



Bensalem Township Pennsylvania

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Dear Residents,

Thanks for taking the time to read our new monthly email newsletter!

Now in its sixth month of production, the feedback has been amazing as to the convenience and frequency of obtaining up-to-date information on people, places and things in Bensalem and beyond.

The nice weather brings an abundance of activities for you to enjoy. Whether it's a passive walk in one of our beautiful parks, playing soccer or a variety of other active sports, or dancing at our award-winning Penn Community Bank Amphitheater- located in our Central Park at the Bensalem Municipal Complex- there is certainly no lack of things to keep you active & busy in Bensalem!

In less than a month our amphitheater opens for its 17th season. Our tribute venue entertainment has become a "destination" here in Bucks County. People come from all over the tristate area to see our acts, enjoy the food truck cuisine, take a chance with our ever popular "Ultimate 50/50 Raffle" and just bask in the beauty of our Central Park with its convenient amenities. But most of all, it's about togetherness in a beautiful, clean and safe environment. More on the amphitheater will be outlined in the pages to follow. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor
Bensalem Township



Penn Community Bank Amphitheater

We Love Wednesdays at the PCBA!

We have just about 3 weeks left until Opening Night of the 2018 Summer Concert Series at the Penn Community Bank Amphitheater on June 6th, and we can't wait! We have a talented line-up of artists, a variety of food trucks, our "Ultimate" 50/50 raffle and just an all-around good time planned for you each and every Wednesday this summer. The best part is, this all takes place right in your own backyard!



Besides a blanket or chair to sit on, you'll also want to be sure to bring your appetite this summer! Returning this year to satisfy your sweet tooth is [Goodnoe Farm Dairy Bar](#) with their handmade ice cream, fried Oreos, funnel cakes and other tasty treats. New for 2018 are [Have a Ball](#) and [DeLorenzo's The Burg](#) and of course, our Snack Stand will be operating

again every week thanks to the [Friends of Bensalem Township Central Park](#). Are you hungry yet? We are!



Last, but certainly not least, I want to take this opportunity to thank our amazing sponsors. These are the businesses, many of them small & local to Bensalem, that are active in our community and choose to give back by supporting a program that brings you live music every Wednesday evening at an affordable price in a family-friendly environment. Many of the artists you see here play at other area venues that are commanding ticket prices well above

\$10. The value here truly cannot be beat! You can show your appreciation of their support by patronizing the fine establishments below:

- [Penn Community Bank](#) - Naming Rights Sponsor
- [Parx Casino](#)
- [Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Northeast](#)
- [Jack's Deli](#)
- [The Pigott Agency](#)
- [Riccio Family Pharmacy](#)
- [Friends of Bensalem Central Park](#)
- [Gannon Insurance](#)
- [Brown's Family ShopRite](#)
- [Wawa](#)
- [Comcast](#)
- [PECO](#)



We can't wait to KICK off the season with you on June 6th!



In observation of Memorial Day, Bensalem Township Municipal offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th.

Thank you to all of the men and women who have paid the ultimate price to protect our freedoms.

Public Safety

Bensalem Annual Police Memorial Monday, May 21st

Each year, Bensalem Township Police host the "Police Memorial." This day is part of a larger commemoration across the United States of law enforcement personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed *National Peace Officers Memorial Day*, and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community.



In Bensalem, we have lost two officers in the line of duty- Officer James K. Armstrong, age 28, and Officer Robert N. Yezzi, age 29. Both were killed while protecting the residents of Bensalem Township. We honor their selfless service to others on this day and live with the memory of what great men they were.

The ceremony will be held at the Legacy Gardens at the Bensalem Township Municipal Building located at 2400 Byberry Road. For more information, please call 215-633-3600.

Bensalem Police & Bucks County DUI Task Force Honored

Lieutenant Bugsch of the Bensalem Police Department and members of the Bucks County DUI Task Force were recently honored at the PA Highway Safety Conference with a leadership award for their aggressive enforcement of impaired driving. Bensalem Police average over 250 DUI arrests each year and it remains a top priority of the Department.

Thank you for helping to keep our roads safe!



#BPAIRENDTHEEPIDEMIC Winners Announced



The winners of the Bensalem Township Police Department Anti-Drug Selfie/Video contest, #BPAIRENDTHEEPIDEMIC, were presented with their awards at the Bensalem Township Council Meeting on April 23rd.

Laura Abele, a 12th grade student at Bensalem High School, won a \$1,000 Apple Gift Card for her contest submission and duo Pearl Diabene and Natalie Petersen, 8th and 9th grade students respectively at School Lane Charter School, shared their prize and each received a \$500 Apple Gift Card for their winning submission.

Thank you to our panel of judges: Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo, Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub and Diane Rosati, Executive Director of the Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission.

A special thank you to all of the students who participated in the contest: Laura Abele, Ryan Chew, Courtney Cunningham, Brighton Curran, Pearl Diabene, Ethan Fan, Emily Gladu, Alex Hartley, Sarah Hartley, Neel Jignesh Joshi, Julianna Marie Lennon, Megan Ling, Shannon MacMillan, Zachary Medio, Collin Meo, Victoria Moser, Masa Murry, Yasmin Nafti, Meera Patel, Sneh Patel, Natalie Petersen, Jordan Polcak, Bailey Richardson, Sean Scalen, Giovanni Scuderi, Shayna & Mika Sit, Robert Walton, Emily Weinberg, Camryn Wood

Great job everyone! We appreciate your help in bringing awareness to end the epidemic.

