



# Bensalem Township Pennsylvania

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Dear Residents,

I hope you enjoy this month's e-newsletter. School is out for the summer! Please be cognizant of children playing outside and use caution while driving through neighborhoods, as the children love to ride their bikes and take part in other outdoor activities this time of year.



If you have enrolled your child/ren in our Parks and Recreation Summer Program, you're part of a great network of activities specifically planned for your children. You will not find another municipality in the surrounding area that offers our level of service that includes transportation to and from facilities, extended day care for working families, and both breakfast & lunch daily!

The Penn Community Bank Amphitheater summer series is officially in "full-swing." It's my hope you enjoy this concert series, which commenced on Wednesday, June 5th and will run through August 28th. For more information on the venue and the scheduled line-up of entertainment, please visit [www.PCBAevents.com](http://www.PCBAevents.com) for a full listing of concerts and other activities within the park.

Let us know if there are other ways that we can assist you. Until then, God Bless and we'll all catch up with you next month. As always, it's my honor and privilege to serve as the Mayor of Bensalem Township.

God Bless ,

Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor  
Bensalem Township

## Upcoming Holiday Closing

In observance of Independence Day, the Bensalem Township Municipal Building will be closed on Thursday, July 4th and re-open at 8am on July 5th.





# Bensalem Community Affairs

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## *Fall Festival: Celebrate Community Pride*



Bensalem's annual "Fall Festival: Celebrate Community Pride" will take place on Saturday, October 5th. This annual "Best of Bucks" celebration- hosted by Mayor DiGirolamo, Township Council, Bensalem Community Affairs and Parks & Recreation- highlights all that is distinctive about our Township while also promoting friendship, goodwill and love of our community.

This full-day family event offers community performances, entertainment, food, amusements and a variety of crafters and vendors. If you're interested in being a sponsor, food vendor, or car show participant please download the appropriate form from our website and submit by September 6th FIRM, as nothing can be accepted after that date. If you have any special requests or needs you must discuss them in advance with Community Affairs Manager, Amanda McDonald, by calling 215-633-3630 or emailing at [amcdonald@BensalemPA.gov](mailto:amcdonald@BensalemPA.gov).

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## *Summer Meals for Bensalem Kids!*

In partnership with the US Department of Agriculture, the Bensalem School District is proud to once again offer summer meals for Bensalem children ages 18 and younger. There is no enrollment required and there is NO cost for this program either. A complete list of Bensalem locations is available [here](#). To find locations throughout PA, please visit [www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks](http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks).



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## *Historic Growden Mansion Receives Grant*



The William G. Pomeroy Foundation, a non-profit 501-C3, helps organizations, municipalities and educational institutions to support causes and work to make a meaningful difference in communities. Thanks to the dedication and hard work by the Bensalem Historical Society, led by Mrs. Sally Sondesky, the Growden Mansion will receive an actual marker to be installed on

the mansion by the end of the summer. Thank you, Mrs. Sondesky, for your dedication to preserving the history of Bensalem Township!

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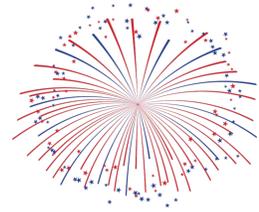


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## *Firework Safety Tips*



Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely if they follow a few simple safety tips, found [here](#).



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## *Animal Rescue Training at Parx*

On April 24th, Bensalem Township Fire Rescue and Bensalem EMS participated in a large animal rescue class at Parx . The class was presented by the Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team and provided an opportunity for our firefighters and EMS personnel to participate in a valuable hands-on training scenario alongside horse trainers, veterinarians and others from Parx Racing.



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## *2019 PAL Flag Football*

PAL would like to thank everyone for all the help and support during the 2019 Flag Football season. PAL had over 225 youths participate in the league this year! Special thanks to Tracey, Cpl. Dornisch, Det. Nieves, Ofc. Schwarting, and Ofc. Yasin. These 5 individuals put a ton of effort and passion into making the league such a success this year. A very special congratulations to our championship teams and runner-ups!



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## Public Works

### *Keeping Our Streets Clean*



Street sweeping continues through mid-September. Here's where they'll be over the coming weeks:

June 24 – June 28

Andalusia East, Echo Beach, Torresdale Manor, and Lower Andalusia

July 1 – July 5\*

Hansell Drive, Knights Road, Byberry Road, Annina Lane, Tucker Road, Essington Way, Belmont Ridge, Rockhill Drive, Columbia Drive, Woodsview Drive, Hidden Valley, Country Village, Apple Way, and White Oak Lane

*\*The Township is closed Thursday, July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday.*

July 8 – July 12

Trevose, Oakford, Linconia, and Concord Park

July 15 – July 19

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

July 22 – July 26

Springdale and Neshaminy Valley

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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## Department Spotlight



Interested in knowing who is behind the scenes in Parks and Recreation? This department consist of five individuals who are responsible for ensuring that our residents are provided with quality programing, exceptional facilities and sports playing fields for their families. Get an in-depth look [here](#), and make sure you say hi the next time you see them around town!

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## Township Talk

### *What is a Paper Street & Where do They Come From?*

In municipal jargon the term “paper street” usually means a road or an alley which exists only on paper, hence the name “paper street.” Because such a “street” appears only on paper- i.e. an old plan of homes, possibly an old deed, or maybe an old township map with dotted line- paper streets aren’t really streets at all. In reality a paper street may be part of a neighbor’s yard, the woods at the end of a paved street, or maybe where you practice your golf game from time to time. Gas, water, sewer and electrical utility lines may or may not be in a paper street.



A paper street usually occurs when a road or street shown on a developer’s plan of homes, isn’t officially accepted by the municipality. Possibly, the developer never laid out or paved the road to township specifications, or perhaps the road was never paved at all and was only a proposed road for the plan of homes, which may not have been built.

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## Drew Hacker Memorial Field Dedication

The sign presentation for the Andrew “Drew” Hacker Memorial Softball Field at the Bensalem Township Community Park took place this spring on Thursday, April 17th. Drew was a beloved member of our community who always gave back to the town he loved and called home. Pictured here is the Hacker Family: Stacey, Alec, William, and Marlena.

Thank you to Mayor DiGirolamo and Bensalem Parks & Recreation for recognizing Drew’s vision with the dedication of this field in his memory.





Bensalem Firefighters stopped by Team Alex's lemonade stand in the Eddington section of Bensalem recently to show their support.



Congratulations to the 2019 Bensalem Police Benevolent Association Scholarship Winners, Chloe Hysore & Aditi Rao, from Bensalem High School. In the Fall, Chloe will attend Williams College while Aditi heads off to Temple Univeristy. Best of luck in your future endeavors.



Bensalem EMS, in partnership with Jefferson Health, is proud to bring their new Mobile Stroke Unit, serving patients in Lower Bucks County & Far Northeast, by offering them time-saving, on-the-spot treatments.



Congratulations to the recent DARE graduates in all of our schools. Pictured here is Sr. Kathleen, the proud Principal of St. Charles, along with her students, Mayor DiGirolamo, members of our Public Safety Department, and other local elected officials.

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