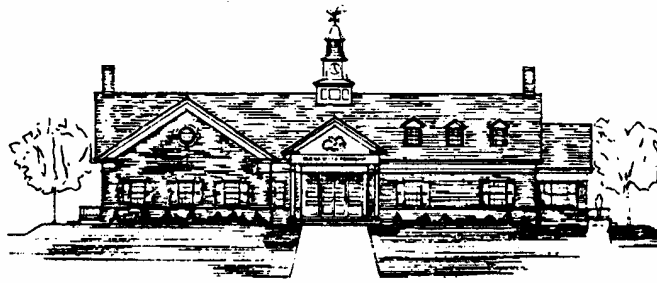


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### **Press Release**

#### **BVT Metal Thefts - \$500. Reward Offered**

A recent national trend of stealing metal products has hit close to home. For the second time within two weeks aluminum bleachers at parks in the Collings Lakes section of Buena Vista Township have been striped of parts. The first incident occurred at Quigley Park where two sets of aluminum steps were stolen from a large bleacher at the street hockey court. On Saturday morning a report was received from Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly that 3 rows of aluminum seats were broken off and taken from bleachers at the softball fields on Lake George Drive next to the Collings Lakes Elementary School.

"The Township is offering a \$500. reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the responsible party" said Mayor Chuck Chiarello. "This is a growing problem all over the country with metal products from manhole covers to truck parts being stolen because of high scrap metal values" Chiarello added.

Buena Vista Township Public Works Supervisor Gene Sykes reported the incident to State Police on Saturday and notified area salvage yards. In a temporary move to stop further thefts, bleachers were removed from Township parks in Collings Lakes and Newtonville. "This is being done to prevent further thefts at this time. Aluminum is in demand and until the public is alerted we stand to lose more" Mayor Chiarello reported.

"Anyone in Buena Vista Township witnessing metal theft is asked to contact the State Police immediately. Record any license numbers and vehicle descriptions---our residents are our eyes and hears" stated Township Committeeman Peter Bylone who chairs the local Recreation Committee. Residents can provide urgent information to the State Police through 9-1-1 or contact the Township Clerk's Office at 856-697-2100 or 609-561-5650 and then Press 1. "This problem can happen anywhere in Buena Vista so we need everyone to be watching. Almost any type of loose metal on public or private property might be at risk" said Deputy Mayor Teresa Kelly.