



# Bensalem Township Pennsylvania

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May 15, 2019

Dear Residents,

In just a few short weeks we will be celebrating the unofficial start of summer! Please join us for the Memorial Day Parade, hosted by the Andalusia VFW Post 8198. The festivities begin at the 2800 block of Bristol Pike (near East Coast Cycle) on Monday, May 27th at 10am and continue south towards Mill Road, ending at the picnic grounds.



I have so much respect for the men and women of the Armed Services and the sacrifices they make every day keeping America safe. We live in uncertain times, so please remember to thank a veteran- past and present- for their never-ending service to our community, and our nation.

As always, it is my hope that you will continue to find the information contained in our monthly newsletters useful. Enjoy the approaching holiday. It's an honor and privilege to serve as Bensalem's Mayor. Talk to you next month.

God Bless ,

Joseph DiGirolamo, Mayor  
Bensalem Township

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## Upcoming Holiday Closing

In observance of Memorial Day, the Bensalem Township Municipal Building will be closed on Monday, May 27th. Thank you to all of the men and women who have paid the ultimate price to protect our freedoms. You will never be forgotten.



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## Building & Planning

*Knock Knock! Who's There?*

A common topic of discussion heard throughout the community is in relation to solicitors / peddlers and whether or not they are allowed to knock on your door. In Bensalem Township, anyone who wishes to peddle their goods and/or services via door-to-door methods must apply, and be approved for, a Peddler / Solicitor License through our Building & Planning Department.



Want to know who is currently approved for these licenses? A current list- which is constantly evolving as new requests for licenses are submitted- can be found [here](#). If you have any questions about how to apply for this license, or would like to inquire about the validity of a solicitor in your neighborhood, please call 215-633-3646.



## Bensalem Community Affairs



**Penn Community Bank Amphitheater**

### *Opening Night: June 5th*



Opening Night is just around the corner, and we have so much going on! Join us on June 5th as we kick off the concert season, thanks to our naming rights partner **Penn Community Bank**, with *The Doobie Others*, a tribute to the music of The Doobie Brothers.

Aside from being the host site for the 2019 **Relay for Life of Bensalem**, now in its 20th year, The PCBA is proud to once again also be a collection site for the canned goods that will be used in the luminaria bags at the event on June 8th. These luminaria bags are purchased in memory, honor, or support of someone who has lost their battle with cancer; in honor of those still fighting; and also recognizes those who are caregivers. The cans hold the bags in place, along with the candle, as they are displayed around the amphitheater grounds during the evening ceremony.

Collection boxes will be located at all entry points on Opening Night. The canned goods collected will be donated to local food banks such as Redeemer Lutheran Church, Libertae right here in Bensalem, and YWCA Bucks County. For more information on Relay for Life Bensalem, please contact Denise at 215-512-3434 or [Relay2010@hotmail.com](mailto:Relay2010@hotmail.com).

*Thank You to Our Sponsors!*

We have just about 2 weeks left until Opening Night of the 2019

Summer Concert Series at the Penn Community Bank Amphitheater on June 5th, and we can't wait! We have an awesome 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 night this summer. And it all takes place right here 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 keep your bellies full will be **Goodnoe Farm Dairy Bar** with their handmade ice cream, fried oreos, funnel cakes and other tasty treats along with **Have a Ball** and their addictive ball creations! Joining us for the first time this year is The Chuck Wagon from **Chuck's BBQ** and **Chick-Fil-A Bensalem** will be here with their delicious Original Chicken Sandwiches. And of course, our Snack Stand will still be operating every week, thanks to the **Bensalem Lions Club**. 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 quality live music every Wednesday evening at an affordable price. You can show your appreciation of their support by patronizing these fine establishments:

- **Penn Community Bank**
- **Trifecta Sporting Club**
- **Parx Casino**
- **Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Northeast**
- **Chick-fil-A Bensalem**
- **Comcast**
- **PECO**
- **The Pigott Agency**
- **Riccio Family Pharmacy**
- **Jack's Deli**
- **Liberty**
- **Brown's Family Shoprite**

We can't wait to rock with you on Opening Night. See you on June 5th!

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## *Internet Safe Exchange Zone*



In my two years as Community Affairs Manager, I've fielded quite a few calls and emails from residents inquiring about whether or not we have a safe, secure, and monitored location for people to complete internet sales, much like those that are done via the increasingly popular online yard sale sites. Bensalem Community Affairs, in partnership with Bensalem Police and OfferUp, is pleased to announce our new "Internet Safe Exchange Zone" located just outside of the Bensalem Police Department.

"Our ability to partner with Bensalem Township allows us to bring a collective and focused effort and investment to the well-being of this community by improving the security of in-person transactions," said Natalie Angelillo, VP of Community at OfferUp.

