



# Bensalem Township Pennsylvania

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July 30, 2019

Dear Residents,

As we approach the “Dog Days of August,” it’s hard to imagine the weather being any more unpredictable than it has been this year. Historic rain fall accompanied by damaging winds that resulted in fallen trees, record flooding, and the loss of power have made for a challenging season.



In light of this, I would like to personally thank our Police and Public Works Departments for their dedication during the post-storm clean-up endeavors. Our men and women work around the clock to ensure the safety of our residents. Whether it’s snow or fierce rain storms, they’re ready to serve!

I would also like to congratulate our Parks and Recreation Department on another successful year! The program ends with their annual musical production. This year is *Disney’s Frozen Jr.*, with two shows – Monday, July 29th and Tuesday, July 30th- both at 7pm at Bensalem High School. Join us to see some really talented young people!

As always, it’s my pleasure and privilege to serve as the Mayor of Bensalem.

God Bless ,

Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor  
Bensalem Township



## Bensalem Community Affairs



Penn Community Bank Amphitheater

*Help Us STUFF THE BUS!*

Last year, many AWESOME donors- like



yourselves- helped the United Way of Bucks County collect enough materials to complete 3,378 backpacks! Having all of the supplies needed on day 1 can really help give a child the confidence to succeed throughout the entire school year.

For 2019, the goal is to provide area children with AT LEAST 3,500 backpacks. Bensalem Township & the PCBA are proud to once again help by offering residents a variety of contribution options.

From July 24th through August 14th you'll find collection bins at each of our entrances to the amphitheater on concert nights. If you're unable to make it to one of those shows, you can stop by the Municipal Building during regular hours (Monday – Friday, 8am – 4:30pm) with your donation. Additionally, the United Way will also accept a monetary contribution through their website [here](#). Just \$35 can provide a local kid in need with a backpack full of brand-new school supplies for their first day of school. With so many different ways to help, there really is no excuse. These kids are our future!

For more information on the United Way's Stuff the Bus campaign, a complete list of much-needed supplies, and other ways you can help, please check out their website at [www.uwbucks.org/stuffthebus](http://www.uwbucks.org/stuffthebus). Thank you in advance for your support!

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## *Staying Safe in the Sun*

July is "Sun Safety Month," so Community Affairs thought it would be appropriate to share with you some tips to help you stay safe while enjoying outdoor activities this summer.

According to [SkinCancer.org](http://SkinCancer.org), more than 9,500 people in the US are diagnosed with skin cancer every day, and more than two people die of the disease every hour. Those numbers are alarming! Making sure you stay protected involves more than just applying sunscreen.



For more information on UV radiation, the risks of exposure, and how to protect yourself, please check out [this information](#) from the Centers for Disease Control & Protection.

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## *Always Be Prepared!*

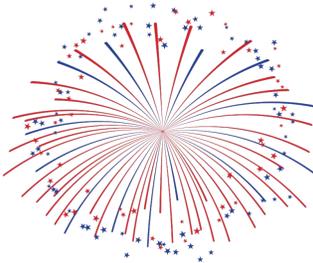


Did you know that hurricane season runs from June through November every year? This year alone, four to eight hurricanes are predicted to form over the Atlantic Ocean. Aqua America would like to help you be prepared in the case of a major storm like this with [these tips](#).



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## *Understanding the PA Fireworks Law(s)*



The Mayor's Office has received numerous inquiries concerning the use of fireworks, especially just after we celebrated our nation's independence. However, it seems there are fireworks or "fireworks noise" much more frequently than ever before.

Unfortunately, Bensalem Township did not write the law(s) associated with the distribution and use of fireworks. The laws were written, and recently revised in 2017, by Harrisburg Legislators. The Township does not have the capability to pass a law to restrict the use of fireworks outside of the laws of the Commonwealth of PA. Mayor DiGirolamo, and our Council, wish they could!

Please know that, as a municipality, our police will continue to deal with this issue and cite people when they can. We ask that you please call the police department's non-emergency number (215-633-3700) to report fireworks concerns, as posting on social media may never solve the issue.

For your reference, the current PA Fireworks Law (Pennsylvania ACT 43 of 2017) can be found [here](#). As of this publication, it is our understanding that Senator Robert "Tommy" Tomlinson is in the process of introducing a bill (HB 1687) to modify the current law. Hopefully this revision can make the proper adjustments to allow for the use of fireworks, while also helping to ensure public safety and peace.



Please join us for the 2019 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th from 6pm – 8:30pm on the grounds of the municipal complex and beautiful Central Park. On display will be our Police motorcycles, patrol cars, SWAT truck, helicopter, fire truck, drone, and Public Works vehicles.

