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As a requirement of the Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, the City of Bethlehem is required to notify residents of our recycling programs twice a year. Please enjoy this newsletter and then place it in your recycling container. Or better yet, pass it along for someone else to learn about all the good things that are happening in the City of Bethlehem.

City of Bethlehem Directory




Bethlehem Service Center	610-865-7000
• 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018	
Hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday	
bethlehem-pa.gov	
• Health Department.....	610-865-7083
• Public Works.....	610-865-7050
• Water and Sewer	610-865-7207
• Recycling Department.....	610-865-7082
• Payment Center	610-865-7046
• Pothole Hotline	610-865-7053
• Graffiti Hotline	610-865-7065
• Construction and Permitting.....	610-865-7091
• Recreation Department.....	610-865-7081
• Community and Economic Development	610-865-7085
• EMS / Fire / Police Emergency.....	911

Email Alerts

Register to receive emails of critical City updates, news and alerts at bethlehem-pa.gov. Click “Online Services,” then “Sign Up for City Alerts.”

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Bethlehem Mayor

J. William Reynolds

City Council Members

Michael G. Colón, *President of Council*
Rachel Leon, *Vice President of Council*
Hillary Kwiatek Colleen Laird Grace Crampsie Smith
Kiera Wilhelm Bryan G. Callahan

Contact your Council Member directly through the Council webpage at bethlehem-pa.gov/Meet-Your-Government/City-Council/Overview.

2024 City Council Meeting Dates

All Council Meetings begin at 7 pm unless otherwise specified.

- September 3 and 17 • October 1 and 15
- November 6** and 19 • December 3 and 17

**Due to November 5, Election Day

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- 3701 Corriere Road, Easton
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- 4807 Freemansburg Ave., Easton
- 3800 Sierra Circle, Center Valley
- 325 W. Broad St., Bethlehem

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Mayor's Address to the City of Bethlehem



As we get ready to enter the autumn season, we reflect on the culmination of a significant event that has

taken over 22 years to come to fruition. Through the hard work and dedication of community leaders and institutional partners, the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage designation for the Moravian sites in Bethlehem was awarded to us in New Delhi, India, on Friday, July 26. Historical Moravian Church Settlements, a single transnational World Heritage site that represents the worldwide influence of the Moravian Church, includes Herrnhut (Germany), Gracehill (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Christiansfeld (Denmark), and, of course, Bethlehem. While the universal value of these historic settlements and the worldwide influence of the Moravian Church are now officially recognized and we find ourselves diligently preparing for what it will mean for our local tourism and economic impact, we also know that we do this in context of our diverse and expanding community.

Whether your family has been here for generations or you have been our neighbor for only a few years, Bethlehem is your home. It is why people have described the feeling of moving and working here as “a warm embrace” – because our residents and community partners prioritize including others in creative projects and business endeavors, and volunteering their time, talents, and resources to helping others. Pursuing the World Heritage designation is a way to honor the incredible contributions of the Moravians to our community. Equally as important, however, is looking at how the spirit of those contributions will shape our motivations in the months and years to come.

Rev. Janel Rice emphasized this idea at Central Moravian Church's World Heritage inspired service on Sunday, August 4. She stated, “At the heart of Bethlehem, and at

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the heart of the Moravian Church, what we are striving and continuing to be, are builders and sustainers of community.” While the buildings and property of the Moravian Church Settlements - Bethlehem site are to be protected and celebrated, we must also continue to ask ourselves how we prioritize this among other growing needs in our community: shelter and affordable housing, food access, mental health challenges, child care needs and care for income-burdened and aging communities. It's been almost 300 years since the Moravians first settled in Bethlehem and we know that values like equity, plainly evident in places like “God's Acre,” are not unique to the Moravians. Values like fairness and equality are values we all share, and those values can look different depending on each neighborhood in our city, with its own stories, faiths, cultures and needs.



The work for us is just beginning. We are hosting a Transnational Inscription Event from October 15 – October 18, when we will welcome government officials and delegates from our international partners. In spring of 2025, we are planning a wider community celebration — for everyone. Upholding the ideals of the Moravians, of the world leaders who awarded us this designation, is something that will be owned by all of our community. We hope the celebration will inspire us to live up to the ideals of humanity that are at the center of our inscription as a World Heritage site.

