



Bethlehem

Parks & Recreation

Winter Newsletter 2013

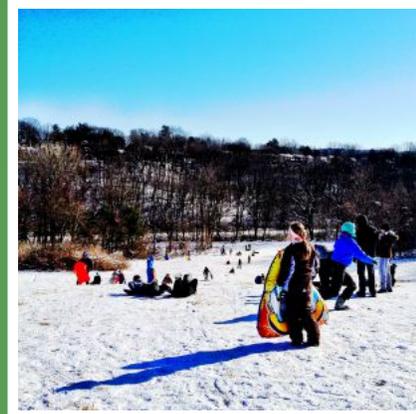


Bethlehem Municipal ICE RINK

It is time to get your skates sharpened and your winter gear out of the closets. The Earl E. Schaffer Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink will be opening for the season on November 27th! Season passes are available at the Recreation office. Resident youth and senior citizens are \$55, resident adults are \$65. Now is also the time to sign up for one of our many skating classes that we have scheduled or to reserve the Party Room for a birthday or special celebration.

Lessons are offered for the entire family at all skill levels, as well as a stick and puck fundamentals class for anyone interested in playing hockey. For more information or to sign up for a class, visit us online at www.bethlehem-pa.gov/parks, call our office at 610-865-7081, or sign up at the rink!

WINTER MEMORIES



Photos contributed by Rebekah Rusnock



The City of Bethlehem Parks, Recreation, and Public Property
10 East Church St. Bethlehem, PA 18018
John B. Callahan - Mayor

Ralph Carp - Director Jody Reppert - Business Manager
Jane Persa - Recreation Administrator Mark Atkinson - Recreation Coordinator
Office Staff - Bambi Coyle, Judy Stiles

Bethlehem's Winter Wonderland



Performances

PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH THEATRE

SHOW DATES

THE PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH THEATRE WILL BE

PERFORMING SHREK THE MUSICAL STARTING NOVEMBER 30TH AND RUNNING THROUGH DECEMBER 15TH. SHREK THE MUSICAL BRINGS THE HILARIOUS STORY OF EVERYONE'S FAVORITE OGRE TO NEW LIFE ON STAGE. WITH ALL-NEW SONGS, GREAT DANCING AND BREATHTAKING SCENERY, SHREK THE MUSICAL IS PART ROMANCE, PART TWISTED FAIRY TALE AND FUN FOR EVERYONE! FOR TICKETS AND SHOWTIMES, PLEASE CONTACT PYT AT 610-332-1400.

Nov. 30	1 & 5 PM
Dec. 1	1 & 5 PM
Dec. 6	7 PM
Dec. 7	1 & 5 PM
Dec. 8	1 & 5 PM
Dec. 13	7 PM
Dec. 14	1 & 5 PM
Dec. 15	1 & 5 PM



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The Bethlehem Halloween Parade

The Annual Bethlehem Halloween Parade was held on October 27th under beautiful skies and in front of thousands of spectators. With 6 Divisions full of participants the parade lasted about 2 hours. The parade was led by the 2013 Grand Marshall, Mayor John Callahan, who served as Mayor of Bethlehem for 10 years. He was escorted through the parade route atop the Wells Fargo Stage Coach.

The Halloween Parade also featured many individuals, scouting groups, and floats. However the parade was anchored by 13 bands, with the highlight being Liberty High School's Grenadier Band, who marched the parade route twice in preparation for their trip to Pasadena, CA to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Years Day.

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Bethlehem Halloween Parade this year. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!

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Letter from the Mayor



"We cannot underestimate the importance of parks and recreation as the quality of place we have come to expect in our neighborhoods."

Dear Bethlehem:

I grew up in the city parks and recreation system and was usually the first kid in the morning at the "Summer Playground" at Buchanan School. These experiences were important in shaping who I am. So I have always believed in the fact that healthy and successful public parks and recreational services help our cities and citizens in more ways than one.

In the past ten years, we have invested upwards of \$11 million of federal, state, city, and private funds in our public parks, recreation, and greenway system.

In the last ten years the City embarked on some large and very much needed projects. The results have been astounding:

- Opened the city's first Dog Park
- Bethlehem partnered with the PA League of Cities to build a new, child-designed playground at Higbee Park.
- Constructed the Bethlehem Skateplaza
- Construction of the greenway in South Bethlehem, which will allow residents to travel seamlessly from New Street to Saucon Park
- Rebuilt Westside and Clearview Park pools
- Completed replacement of the ice rink after more than 50 years of use

There may be several factors that determine a City's livability -- public safety, education, economic development -- but we cannot underestimate the importance of parks and recreation as the quality of place we have come to expect in our neighborhoods.

Thank you for your continued support for Bethlehem's great park system and the recreation programs. Not a day goes past that I don't feel blessed to have served as mayor during these transformative years. It is my hope that the investments we have made in building new recreational space and upgrading existing parks, will be enjoyed by generations to come.

All my best to you and your family for a wonderful holiday and a happy and healthy New Year.

John B. Callahan

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John B. Callahan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor