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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 4, 2022 \*\*

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See the link below to save and/or print the coupon:

<https://operationourtown.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Operation-Our-Town-Day-2022.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 4, 2022 Only  
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All-Day Fun Pass Regular Price: \$31.95

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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.



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**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**



**814-381-0921**

## Month of August - Meetings

8/4	Early Childhood Education Roundtable meeting	10:00am	Blair County Chamber
8/8	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Rec & Park Commission
8/18	Criminal Justice Advisory Board Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Blair County Courthouse

# TOURNAMENT

## Monday, September 19, 2022

### Schedule of Activities

4:00pm - OOT Mini-Golf Tournament at Lakemont Park  
**View Mini-Golf flyer & Registration form below:**

- <https://operationourtown.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Mini-Golf-flyer-2022-Editable-form.pdf>

5:00pm - "Our Town" Appreciation Night sponsored by Imler's Poultry at Park Hills Golf Club

## Tuesday, September 20, 2022

### Schedule of Activities

**View 2022 OOT Golf Brochure & Registration form below:**

- <https://operationourtown.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Golf-Brochure-2022.pdf>

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

8:00am - AM Shotgun start

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

12:30pm - AM putting contest for \$5,000

1:00pm - PM Shotgun start

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

Dinner 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!

# Grant Recipient Highlight: Child Advocates of Blair County CHOICES Summer Program

By: Nick Gordon, PMSC AmeriCorps Member  
with Operation Our Town



Many students look forward to summer break as a time where they can relax and have some time away from the stress of school. However, with summer break often comes a great deal of free time, and when youth have lots of free time, the choices they make can have a significant impact on their lives, as well as the lives of others. For those who call Evergreen Manors home, Child Advocates of Blair County is providing programming to help ensure that these youth are choosing wisely.

The CHOICES Summer Program serves youth who are residents of Evergreen Manors ages eight to fifteen. The program is co-ed and operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays for eight weeks throughout the summer. Conveniently enough, Evergreen Manors already has a space for their after-school program operated by the Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation, so the CHOICES Summer Program makes use of the same space.

Furthermore, the mission of the CHOICES Summer Program is to empower students with information and confidence in making positive choices in their lives. In line with this mission, the program offers students an opportunity to learn valuable information while building healthy relationships with their peers and Support Staff of Evergreen Manors. Since CHOICES is bringing programming to the participants where they live, free of charge, they also do not require the barrier

of finding transportation, as many other programs would have.

So, what can a participant expect to learn from the program? The information shared during CHOICES is brought to the participants by presenters from multiple local agencies such as: Blair Drug and Alcohol Partnerships, Family Services Inc., Evolution Counseling, Altoona Police Department, and the District Attorney's office.

Partnering with existing agencies that are already knowledgeable and able to encourage youth to make healthy choices seems like a pretty effective way to operate. Often, these presenters can lead by example and help these students to understand not only what to do and how to do things, but also why their choices are important. For more information about any of the services that the CHOICES Summer Program offers or to learn more, please reach out at the contact info below.



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