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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 3, 2023 \*\*

Print and bring this coupon or show on your mobile device on August 3rd

**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!

**\$23 ALL-DAY FUN PASS**

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

Coupon Valid August 3, 2023 Only. Not Valid With Any Other Offer. DelGrosso's Park is now Cashless.

All-Day Fun Pass Regular Price: \$36.95 ea.

PR - Operation Our Town Day



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[MyDelGrossoPark.com](http://MyDelGrossoPark.com)

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Exits 41 & 45 Off I-99

## 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 - Meetings

7/10	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Rec & Park Commission
7/20	Criminal Justice Advisory Board Roundtable	12:00pm	Blair County Courthouse



## Monday, September 18, 2023

### Schedule of Activities

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

- [View - Mini-Golf flyer & Registration form](#)

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

# 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](http://www.pa211.org)

## Tuesday, September 19, 2023

### Schedule of Activities

[View - 2023 OOT Golf Brochure & Registration form](#)

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!



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# Grant Recipient Highlight: ArtsAltoona Empowering Arts for Men in Recovery

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



Empowering Arts for Men in Recovery is a program designed to support individuals ages eighteen and older who are in the process of recovering from addiction. The program currently serves residents of the Pyramid Healthcare Gratitude House, a halfway house located in Altoona. Each session of the program sees an average of twelve participants engaging in the creative process.

The program is hosted at The Blank Canvas, located at the ArtsAltoona Center at 2212 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Altoona. This dedicated setting provides an inspiring environment for participants to explore various artistic mediums and discover their creative talents.

This leads nicely into the mission of the program, which stems directly from the mission of ArtsAltoona. Their mission is to strengthen communities by connecting people with the arts. The Empowering Arts for Men in Recovery program focuses specifically on providing a supportive and nurturing environment for men in recovery. By offering free instruction in a wide range of artistic mediums, participants are encouraged to express themselves creatively and develop healthy habits as they rebuild their lives.

What sets Empowering Arts for Men in Recovery apart from similar programs is the diverse array of local artists who serve as instructors. From acrylic pour painting to carving with the Horseshoe Carvers, sculpture, mosaic, watercolor, drawing, and comic strip illustration, participants have the

opportunity to explore a variety of techniques guided by skilled and passionate artists.

One final note about the program is that it was inspired by volunteers from the halfway house who were assisting in preparation for the Fall Art Market in 2021. While quite a few volunteers were interested in the arts and formerly had access to services during in-patient treatment, those opportunities were cost-prohibitive and, therefore, outside of their reach as residents of the halfway house.

Last fall, ArtsAltoona ran a similar program for women in recovery, thanks to WISE Women of Blair County. So, with the help of Operation Our Town, they have expanded their offering to men this spring. While this particular program does not need additional volunteers, ArtsAltoona is always looking for people to help with their other community endeavors. For more information about any of the services ArtsAltoona offers or to learn more, please reach out at the contact info below.



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