Bensalem Township
Pennsylvania

Dear Residents,

It is my hope that you are enjoying our new electronic newsletter! The community feedback has been tremendously positive. If you know of a friend or neighbor who has not signed up to receive our monthly e-mail publication, please tell them how simple and easy it is to remain in-the-know about community happenings and events by simply visiting the Township website at www.bensalempa.gov and clicking on the first box that appears which states "Sign up for our monthly newsletter." It's as easy as that!

Please stay tuned to our newsletter and social media pages for holiday closings as well as some activities taking place in late December and early January. One such event is Bensalem's "Unity Week." This celebration of diversity commences on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and continues for 5 days. The schedule for this week of education on a variety of faiths will be released after the New Year.

Please enjoy your holidays responsibly. Don't drink and drive! With all the options available in this day and age, there's no reason at all not to be safe! It is my distinct pleasure to serve as your Mayor, and from my family to yours we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor
Bensalem Township

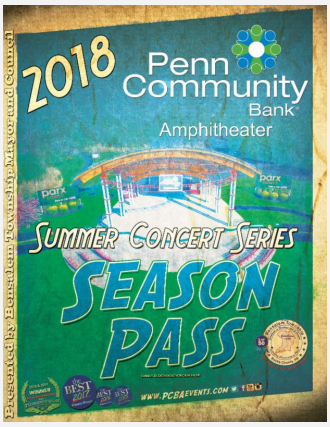
Bensalem Township 2017 Holiday Closings

The Bensalem Township Municipal Building will be closed on the following holidays:

Monday, December 25
Tuesday, December 26
Monday, January 1

Mayor DiGirolamo, Council and everyone at Bensalem Township would like to wish you all the happiest of holidays, and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

2018 Penn Community Bank Amphitheater Season Passes



Our first ever Cyber Monday sale was even more of a success than we had anticipated! As of this newsletter, we only have about 500 total passes left for sale both online and in-person. And once they're gone, they're gone! A Season Pass is by far the best value for your dollar and pass holders are admitted to the venue 30 minutes before general admission.

If you plan to purchase a 2018 season pass online-or have already- you MUST pick up your physical pass either at the municipal building (2400 Byberry Rd.) or at one of the first 3 concerts. No one will be admitted to a concert without the proper pass and they will not be mailed out.

New this season are our senior citizen passes for both residents and non-residents. Bensalem senior resident passes are just $35 and non-resident senior passes are only $40. A senior pass is available to anyone age 65 and older at the time of purchase. Anyone interested in purchasing a senior pass must show their ID in order to purchase and individuals may not purchase senior passes for others. A $5 off coupon is also available for download from our website and is valid through December 31, 2017.

The 2018 season is shaping up to be nothing short of amazing with 9 out of 12 acts currently booked. We have a few veteran performers along with some new bands joining the line-up for next summer. Without giving too much away, I can tell you that we will “KICK” (hint hint!) off the series on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 and you will NOT be disappointed! Our last concert of the season will be on August 29 and, as always, we will not have a concert on July 4.

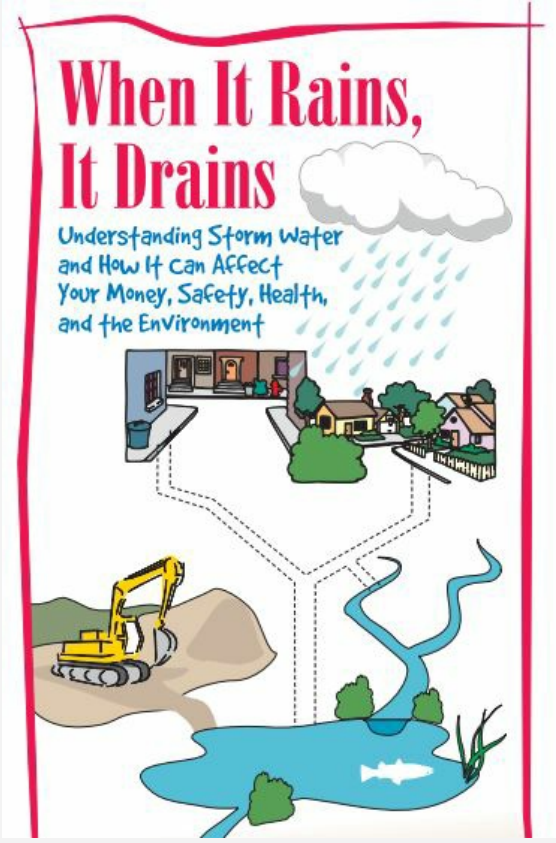
2018 season passes can be purchased in-person at the municipal building Monday - Friday from 8am - 4pm or anytime online at www.pcbaevents.com.