While there, you 'll have the chance to check out a police K-9 demo, our "Behind Closed Doors" education trailer (a realistic re-creation of a typical teenager's bedroom), and guess your pitching speed with our Inflatable Baseball speed pitch game. The Pennsylvania National Guard will also be on-hand with a video game experience, and

light refreshments will be served. This is a great opportunity to meet the men & women of our Public Safety Department and enjoy a night of a family fun!

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## *Grilling Safety Tips*



In the summer, there's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can also be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling all year long!

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## **Public Works**

### *Keeping Our Streets Clean*



Here's where our street sweepers will be through the month of August:

July 29, 2019 - August 2, 2019  
Neshaminy Valley, Barnsleigh West, Belmont Hills

August 5, 2019 - August 9, 2019  
Newportville, Harvest Run West, Barnsleigh East, Salem Point

August 12, 2019 - August 16, 2019  
Village Green, Eddington, Upper Cornwells Heights

August 19, 2019 - August 23, 2019  
Wellington Estates, Brookwood, Executive Park, Valley Meadows

August 26, 2019 - August 30, 2019  
Woodridge East, Glen Ashton Farms, The Clusters, Timber Lane, The Coves, Mill Creek Farms

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.

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## **Employee Spotlight:**

*Dawn Davis, Primary Assistant to  
Mayor DiGirolamo*

\*\*\*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).\*\*\*



Dawn Davis began her tenure with Bensalem Township 25 years ago, after a 17 year private sector career in the medical insurance industry. Since then she has worked in almost every department, with the exception of Police. During this time she has accomplished many things, but credits the current administration for setting the “gold standard” in public service. “No one can hold a candle to Bensalem Township,” Dawn proudly boasts.

When asked what she loves most about her job and what she considers to be the biggest benefit in working for the Township, without hesitation Dawn replied “The diversity of my responsibilities keeps the days interesting; and the satisfaction of knowing my line of work is helping to create solutions to make a better Bensalem is extremely rewarding.”

Dawn has been married to her husband, Ed, for 36 years. They have 2 children and 1 grandchild who are all proud to call Bensalem their home. If you’re grabbing a bite to eat in town, you may run into her at either Tako or Carrabba’s- two of her favorite eateries. Or, if she’s looking to “escape” a little and get some peace, you could run into her along the Delaware River at The Biddle Estate or Pen Ryn Mansion. No matter where you may find her, she’s always happy to say hello. So don’t be shy, because Dawn sure isn’t!

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## Township Talk

### *What is an Easement?*

The right to cross or otherwise use someone else’s land for a specified purpose. These are usually associated with a utility such as water, sewer, electric or cable.





# TREVOSE

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## Annual Flower Show



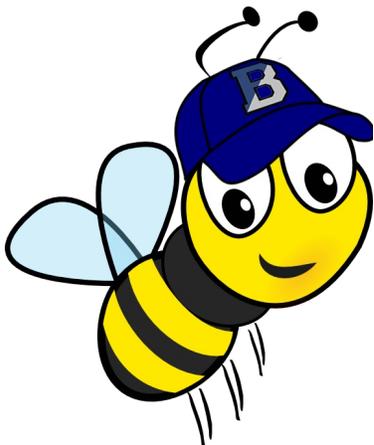
The Trevose Horticultural Society will stage their annual standard flower show "Birds of a Feather" on Friday, August 16th from 4pm to 8pm and Saturday, August 17th from 10am to 4:30pm at St. Ephrem Catholic Church (5400 Hulmeville Road). Admission is free and this event is open to both members and non-members. However, advanced registration is required for competitive design entries. Please call 215-322-4154, prior to August 8th, in order to register.

In the NGC newly added Youth and Sponsored Groups Division, children ages 18 and under may compete in the Junior Horticulture Section-which includes classes for vegetables, flowers, and herbs. Both youth and senior groups from the Bensalem Senior Center will compete in their respective classes in the Sponsored Groups Division, decorating birdhouses with paint and natural materials.

The horticulture schedule offers a variety of competitive classes for area green-thumbs including annuals, perennials, roses, houseplants, evergreen and flowering branches as well as herbs and vegetables. For further information about these classes, or copies of the upcoming show schedule, please contact 215-460-8853, or [www.trevosegardeners.org](http://www.trevosegardeners.org).

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## Buzzin' Around B-Town



We packed the house for 33-1/3 Live's *Killer Queen Experience* on Wednesday, July 24th!



Here we have Noelle Marple & mom, Allys from Chick-Fil-A Bensalem, demonstrating in the cutest way ever- how to properly protect your little ones while you rock out at one of our concerts!



You never know who you'll find ready to serve you at the Lions Club Snack Stand each Wednesday night at the PCBA!



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