.



As always, it's an honor and privilege to serve as Bensalem's Mayor. Talk to you next month and, in the meantime, I wish you all the best.

God Bless ,

Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor
Bensalem Township

Upcoming Holiday Closing

The Bensalem Township Municipal Building will be closed on Friday, April 19th. For those who celebrate, we would like to wish you a Happy Passover & Easter!



Building & Planning

Basketball Hoops: Street or No Street?

Portable basketball hoops are not allowed in the street and curb areas anywhere in Bensalem Township, as they can cause a variety of issues. Garbage trucks, snow plows, and other large equipment inadvertently hit these objects while operating. If you own one of these structures we ask that you please move them away from the curb right-of-way. If you're already in compliance, thank you! We just ask that you turn the basket hoop- when not in use- so that the rim does not hang over the street where a truck bed can hit it. The operators' focus is on task at hand and the curb; because of the size, weight, and noise of the truck, drivers are often unaware that they have hit anything. Not only can this destroy the basketball hoop, it also does severe damage to the truck. The Township is not responsible when these items are hit.



While we absolutely encourage kids to play this sport, or any other, we must be cognizant of the element of safety involved with this equipment- for everyone!



Bensalem Community Affairs

Prescription for a Safe Community



Bensalem Township and the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission have partnered on many initiatives in the battle against the opioid crisis. One such partnership is the Medication Return Depository, located in the Bensalem Township Police Department lobby, enabling residents to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs. This helps to keep medications out of the hands of children, promotes the proper destruction of these drugs, and keeps them out of our water supply.

It's important to safeguard your medications everyday. Always remember to:

- Keep all medications secure and out of the reach of children
- Remove any unwanted, unused, and expired medications
- Safely dispose of medications at one of the many permanent medication collection boxes in Bucks County
- Do not throw medication in the trash or flush down the toilet

Visit the Bensalem Municipal Building during regular business hours to receive a Pill Pod, which can help you safeguard medications in your home. It's durable, secure, easy to use, and available while supplies last! For more information about medication collection efforts in Bucks County, please call 215-444-2740.

Great American Cleanup of PA

After what feels like 2,839 straight days of rain to some of us, it seems like spring may have finally arrived. Now is the time when we can come together, as a community, to help keep B-Town beautiful! PennDOT is currently seeking volunteers- individuals, organizations, and businesses- for this year's Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania. This annual event is currently running through May 31st.



PennDOT has made it very easy to help out too! Residents can organize & register their own group or local event online at [Great American Cleanup of PA](#). Not able to plan something on your own? That's ok! You can also search their database of events and join one that's convenient for you. No matter what you choose, thank you for helping to keep **YOUR** B-Town as beautiful as it can be!



2019 Summer Recreation

Warm weather, sunshine, and longer days are ideal for spending more time outdoors and taking advantage of our summertime lineup. Bensalem Township Parks & Recreation offers affordable, fun, and safe summer offerings for children ages 5 and up. Our programs also provide breakfast and lunch for all participants through the "Summer Feed Program."



Click [here](#) to view our complete summer program.

Registration- either in-person or via mail- is open now, but anything received after June 7th will be assessed a \$25 late fee. If you have any questions, please call Bensalem Parks & Recreation at 215-633-3616.

Veterans Golf Program



PGA HOPE- Helping our Patriots Everywhere- is a free 3-5 week instructional golf program being offered to our military veterans at golf facilities in our area. Locally, PGA HOPE will take place at Bensalem Township Country Club (2000 Brown Avenue) on Wednesday evenings from 5pm – 7pm beginning May 15th and will run through June 12th. All clinics are taught by Philadelphia PGA Professionals and cater to each individual's skill and ability level. Clinics

are free for any military veteran looking to learn the game or sharpen existing golf skills. Clubs will be provided for those in need, or you may bring your own. To register, or for additional program information, please call 215-639-5556, ext. 1.



2019 PAL Bowling

The Bensalem Police Activities League would like to thank everyone from the Department that participated in PAL Bowling this year. There were approximately 45 youths who participated over the 5 weeks. The program concluded in mid-March with a pizza party and trophies for the high score in each grade. Special thanks to secretary Amber Sicilia, Officers Yasin & Schwarting, and Corporal Dornisch for running this program for our local youth!