-Amanda McDonald
General Manager, Penn Community Bank Amphitheater

Storm Water Management Program

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the drainage water is called storm water runoff.

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



Bensalem Township is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is… water! Contact the Bensalem Township Engineer, the storm water management program coordinator or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.

LED Street Light Conversion Project

All street lights in the Township are being converted to L.E.D. technology. This will give the Township considerable energy savings as well as improve the performance of the streetlights. This is a township-wide project that will be completed by approximately March 2018. If you have any questions please call Jim Ryan, Director of Public Works, at 215-633-3734.

The Eddington Drainage Project

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A drainage project is scheduled to begin in Eddington in April 2018 and is estimated to be completed around November 2018. Bensalem Township Engineers are currently reviewing the contractors' pre-qualifications and the next step will be the public bidding process. This contract consists of furnishing all materials, machinery, equipment, tools, supplies, transportation, labor, and supervision required to construct drainage improvements in the Eddington-Cornwells neighborhoods and at the Cornwells Elementary School. The work consists of, but is not limited to: mobilization, traffic control, and installation of erosion and sedimentation controls. Drainage improvements along Ogden Avenue and Clovernook Avenue include selective demolition of the existing storm sewer, installation of approximately 3,600 linear feet of storm sewer and associated drainage structures, curbing and road restoration. Additionally, drainage improvements along Forrest Avenue include selective demolition of the existing storm sewer, installation of approximately 650 linear feet of storm sewer and associated drainage structures, and road restoration. The work at Cornwells Elementary School includes selective demolition, installation of erosion and sedimentation controls, clearing and grubbing, constructing a wetlands basin, multipurpose athletic field, asphalt pathway, and landscape improvements. For more information on this project please call Tom Hanna of Gilmore & Associates Inc. at 215-369-3955 ext. 706 or email him at thanna@gilmore-assoc.com.

The Bensalem Police Activities League Needs Your Support!

The Bensalem Township Police Department proudly continues the expansion of their P.A.L. (Police Activities League) program. Along with other numerous initiatives that the Bensalem Police spearhead, this is still the only official P.A.L. in Bucks County. The program is funded solely by donations received from businesses and local community members. Because this program offers free recreational and educational activities, we are able to provide opportunities for youth who may not ordinarily be given these chances. P.A.L. is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic, and recreational activities to foster relationships between our youth and the police department.

Bensalem Police P.A.L. programs currently consist of a summer youth basketball league

with over 500 participants, a flag football tournament, a street hockey league, winter fun program, bowling league and field trips to events such as Phillies games and Eagles training camp practices.

We need and welcome donations from our community members to help make this program a success. No donation is too big or too small to help children foster friendships and stay actively involved in our community.

Why do we do it? As our motto says “Because Every Kid Needs a P.A.L.” Youth Comes but once in a lifetime, so let’s make it one they will remember!

Interested in donating or just looking for more information? Please contact Bensalem P.A.L. at 215-633-3739. Checks can be made payable to Township of Bensalem and mailed to the attention of Tracey Buechner, Bensalem Township Police Department, 2400 Byberry Road, Bensalem, PA 19020.

PAL Street Hockey

The Bensalem P.A.L. held their Street Hockey League for the 3rd year in a row this fall. Teams were coached by Bensalem Police Officers, Firefighters and other volunteers. This program was offered to the first 100 kids in grades 4-8 who are Bensalem residents. Hockey began on September 25, 2017 and ran through mid-November. Kids were placed into two divisions, junior and senior, and played every Tuesday and Wednesday evening at the Bensalem Community Park. Great Job to all coaches, players and volunteers who made this season a huge success!

