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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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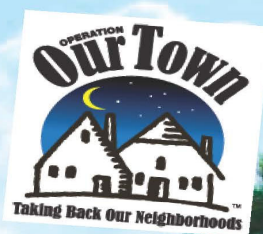
**** August 6, 2026 ****

See below to save and/or print the coupon:

View - OOT Day at DelGrosso's coupon

Print and bring this coupon or show on your mobile device on August 6

**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!

On-site Demos Subject to Change



★ Visit www.OperationOurTown.org to Learn More About Operation Our Town and to Donate! ★

\$25 ALL-DAY FUN PASS

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

Coupon Valid August 6, 2026 Only. Not Valid With Any Other Offer. DelGrosso's Park is Cashless.

All-Day Fun Pass Regular Price: \$39.00 ea.

MyDelGrossoPark.com

Print and Bring this Coupon or Show on Mobile Device

Exits 41 & 45 Off I-99

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.



REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY

PUSH OUT THE PUSHER

814-693-3020

BLAIR DRUG & ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIPS

Empowering Healthy Lifestyles

814-381-0921

Area police departments give year end review - A4

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Proudly Supporting OOT's Mission in Congress

The First 20 Years

HOW IT ALL STARTED

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

14TH ANNUAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

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 Save the Date
 - 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!

Grant Recipient Highlight:

Booker T. Washington Revitalization Corporation Vets Field Revitalization

By: Nick Gordon, Operation Our Town
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The Booker T. Washington Revitalization Corp (BTW Corp) has dedicated 15 years to enhancing recreational and green spaces across Altoona and Blair County. In partnership with the Central Blair Recreation Commission, the group has completed more than \$1.5 million in park upgrade projects over the years. Vets Field represents their latest and most ambitious revitalization effort to date. The organization funds its work through community fundraising events and by pursuing available grants.

Unlike many similar efforts, BTW Corp is entirely volunteer-driven. Many board members began their involvement by improving parks in their own neighborhoods and have since expanded their commitment to benefit broader areas of the community. This grassroots dedication creates a deeply personal and sustained impact.

The core mission of the Vets Field revitalization is to upgrade the park's facilities while paying tribute to the veterans for whom it is named and preserving its rich history. Improvements focus on both functionality and commemoration, creating a space that blends modern recreation with respect for the past.

Vets Field supports a diverse range of local sports programs and users. It hosts organizations including Bishop Guilfoyle Baseball (ages 14-18), the George B. Kelley Federation (ages 16-19),

the Altoona Area Teener League (ages 13-18), Altoona AAABA (ages 16-adult), the Greater City League (adult), and the CBRC flag football program (ages 8-12). Including players, families, and special events, the field, which sees heavy use throughout most of the year, welcomes an estimated 3,000 unique individuals annually.

To mark both the revitalization progress and the field's 100th anniversary, the Corp is hosting a special community event on August 22. Highlights include a veterans and military recognition ceremony, an "Old Timer's" game featuring former Greater City League baseball players, and family-friendly activities between innings. BTW Corp welcomes the public to attend and experience the renewed Vets Field. For more information about any of the services BTW Corp offers through Vets Field or to learn more, please check out their info below.



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