Public Works

Cleaning Up the Neighborhood



Street sweeping has begun in Bensalem and will continue through mid-September. Here's where they'll be over the coming weeks:

April 15 – April 18*

Trevose, Oakford, Linconia and Concord Park

**The Township will be closed Friday, April 19*

April 22 – April 26

Nottingham, Tillman Drive, Century Lane, Murray Avenue, Stanwood, Atlantic Avenue, Asbury Avenue, Brown Avenue, Virginia Avenue

April 29 – May 3

Springdale & Neshaminy Valley

May 6 – May 10

Neshaminy Valley, Barnsleigh West, Belmont Hills

May 13 - May 17

Newportville, Harvest Run West, Barnsleigh East, Salem Point

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.

Short Stacks for a Tall Cause

You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser to support Bensalem Girl Scouts! At just \$7 per adult and \$5 per child, you can enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes & sausage at Applebee's (3219 Street Road, Bensalem) from 8am – 10am on Sunday, April 28th. For tickets, please email gsep2691@gmail.com. The Bensalem Girl Scouts thank you in advance for your support!



Tifereth Israel's Annual Holocaust Program



Congregation Tifereth Israel & Sisterhood (2909 Bristol Road) brings you their annual Holocaust program on Wednesday, May 1st. Known as “Erev Yom HaShoah,” which means “Holocaust Remembrance Day” in Hebrew- this event will take place at 6:30pm in the Ravitch Auditorium. Please join them for a significant and meaningful evening that will include some of their Hebrew school students along with special guest speakers. Please RSVP for this event by contacting Toby Kahn at 267-334-2804 or TobyKahn@Outlook.com.

Employee Spotlight

****Bensalem Township is made up of many departments and divisions, each with fantastic employees, who all work together to make this town the best it can be! New for 2019, we are introducing the “Employee Spotlight” to help you get to know us better and celebrate the quality staff that makes B-Town work. Each month we will feature a different employee and ask them a few questions about themselves, their job and their interest(s).****

Don Cook: Bensalem Township Country Club Groundskeeper

Don Cook has been an employee at the Bensalem Township Country Club since 2007. With over 15 years' experience as a groundskeeper, Don is a great asset to the Country Club and is always willing to jump in and do whatever is asked of him. A lifelong Bensalem resident & BHS graduate, Don likes to hunt in his spare time when he's not out keeping the course in pristine condition. If you see him around, make sure to say “hi” and thank him for a job well done!

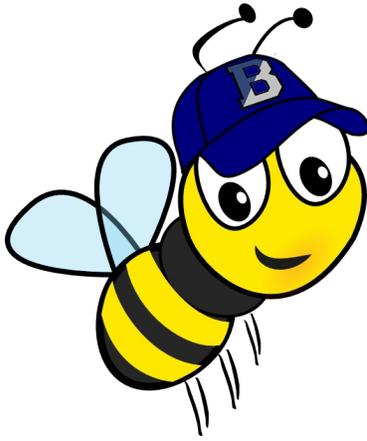


Municipal Term of the Month

Use & Occupancy Permit

A Use & Occupancy Permit- also known as a Certificate of Occupancy or CO- is issued by the Department of Permitting. In Bensalem, we call this our Building and Planning Department. Inspections and enforcement is conducted to officially state that the homes and businesses identified meet local zoning and safety requirements and may legally operate.

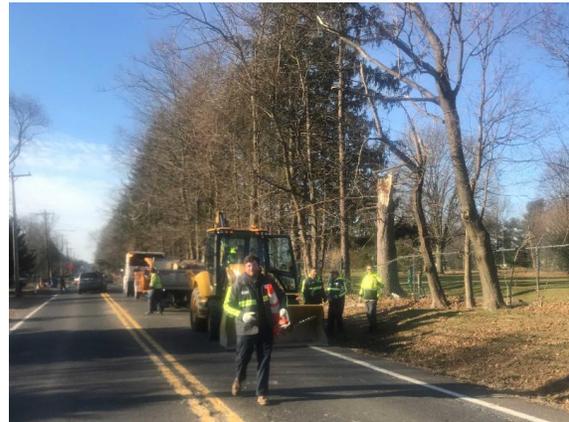
Buzzin' Around B-Town



Thank you to the Bensalem Girl Scouts-115 of them in all- and their leaders for making 50 fleece blankets for the CHOP Cardiology Department!



Mayor DiGirolamo with Mr. Joe Trucks (left) and Mr. Ben Craig (right), who help to keep St. Charles running like a well-oiled machine!



The dedicated men (and women!) of our Public Works Department work tirelessly to keep our streets safe for you to navigate, and we thank them for their efforts.



PAL would like to thank Chancellor's Glen for their very generous donation!

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