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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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\*\* 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, employees, and clients!

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>

**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

Come Check Out Drug Dog Demos & Other Special Activities!

Our Town... A Great Place to Live!

Visit [www.OperationOurTown.org](http://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  
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All-Day Fun Pass Regular Price: \$31.95

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PR - Operation Our Town Day

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## Mission

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



## Month of August - Roundtable meetings

8/19	Criminal Justice Advisory Board Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Blair Co. Courthouse
8/26	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Al's Tavern & Zoom



## Monday, September 20, 2021

### Schedule of Activities

12:00pm - Tee Off Against Drugs Student Golf Tournament

4:00pm - OOT Mini-Golf Tournament at Lakemont Park

• **View Mini-Golf flyer & Registration form below:**

• <https://operationourtown.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2021-Mini-Golf-flyer-Editable-form.pdf>

5:00pm - US Foods Neighborhood BBQ at Park Hills Golf Club



**814-693-3020**

**2-1-1**

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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**

## Tuesday, September 21, 2021

### Schedule of Activities

**View 2021 OOT Golf Brochure & Registration form below:**

• <https://operationourtown.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Golf-Brochure-2021.pdf>

7:00am - Morning registration & breakfast provided by Sheetz

8:00am - AM Shotgun start

11:00am - Afternoon registration & lunch provided by Sheetz

12:45pm - AM putting contest for \$5,000

1:00pm - PM Shotgun start

6:00pm - PM putting contest for \$5,000

Cocktail reception following afternoon golf



**\$5,000 PUTTING CONTEST**



A \$5,000 cash prize donation from Park Hills Golf Club will be awarded to the winners of the AM & PM putting contests!



*Empowering Healthy Lifestyles*

**814-381-0921**



# Grant Recipient Highlight:

## Roaring Spring Community Library Curiosity Creates Open Art Studio

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



The mission of Curiosity Creates Open Art Studio is to create a space where children can express their creativity, find their voice, and learn how to deal with challenging situations through art. Curiosity Creates is a safe space for self expression by offering planned art activities, in addition to open ended art experiences. The arts are a way to build children's self-esteem, self-awareness, and open a world of opportunities. A positive self-image provides critical defense to the many negative influences youth face after school and in life.

It is difficult for a child to engage in the creative process when they are concerned about their basic needs. Many of them do not have access to food after school or during the summer break. To address the problem of food insecurity, snacks have been added to the program. The program has been approved to provide an afternoon snack as part of the USDA summer food service program, partnering with Trinity United Methodist Church. The staff has been trained in preparation and service through Penn State Cooperative Extension and have taken "Cooking For Crowds."

#### Goals:

1. Make the library a destination of creativity where exploration and self-expression occur in a safe place.
2. A tech-free zone promoting child and caregiver engagement, as well as self-exploration.

3. The library is seen as a facilitator of creativity in the community.

The generosity of Operation Our Town and wise, cost-effective purchasing have allowed this program to be offered at zero cost to all participants. Currently, Open Art is being offered every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 pm through August 18th in the form of "Open Art Day," Sticker Stories, and Lunch Bunch. Now that COVID restrictions have been lifted, they are happy to announce that starting September 13<sup>th</sup>, Curiosity Creates Open Art Studio will be available anytime during the Library's business hours for kids to drop in and create. They will also be adding some structured projects throughout the academic year and beyond.

The time between the end of the school day and when parents get home from work are of most concern to caregivers of children, law enforcement, and community members. After school programs are an environment where students can go and find mentors that they can trust.



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