Seniors

Juniors

Decorating for the Holidays Safely

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 860 home fires caused by holiday decorations occur each year. An additional 210 home fires are caused by Christmas trees each year. Follow the steps below to ensure you decorate your home safely during the winter holidays.

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Santa Clause is Coming to Town

Santa will be traveling around Bensalem escorted by our various fire departments over the coming days. To see when he'll be in your neighborhood, click on the link to your local fire house below to get his schedule. From all of us at Bensalem Township Fire Rescue, we wish you and yours the happiest of holidays and a wonderful 2018!

Nottingham Fire Department
Trevose Fire Company
Newport Fire Company
Union Fire Company
Cornwells Fire Company
Eddington Fire Company

The Rec Room

BENSALEM TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION

Young Rembrandts

Sessions are held at the Bensalem Community Park (4301 Richlieu Rd.) and run for 5 weeks beginning March 24 through April 28. Registration Begins in January 2018 and no classes will be held on 3/31/18.

Call Parks and Recreation at 215-633-3616 for an application or register online using the links provided below.

Saturday Early Elementary Drawing (ages 4-6) - 9:00 am - 9:45 am
Register Online
Saturday Elementary Drawing (ages 7-14) - 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Register Online
Saturday Cartoon (ages 8-14) - 11:15 am - 12:15 pm
Register Online

Cost: $70.00 Make check payable to YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Soccer Shots

SOCCER SHOTS is the children's soccer experience for kids ages 2-7. Soccer Shots focuses on the skills and lessons of the game by offering non-competitive classes. Each child learns the fundamentals of the sport through principled high-energy instruction, creative and age appropriate games, scrimmaging, and soccer fun! We are changing the lives of young people forever by teaching principles and life skills like confidence, respect, honesty, and teamwork. Classes are 30-40 minutes per age group for 8 weeks and registration begins January 2018. To register online CLICK HERE. If you have any questions call 215-633-3724.

Location: Firefighters Field
Dates: Saturdays, March 24 – May 12th
Start Times: Ages 5-7 3:00 pm | Ages 3-4 3:45 pm | Age 2 4:30 pm
Cost: $100.00 Make check payable to Soccer Shots

Holiday Reflections

Breakfast with Santa
12.3.17

Public Safety Toy Drive Luncheon
12.2.17

Community Tree Lighting

Buzzin' Around B-Town

BENSALEM TWP
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PUBLIC SAFETY
TOY DRIVE
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CRIME SCENE UNIT
- Protect with honor, Serve with pride -

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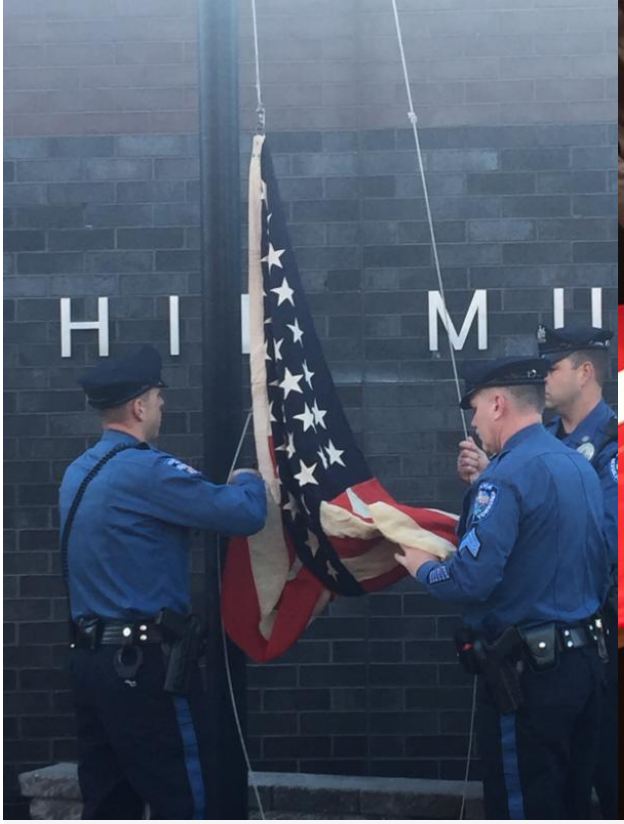

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