There are so many people and institutions to thank for our incredible World Heritage designation. Charlene Donchez Mowers,

former Executive Director of Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites and current World Heritage Senior Advisor and Historian, began our work over two decades ago and has led the effort every step of the way with a professionalism and dedication second to none. Our World Heritage Vice Chairman, Hank Barnette, has also dedicated years of his civic life to seeing our dream of a nomination become a reality. We, of course, also must mention our World Heritage Council institutions – the Bethlehem Area Moravians, Central Moravian Church, Historic Bethlehem Museum and Sites, Moravian University and Northampton County, which joined the City of Bethlehem in providing the backbone of our successful journey.

We also must remember the late Bishop Hopeton Clennon. Hopeton's leadership was instrumental in guiding this World Heritage process. Humility, honor, respect and community were his personal principles that guided our conversations and steps in a way that was deeply rooted in compassion and generosity. Hopeton's spirit is one that we continue to embody as we are faced with the joys and challenges that will come next.

The Moravian Church has historically been guided by these words: “In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; and in all things, love.” We don't – and shouldn't – pick and choose who is worthy of that love. In sustaining and building our community, we must ask ourselves what this love looks like in action, with all of us at the table. The world recognized our community for embodying the best qualities of humanity. Now, it is our responsibility for all 78,000 of us to show the world the values that the Moravians brought to our community and have defined us for almost 300 years. We can't wait.

“At the heart of Bethlehem, and at the heart of the Moravian Church, what we are striving and continuing to be, are builders and sustainers of community.”

— Rev. Janel Rice



Photos from top to bottom:

Central Moravian Church and Brethren's House – part of the World Heritage designated site.

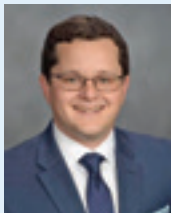
Moravian University President Bryon Grigsby, Mayor Reynolds and Moravian Bishop Chris Giesler join government officials in New Delhi, India, at the World Heritage Committee Meeting on July 26, 2024.

Charlene Donchez Mowers and Hank Barnette are recognized for their dedication to making the World Heritage designation a reality.

Mayor Reynolds and our World Heritage Council report on our World Heritage Inscription.

A NOTE FROM CITY COUNCIL

As we get into the fall and winter months, we look forward to some of our favorite yearly events around town, a successful school year and a joyful holiday season. Please be reminded that City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in Town Hall. All meetings are public and all are welcome to attend. Council votes on everything from new laws to Bethlehem's annual budget. If you're not able to make it in person, please tune in to our YouTube livestream or catch up on the City of Bethlehem Council channel.



City Council meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in Town Hall. All meetings are public and all are welcome to attend.

— *Michael G. Colón*

All Council members can be reached by email or by calling in to the City Clerk's office at 610-865-7130. City Council also appoints volunteers to various city boards, including the Library Board of Directors, the Environmental Advisory Council and the Bethlehem Human Relations Commission. Anyone interested in volunteering is invited to contact the City Clerk's office.

Michael G. Colón • President of Bethlehem City Council

BETHLEHEM SERVICE CENTER

The Bethlehem Service Center (BSC) is available for residents to contact for non-emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

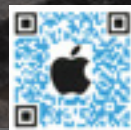
There are four ways to contact the BSC for non-emergencies.

Remember, in the event of any type of emergency, DIAL 911.

- 1. Call 610-865-7000.** This number can be reached by house phone line or by cell phone. This will dial directly into the BSC for non-emergency questions/city inquiries or city services.
- 2. Bethlehem Service Center App:** The app is available to download for most cell phones and tablets on either the Play Store or the App Store on your device. Search for "Bethlehem Service Center" or "City of Bethlehem" under Apps, or scan the QR code to the right. Access key information at your fingertips with this easy-to-use mobile application. Receive emergency notifications, submit a service request, find out what to do in Bethlehem, find parking, view bus schedules, pay your bills and much more.
- 3. Email:** The BSC can also be reached via email at bethlehemservicecenter@bethlehem-pa.gov.
- 4. City of Bethlehem Web Page and Portal:** Visit bethlehem-pa.gov, click "Online Services" in the main menu, then click "My Account." Here, you will be able to submit a service request.

Examples of "non-emergency" customer service: dirty water, potholes that need to be repaired, debris in the street, recycling issues, etc. The BSC will also provide assistance to any City of Bethlehem residents who may have questions or concerns that need to be addressed.

