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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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AmeriCorps



Operation Our Town AmeriCorps position available

Operation Our Town is looking to fill one AmeriCorps position that will serve at Operation Our Town.

The AmeriCorps position is a one-year term of service from August 20, 2021 to August 5, 2022.

- The AmeriCorps member will provide drug prevention community outreach and engagement, and volunteer management.
- The AmeriCorps member will receive a bi-weekly stipend, earn education money, and are eligible for healthcare benefits, student loan forbearance, and an income-based childcare benefit.
- High school diploma is required, Associates or Bachelor's degree preferred. Must possess a valid driver's license and have own transportation.

Main responsibilities of the position are outreach, including: attending Operation Our Town Roundtable meetings, social media outreach, promoting OOT grant recipient programs through monthly newsletter articles, attending community events to promote OOT, assisting with the annual OOT grant cycle, and assisting with the annual OOT golf tournament.

The AmeriCorps position will be approximately 38 hours per week. The hours will be from 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday, with some evening and/or weekend hours for some of the outreach events.

If interested in this service opportunity, please contact Shawna Hoover by July 30th:

shawna@operationourtown.org or 814-296-8730

Mission

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



Month of July

7/15

Criminal Justice Advisory Board Roundtable meeting

12:00pm

Blair Co. Courthouse

** August 5, 2021 **

Print and bring this coupon or show on your mobile device on August 5th.

Share this coupon with your family, friends, co-workers, and employees!

Please see the link below to save and/or print the coupon:

<https://operationourtown.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Operation-Our-Town-Day-2021.pdf>

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

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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

 **BLAIR DRUG & ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIPS**
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814-381-0921



DelGrosso's PARK LAGUNA Splash

Come Celebrate Operation Our Town Day at DelGrosso's Park

Learn more about Operation Our Town and how the funds they raise help fight drugs and crime in Central PA

Our Town... A Great Place to Live!

Come Check Out Drug Dog Demos & Other Special Activities!

Visit www.OperationOurTown.org to Learn More About Operation Our Town and to Donate!

\$20 ALL-DAY FUN PASS

For each Coupon redeemed, \$3 will be donated back to Operation Our Town!

Coupon Valid August 5, 2021 Only
Not Valid With Any Other Offer

All-Day Fun Pass Regular Price: \$31.95

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PR - Operation Our Town Day

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Grant Recipient Highlight:

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School Drug Testing of Students Program

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



Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School's overall mission is to create a safe, healthy environment for all students. The school's policy is to have a drug-free environment. The discipline of requiring all students to be drug-free is to have students focus on their own achievements and other priorities. It releases students from distractions that drugs would provide.

The Drug Testing of Students Program is a mandatory part of the Bishop Guilfoyle experience. Drug testing is conducted at random times throughout the school year. Students are aware that drug testing can occur at anytime and therefore must avoid drugs at all times.

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School officials reach out to every parent of a student whose ID number was selected, thus participated in the drug screening. Without exception, the feedback from the parents is positive and supportive that the school proactively utilizes means to keep our school and students safe.

Drug testing happens at school. The students are selected at random, on random dates/times.

The test transpires in the nurse's office by qualified personnel. Drug sniffing dogs are brought into the school at random times during the school year and inspect areas of the school, such as lockers.

The school views mandatory and random drug testing and drug sweeps as a deterrent to drug use. These policies and practices can aid students facing peer pressure, or on the fence to use drugs; students know 'not at my school, but there is a chance I will be drug tested.'

Assistance and support is provided by local police departments and the PA Office of Attorney General. The grant from Operation Our Town is used to offset the costs of drug testing. The entire school community benefits from BG being drug-free.



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