"Our MeetUp Spots program helps serve the much needed purpose of providing an easy and free way to establish a community location that is public, surveilled, well lit, and monitored by the police department. OfferUp is proud to have a partner in Bensalem Township to support our commitment to building trust in communities throughout the country."

While police will not get involved in sales, the next time you wish to conduct business with a stranger, you can have peace of mind knowing that Bensalem's finest has your back by providing you with a surveilled place to complete your transaction. Look for the designated Community Meetup Spot clearly marked just outside of the police station. If



## *Young Lungs at Play: Keeping Our Kids Healthy!*

Young Lungs at Play is a program aimed to help communities create tobacco-free parks, playgrounds and recreational areas for children. Many Pennsylvania communities have adopted outdoor tobacco-free policies at parks, zoos, athletic fields, playgrounds, trails and even city sidewalks and streets to help protect both children and the environment. Bensalem is proud to join these efforts to keep our kids safe, healthy and smoke-free!



When visiting the parks, playgrounds and athletic fields throughout our community, please remember that these are places where children and babies are prevalent, and they should remain smoke-free at all times. If you make the decision to smoke, please be respectful of others and go somewhere either completely off of the property or in your car with the windows up, so as to not offend others. The children of Bensalem thank you!

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## *Bensalem Township Police Memorial*

# POLICE MEMORIAL

NEVER FORGOTTEN



**Monday, May 20, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**2400 Byberry Road**



Our service pays honor to two of our own officers who were killed in the line of duty, Officer James Armstrong and Officer Robert Yezzi. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last for approximately one hour. Light refreshments will be served following the service in the lobby of the Municipal Building.

## Public Works

### *Keeping Our Streets Clean*



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

May 20 - May 24  
Village Green, Eddington, Upper Cornwells Heights

May 28 - May 31\*

Wellington Estates, Brookwood, Executive Park, Valley Meadows  
\*The Township will be closed on Monday, May 27.

June 3 – June 7

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

June 10 – June 14

Andalusia West, Rywall Park, Lower Cornwells Heights

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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## Trevoze Horticultural Society

### *Hens, Chicks and Eggs*

“Hens, Chicks and Eggs” will be the featured program at the monthly meeting of the Trevoze Horticultural Society at the Bensalem Senior Center (1850 Byberry Road) at 7pm on Tuesday, May 21st.

In a show-and-tell format, the Society's President- Cookie Woodson of Feasterville- will discuss the care and feeding of backyard chickens accompanied by hens and chicks from her flock. She will also share some fun facts about eggs. Woodson is an avid gardener of fruits, vegetables and herbs with a special interest in pollinators and birds. She enjoys teaching her grandchildren and neighborhood children about planting and harvesting crops and caring for her backyard chickens. A pastry chef and floral designer, Cookie's arrangements include a "sweet touch" of cookies, pastries, and fruits.



All meetings are open to the public, but a donation of \$4 is requested from non-members. For further information, please contact 856-866-9163.

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## Municipal Term of the Month

### *Zoning Ordinance*

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), allows municipalities, such as Bensalem Township, to adopt a Zoning Ordinance and outlines the procedures to do so. In summary, the Zoning Ordinance contains the following:

- A map identifying the zoning designation of each property in Bensalem Township.
- The zoning requirements for each district, such as the setbacks from a property line to build an addition, minimum lot areas, and lot coverage requirements.
- The permitted uses in each district, such as uses permitted in the various commercial districts and industrial zones.
- Parking requirements for uses, such as retail stores and office buildings .
- Requirements related to sheds, fences, pools and detached garages.
- Regulations with respect to signage.

The Zoning Hearing Board is the board that hears variance and special exception requests. For example, if your addition proposes a fifteen (15) foot side yard setback and you are required to have twenty (20) feet, you can file to the Zoning Hearing Board.

# Buzzin' Around B-Town



Thank you to Cub Scouts Pack 128 from St. Ephrem's for helping us to officially open the Community Garden on Saturday, May 11th. We can't wait to see the fruits of your labors... literally!



Join us on Saturday, June 8th at the Penn



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 2025 and Girl Scout Daisy Troop 22046, both from St. Andrew's School in Newtown, recently donated 200 boxes of cookies to our PAL Program and the Bensalem PD. Thank you for your generosity, ladies!



Some of our 2019 Community Garden participants from Associated Production Services in Trevoze getting to work on their plot.



Congratulations to Officer Samuel Ladd on his recent swearing in as one of the newest members of the Bensalem Township Police Department. Thank you

Community Bank Amphitheater for the  
20th Relay for Life Bensalem!

for your commitment of service to your  
community.

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