



Operation Our Town Reporter

A monthly newsletter about our efforts to help prevent
and reduce drug abuse and crime in Blair County

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Monday, September 14, 2026

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

- [View - Appreciation Night invitation](#)
- OOT supporters, golf sponsors, and friends welcome!

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Schedule of Activities

[View - 2026 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

12:30pm - 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 from Park Hills will
be awarded to the winners of the
AM & PM putting contests!

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

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

Area police departments give year end review - A4
AI: THE CHATGPT IMPACT AND THE ROLE OF OOT: A22

OUR TOWN TIMES
2026 ANNUAL REPORT VOL. XV

The First 20 Years
HOW IT ALL STARTED
By Thomas Brown, OOT Executive Coordinator
It was a dramatic 20 years ago that Blair County was the first to create a community police and drug abuse coalition. The coalition was the first of its kind in the state and has since become a model for other communities. The coalition was created in 2006, and has since grown to include 100 law enforcement agencies, 100 businesses, and 100 community organizations. The coalition has been successful in reducing drug abuse and crime, and has been a major force in the development of the county's economy. The coalition has also been a major force in the development of the county's culture, and has been a major force in the development of the county's infrastructure. The coalition has been a major force in the development of the county's future, and has been a major force in the development of the county's past.

Click on the image above to view the 2026 OOT Annual Report!

Month of September - Meetings

9/1	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	The Bull Pen restaurant
9/23	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office
9/24	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	Marzoni's - Duncansville

Operation Our Town

**Mini-Golf
Tournament**

**Lakemont
PARK**

**Monday
September 14,
2026**

**4pm Tee Time for
OOT Mini-Golf Tournament
at Lakemont Park**

**5pm "Our Town"
Appreciation Night
at Park Hills Golf and Grille**

Join us for some Star Spangled fun,
friendly competition, and food!
All funds raised benefit local drug
enforcement and prevention programs
through grants from Operation Our
Town.

In Partnership with:

**BLAIR COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
FIRST FRONTIER - BLAIR COUNTY, PA
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF BLAIR COUNTY



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2026 Prevention Grant Recipients



A total of over \$80,000 in grants was awarded by Operation Our Town for the 2026 Grant Cycle to the following prevention programs:

AASD Adult Education Program: HSE: Bridging the Gap to Careers

AASD ELECT Program: ELECT (Education Leading to Employment & Career Training)

Altoona Area School District Foundation: Project SOAR (Study, Overcome, Achieve, Reward)

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County: S.M.A.R.T. School/Site-based Mentoring Program

Blair County Head Start: Head Start Fatherhood/Male Initiative

Blair Emergency Services Chaplain Platoon: B.E.S.C.P.

Evolution Expressions: Arts for Healing

Families United for Change: C.C.'s Boutique

Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation: Afterschool programs

Home Nursing Agency Foundation: The Healing Patch Children's Grief Program

NAMI Blair County: The Power of Creativity For Children and Families' Mental Health

Overflow Church: N.E.X.T. (Nourish the soul, Educate the mind, Xpel the negative, Train the body)

Refuge Youth Network: Youth Ministry Nights

Roaring Spring Community Library: The Dark Reads Society

The Door Student Services, Inc.: The Door Stars Program

The Nehemiah Project: Kids Konnect

The R.O.C.K. at 2nd Avenue: The R.O.C.K. (Reaching Out to Community Kids)

The Salvation Army – Altoona Worship & Service Center: Unsheltered Assistance Programs

Tyrone-Snyder Public Library: Home School Connection: Life Skills Initiative

United Way of the Southern Alleghenies' Family Resource Center: Parents as Teachers

Young Life of Central Pennsylvania: Young Life Camp