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The BSC app is **FREE to download**. Open your phone's camera and point at the QR code!

BETHLEHEM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bethlehem Fire Department responds to a wide variety of emergencies throughout the City of Bethlehem. Ensuring the safety of our residents and visitors is our top priority.



NEW FIREFIGHTERS

On Friday, June 7, 2024, seven new City of Bethlehem firefighters graduated from the Allentown Fire Academy. During the academy, the firefighters received a wide array of training in firefighting, emergency medical training, hazardous materials, vehicle rescue and rope rescue just to name a few. They earned 28 certifications in total during the 20-week academy. We welcome these new firefighters into our Fire Department.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week will be October 6 – 12, 2024. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign — "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™" — strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

Visit nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week.

The City of Bethlehem Fire Department will be partnering with the American Red Cross in a "Sound the Alarm Event" on Saturday, October 12, 2024. The event will be a day of preparing families against home fires and making our community safer. Together we will canvass neighborhoods and knock on doors to ensure homes have working smoke alarms. We will also educate families about home fire safety.



Shown are Firefighters Robert Wagner Jr., Kyle Dolton, Matthew Hamory, Luis Hoyos, Maxwell Reider, Vincent Reichard and Alex Norder.






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BETHLEHEM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department's goal is simple: to make Bethlehem a safe place for citizens to raise and nurture a family and for our business community to prosper.



The City of Bethlehem Police Department's School Resource Officers (SROs) held their annual Junior Police Academy (JPA) at Northeast Middle School from June 10 – June 21, 2024. Students from all four of the city's middle schools were eligible to apply.

During the two-week program, the cadets engaged in classroom activities, having the opportunity to meet and talk to law enforcement. They also engaged in team-building and physical agility activities. Courtesy of Lehigh University, the cadets participated in their low-ropes course, where the cadets focused on decision making, effective communication and team-building skills.

A number of officers from within our police department's various units presented to the cadets. This provided the opportunity for the cadets to learn about several law enforcement career opportunities and the entry requirements for each chosen path. Visiting units included Patrol, Mounted Unit, Special Operations, Traffic, Community Services, Investigations, Forensic Services, K-9 and the Bethlehem Service Center, among others.

Additionally, the cadets were introduced to a variety of criminal justice professionals from outside agencies, such as the FBI, Lehigh County Sheriff's Office, Lehigh County Judges, Northampton County Juvenile Probation, City of Bethlehem Fire Department, City of Bethlehem Paramedics, Pennsylvania State Police, Local Magistrates, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, Lehigh County Auto Theft Task Force and many more.

Each day, the cadets were provided breakfast and lunch. A special thanks to Aramark Food Services as well as several local businesses: Goosey Gander, Martellucci's, Borderline Restaurant, Lehigh Pizza, Casa Del Mofongo, Williams Spanish Restaurant, NYC Village Pizza and 8th Ave. Wawa.

The SROs would not be able to continue to host their annual JPA if not for the support of the Bethlehem Police Department, the Bethlehem Area School District, Lehigh and Northampton County Law Enforcement Agency presenters, the Bethlehem city businesses, the students who aspire to enter a career in law enforcement and for their parents who support their dreams and allow us the time to show them a window to their future.

Thank you,
The City of Bethlehem Police Department's School Resource Officers



Photos top to bottom: The 2024 Junior Police Academy poses with members of: the Bethlehem Police Department; the Bethlehem EMS Department; the Bethlehem Police Department's motorcycle officers; and the Pennsylvania State Police Aviation Patrol Unit.

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Northside Alive is a community-driven neighborhood revitalization process launched in 2018 by the City of Bethlehem and Community Action Development Bethlehem.



Please visit our website, northsidealive.org, for additional news and information! Northside Alive is always seeking community volunteers to join our committees. Visit northsidealive.org/volunteer to sign up and help us spread the word.

The following enjoyable events are planned for the remainder of 2024:

- **Restaurant Week**, September 14 – 21
- **Music in the Park**, September 20
- **Community Yoga**, September 28
- **Trunk or Treat**, October 10
- **Harvest Fest**, October 10
- **Halloween Parade**, October 27
- **Annual Meeting**, November 21
- **Tree Lighting**, November 29
- **Live Advent Calendar**, December 10

More information about upcoming events is available at northsidealive.org/events.

