



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018-6025

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Phone: 610-865-7100

Fax: 610-865-7257

TDD: 610-865-7257

www.bethlehem-pa.gov

Robert J. Donchez
Mayor

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: August 3, 2016

Media Contact: Robert Donchez, Mayor – 610-865-7100

Mike Alkhal, P.E, Director of Public Works – 610-865-7050

Wooden Pedestrian Bridge Closure

The wooden pedestrian bridge crossing the Monocacy Creek connecting Musikfest's Festplatz and Handwerkplatz will be closed indefinitely. A pre-Musikfest inspection by the City of Bethlehem Engineering Department has raised questions about the safety and integrity of the bridge. Pending further study, the bridge will remain closed in the interests of public safety. Alternate ways to access event locations will be posted throughout Musikfest and at Musikfest.org. Attendees will be directed around the wooden pedestrian bridge in three ways:

- The stone bridge on Ohio Road that connects Volksplatz and Handwerkplatz. This bridge remains open to pedestrian traffic and can be easily accessed by traveling north through Festplatz;
- The macadam walkway from Main Street located between the Hotel Bethlehem and the 1750 Smithy; and/or
- The stairway passing under the Main Street Ramp Bridge which is accessed from Main Street across from the South Campus of Moravian College.

Questions should be directed to the Department of Public Works at (610) 865-7050.

###