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Operation Our Town Reporter

a monthly newsletter *by our volunteers to our volunteers about*
our fight against drugs and crime in Central PA

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American Eagle Paper Mills
Grainger Industrial Supply
Norfolk-Southern Foundation
Small Tube Products
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BLAIR COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VIRTUAL Breakfast Club

A Year in Review

THE MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF OPERATION OUR TOWN

WITH
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
PETER WEEKS
& JIM WALSTROM

2021 Community
Partnership Award
Chief Janice Freehling

2021 Law
Enforcement Awards

March **11**
7:45-9 a.m.

-Sponsored by -



VIRTUAL EVENT

\$15 per person

For Reservations: call 943-8151
online at www.blairchamber.com

Zoom link will be
sent to all registrants

Mission

To facilitate partnerships between community and business to fight drug abuse and crime through proven law enforcement, treatment, and prevention techniques.



Month of March

3/2	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Zoom conference call
3/4	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair Co. Chamber
3/17	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	Zoom conference call
3/18	Criminal Justice Advisory Board Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Zoom conference call
3/18	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	2:00pm	Zoom conference call
3/19	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom conference call
3/25	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Zoom conference call

REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY
PUSH OUT THE PUSHER
814-693-3020

2-1-1

Pennsylvania
Get Connected. Get Help.™

PA 2-1-1 is a comprehensive database that includes information about health & human services.

PA 2-1-1 can be accessed by phone 24/7 or the web at:

www.pa211.org



814-381-0921

Be a Crime Fighter!



Let's get dangerous and potentially addictive drugs out of homes and off the street!

Free Medication Drop Boxes are available for you to discard unused medications! The best way to combat drug diversion and abuse is to get drugs away from folks who may be tempted to use or sell them. Drugs discarded into the dropboxes are safely destroyed by law enforcement.

Drop Off Locations:

- ▶ **Allegheny Township Police Dept.** (814) 695-9563
3131 Colonial Dr. Duncansville, PA 16635
Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm
- ▶ **Altoona Police Dept.** (814) 949-2489
1106 16th St. Altoona, PA 16601
24 hours per day / 7 days per week
- ▶ **CVS** (814) 944-9224
200 E. Plank Rd. Altoona, PA 16602
Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 9:00pm
Saturday, 9:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday, 10:00am – 6:00pm
- ▶ **Giant Eagle Pharmacy - Altoona** (814) 946-4267
181 Sophira Ln. Altoona, PA 16602
Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-8pm,
Sun 10am-5pm
- ▶ **Hollidaysburg Police Dept.** (814) 695-3711
401 Blair St. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 11:00pm
- ▶ **Logan Township Police Dept.** (814) 949-3364
100 Chief Logan Circle Altoona, PA 16602
Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm
- ▶ **State Police-Troop G - Hollidaysburg** (814) 696-6100
1510 N Juniata St. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648
24 hours per day / 7 days per week
- ▶ **Tyrone Borough Police Dept.** (814) 684-1364
1100 Logan Avenue Tyrone, PA 16686
Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm
- ▶ **Walgreens Pharmacy** (814) 944-3236
508 E Plank Rd. Altoona, PA 16602
Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 9:00pm
Saturday, 9:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday, 10:00am – 6:00pm
- ▶ **Williamsburg Police Dept.** (814) 832-2022
305 E. 2nd St. Williamsburg, PA 16693
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9:00am – 3:00pm
Wed, 8:00am – 4:00pm



Project Supported by:



Grant-Funded Program
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Grant Recipient Highlight: Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation After School Program

By: Marlene Dancy-Murray, PMSC AmeriCorps
Member with Operation Our Town



The Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation serves children in grades kindergarten through 6th grade who live in one of three low-income housing developments in Altoona. The developments include: Fairview Hills, Logan Hills, and Evergreen Manors. The after school programs offer homework help, tutoring, educational enrichment, field trips, and recreation. There is no cost to participate. The after school programs are in session every school day. The after school programs are held in the community room facilities located in the midst of each housing development so that the children do not need transportation.

The GGMF is in session five days a week during the school year. The after school program sets itself apart from similar programs by focusing on academic achievement, and social and emotional learning to increase children's ability to succeed in school and in the community. The GGMF staff members correspond with the children's parents and school teachers in order to have a team approach that best meets the needs of each enrolled child.

The Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation strives to help break the cycle of poverty that can ultimately determine the future of generations. The Foundation works to bring hope, resilience, and direction to children. The Foundation wants every child to reach their potential in life regardless of family income.

Operation Our Town funds are used to purchase healthy snack foods, prize cabinet items, recreational materials, craft materials, and field trips that encourage attendance.

The after school program provides a safe place for children to congregate; unsupervised children in grades K-6 are otherwise prone to following the lead of an older child who gathers a 'posse' to take part in vandalism or bullying. OOT funds are used to provide positive reinforcement through field trips and prizes; the incentives teach children to persevere, accept responsibility, and to practice self-control. These competencies will help youth avoid drugs and crime now and in the future.



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