Rec Room



Registration Still Open for Summer Recreation Programs & Tennis

Bensalem's Parks and Recreation Department is still accepting registrations for the Play Area, Little Rec Crew and Musical programs. All programs begin June 18th and the deadline to register is June 7th. There is a \$25 per child late fee assessed for any registration received after this date. Enrollment in all programs is on a first come, first served basis. If you have any questions please call 215-633-3724.

Interested in Tennis? Registration for the Season 2 "Learn Practice and Play" program closes May 20th. Come play where the atmosphere is informal with an emphasis on fun, fitness, and play! This program has limited enrollment so register now online [here](#).



Firefighters' Field Gets New Equipment

Bensalem's Firefighters' Field is one of many beautiful parks serving the residents of our community. This 17 acre piece of land was once part and parcel of the former Pennsylvania State Institution known as the YDC or Youth Development Center. The YDC was a correctional institution for boys that operated in Bensalem from the early 1960's until it was permanently closed and relocated to another part of the state.



Mayor DiGirolamo and Bensalem Council, in partnership with the Bucks County Redevelopment Corporation, were able to acquire this land and "redevelop" it into a positive element for the community. This included single family homes along with the beautiful Firefighters' Park/Field.

The park has passive and active recreational amenities with its latest addition to the field being the "Danny MacIntosh Fitness Trail." The trail consists of several exercise stations just like those you would see at a physical fitness gym. There is no cost to use the equipment or utilize the park. With the weather finally cooperating, take the opportunity to visit the park. It's a great family activity!

The Bensalem Firefighters' Field is located at 80 Rockhill Drive at Richlieu Road. For more information concerning the park or other programs, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 215-633-3614.

Public Works Department

Ongoing PECO Work



As some residents may already be aware, PECO is currently upgrading and replacing approximately 15,000 feet of underground electric cable in the Neshaminy Valley and Springdale sections of the Township. Equipment, including pad-mount transformers, could be installed or replaced as necessary. This work is being completed to make the electric system more weather-resistant and less vulnerable to storm damage.

Work will occur from 7am to 4pm Monday through Friday and the project is expected to be completed by October 2018.

PECO crews may need to temporarily interrupt service to complete some of this work. As this is NOT a Township project, any questions, concerns or complaints regarding this work must be made directly to PECO by contacting Randi Martin at 215-956-3113 or randi.martin@exeloncorp.com.

Spring Cleaning

The Bensalem Public Works crew will be continuing their efforts to keep our streets clean this Spring. Here's where they'll be through mid-June:

WEEK #8: May 21 - May 25

Wellington Estates, Brookwood, Executive Park, Valley Meadows.

WEEK #9: May 29 - June 1

Woodridge East, Glen Ashton Farms, The Clusters, Timber Lane, The Coves, Mill Creek Farms.

WEEK #10: June 4 - June 8

Andalusia West, Rywall Park, Lower Cornwells Heights.

WEEK #11: June 11 - June 15

I-95 Industrial Park, Clive Avenue, Moore Avenue, Center Avenue, etc.

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.



Trevose Horticultural Society

THS May Meeting

“Creating a Kokedama Moss Ball Demonstration” will be the featured program at the monthly meeting of the Trevose Horticultural Society on Tuesday, May 15th at 7pm at the Bensalem Senior Center located at 1850 Byberry Road in Bensalem.

Learn how to make a Kokedama moss ball complete with a



small houseplant using a floral foam sphere as an alternative method. Blanche Gottel's fun demonstration will provide step-by-step instructions on how to create this Japanese inspired garden art. These spherical novelties are great accent and conversational pieces for the home and make great gifts too. There will also be a raffle for a completed Kokedama.

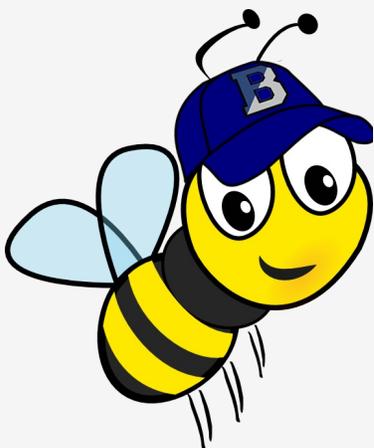
Gottel left her corporate career in technology to become an entrepreneur and start her own business in interior plant care and maintenance. She has since grown her business, The Plant Lady of Bucks County, LLC, to include interior plantscaping for a diverse client base including many corporate and private clients.

All THS meetings are open to the public and a donation of \$3 is requested from non-members. For further information, please contact 856-866-9163.



B-Town Talk: In Studio
Penn Community Bank Amphitheater

Buzzin' Around B-Town



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Contest winner Laura Abele, a 12th grader at
BHS



Saint Charles School Students' Annual "Lunch with the Mayor."



#BPAIRENDTHEEPIDEMIC Contest winners Pearl Diabene (L) and Natalie Peterson (R), both students at School Lane Charter School



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Valley A.A. Opening Day 2018



Mayor DiGirolamo stopped by the Dom Giordano show, broadcast from Michael's Diner every Thursday @11am



Thank you to Joe Szafran (L) for organizing the Tour of Honor! Pictured here with Mayor DiGirolamo.



Valley A.A. Opening Day 2018



Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo, seen here with some of our Vets, joined the Tour of Honor on Monday, May 7th.

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