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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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## Mission

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



## Month of October - Meetings

10/4	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Blair County Community Action Agency
10/5	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Bull Pen Restaurant
10/20	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office
10/21	Criminal Justice Advisory Board Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Blair Co. Courthouse
10/21	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	2:00pm	2nd Avenue United Methodist Church
10/22	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom

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



### 1st Place:

Michael Harris, Brian Hmel, Andy May, Steven Dull

### 2nd Place:

Matt Neumeyer, Darryl Owens, Harry Benjamin, John Ventura

### 3rd Place:

Jim Foreman, Jason Gervinski, Bob Bilger, Doug Irvin

### Closest to the Pin, 2nd Shot:

Von Villano



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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:

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**814-381-0921**

### Mini-Golf Tee Sponsors:

Arts Altoona  
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## Landlord Educational Workshop

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

### Altoona Grand Hotel

1 Sheraton Drive  
Altoona, PA 16601

Registration – 8:30-8:45am

Program – 8:45am-3:00pm

**Free to attend - Lunch included**

#### Topics covered:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Magisterial District Judge FAQ</li><li>• Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)</li><li>• Signs of Illegal Drug Activity</li><li>• Trainings &amp; Home Modifications</li><li>• Eviction Mediation Program</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eviction Process &amp; Moratorium</li><li>• Common Fair Housing Violations to Avoid</li><li>• Rental Inspection Checklists</li><li>• Lead Remediation</li></ul> |
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Pre-registration is required by October 21<sup>st</sup> to:

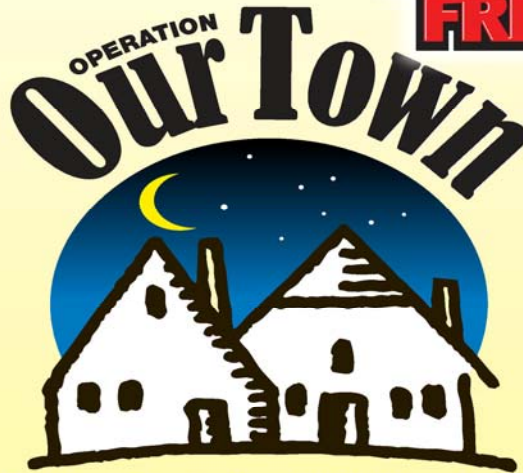
[oot@operationourtown.org](mailto:oot@operationourtown.org) or

(814) 296-8730

Why do people give in to peer pressure from those who use drugs? What are some of the best ways to avoid giving in to peer pressure?

**YOU TELL US!**

**The Best ME Is Drug FREE!**



**Taking Back Our Neighborhoods**

The Altoona Mirror & Operation Our Town invite area students in 6th through 12th grade in Blair & surrounding counties who are 11 or older to enter

*"Why do people give in to peer pressure from those who use drugs? What are some of the best ways to avoid giving in to peer pressure?"*

contest by submitting an essay on the topic.

The local winner, selected by the Marketing Roundtable of Operation Our Town, will be awarded **\$250.00** in gift cards to The Meadows Original Frozen Custard located in Hollidaysburg, which may be used towards the purchase of frozen custard, batting cages, or miniature golf.



Hollidaysburg, PA

Submit entries to:  
oot@operationourtown.org

OR  
Operation Our Town  
5508 6th Avenue, Rear  
Altoona, PA 16602  
Attn: Essay Contest

Entry Deadline: Friday, November 5, 2021

**Altoona Mirror**

*Making It Happen For You*

**ENTRY FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
 GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
 PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**OPERATION OUR TOWN  
Essay Promotion Rules**

**GENERAL:** No purchase is necessary. The act of entering constitutes acceptance of the rules and decisions of Operation Our Town.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The contest is open to 6th through 12th grade students in Blair & surrounding counties who are 11 or older.

**CONTEST:** The contest begins on October 1, 2021 and ends at midnight on November 5, 2021.

**ESSAY TOPIC:** The submitted essay topic is "Why do people give in to peer pressure from those who use drugs? What are some of the best ways to avoid giving in to peer pressure?" Essays will be judged on:

- Creativity & originality
- Persuasiveness
- Grammar & spelling
- Relevancy of response to topic
- Entries must be 500 words or less.

Applicants may opt to cite external references. All external references must be properly cited and will not be counted toward the word count. All entries must be original work of the applicant and have not been previously entered in another competition nor been previously published.

**PRIZE:** \$250.00 in gift cards to The Meadows Original Frozen Custard 471 Municipal Drive, Duncansville, PA 16835.  
**HOW TO ENTER:** Entries are to be mailed directly to the Operation Our Town office - 5508 6th Avenue, Rear - Altoona, PA 16602 - Attention: Essay Contest, or emailed to oot@operationourtown.org no later than Nov. 5th. All entries must include the applicant's name, age, grade and school.

**CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:**

- All submitted entries become the exclusive intellectual property of OOT. OOT obtains all rights to use and republish all or any part of such entry upon submission.
- OOT and its members may use prizewinners' names, likeness and other identifying information (such as hometown, school or grade) in promotional materials relating to this competition.
- Winners (or their parents/guardians) will be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility, originality and compliance with the official rules, a liability release, and a publicity release as a condition to receiving their prize.
- All taxes shall be the responsibility of the winners of the competition.
- By submitting an application and/or entry to OOT, the applicant agrees to all of the terms and conditions set forth in these official rules.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- No entry will be given preference over any other essay on the basis of an applicant's name, school, grade, gender, race, ethnicity, geographic origin, or any legally protected status.
- No entries will be returned to the applicants.
- No notice will be given to the applicants with non-winning or non-conforming entries and applications.

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