Visit northsidealive.org or scan the QR code to learn more about Northside Alive. You can also follow us on social media:

📷 @northside_alive | 📘 @Northside Alive

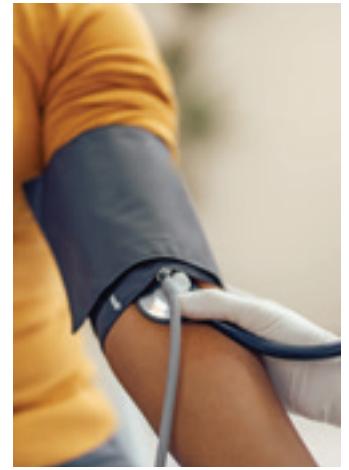


CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Health Bureau

In an effort to provide accessible healthcare to all city residents, the Bethlehem Health Bureau has launched a new mobile health clinic. The addition of the mobile health clinic represents a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to improve health outcomes in Bethlehem. The mobile health clinic will bring healthcare services directly to Bethlehem neighborhoods and schools, making it more convenient for individuals to access preventive care, screenings and vaccinations. Just some of the many services that will be offered on the mobile health clinic are:

- Immunizations
- Family Planning Services
- STD/HIV Testing
- Childhood Lead Testing
- Health Insurance Application Assistance
- Referrals to Social and Health Services
- Health Education
- Health Screenings



Residents can view the clinic's schedule on the Health Bureau's website at bethlehem-pa.gov/Health-Bureau.



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- Bethlehem Emergency 484-379-6694
- New Bethany Ministries 610-691-5602
- Victory House of Lehigh Valley 610-691-3373

NEED HELP WITH RENTAL PAYMENTS OR HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

- American Red Cross (*Disaster Assistance*) 610-865-4400
- Bethlehem Emergency Services (*General*) 610-865-7118
- Salvation Army (*Rental/Housing Assistance*) 610-867-4681
- Turning Point (*Rental/Housing Assistance*)
Domestic Abuse Hotline 610-437-3369
- Victory House of Lehigh Valley
Housing Assistance 610-691-3373
- New Bethany Ministries
Rental/Housing Assistance 610-691-5602 (option 2)
- Lehigh Valley Coalition on Affordable Housing
(*Rental/Housing Assistance*) 610-691-5620
- Bethlehem Housing Authority
(*Rental/Housing Assistance*) 610-865-8300
- Northampton County Housing Authority
(*Rental/Housing Assistance*) 610-759-8488

NEED LEGAL ASSISTANCE WITH HOUSING?

- North Penn Legal Services 610-317-8757

DO YOU NEED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION?

- LANTA/Metro 610-776-7433
- LANTaVan 610-432-3200

NEED HELP PAYING BILLS?

First Energy

- Repair/Customer Service 1-800-545-7741
- First Energy WARM Program 1-800-545-7741

PPL

- Repair/Customer Service 1-800-342-5775
- PPL WRAP Program 1-800-342-5775

UGI

- Emergencies 1-800-276-2722
- General Office 1-800-276-2722
- UGI WARM Program 1-800-844-9276

Electric

- Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley
(PPL Bill) 610-691-5620

Gas

- Lehigh County Energy Assistance
(LIHEAP Program) 610-821-6702
- Northampton County Energy Assistance
(LIHEAP Program) 610-250-1785
- Salvation Army (UGI Operation Share Program) 610-432-0129
..... 610-867-4681

City Water 610-865-7070

City Sewer 610-865-7065

Water/Sewer Off Hours 610-865-7074

For more information on housing, please visit bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Development/Housing or scan the QR code.



Is Your Contact Information Current?



In an effort to have the most up-to-date and accurate information on file, the Water and Sewer Department kindly asks that customers provide updated mailing addresses, phone numbers and e-mail contact info. This personal information is kept confidential and is only used for emergency notifications, such as water main breaks, boil water advisories, hydrant flushing activity and to address meter alarms that may be indicative of high water usage.

Customers can update their information in one of three ways:

- ❶ Complete the "Update Contact Information" section on the back of your water/sewer bill when remitting payment.
- ❷ Contact the customer service office at 610-865-7070.
- ❸ Send an email to custserv@bethlehem-pa.gov.

If you have any questions regarding your account, please contact our customer service team; **se habla español**.

The City of Bethlehem appreciates everyone's help with maintaining updated contact information so we can provide the best possible service for our customers.

2024 City of Bethlehem Real Estate Tax Bills

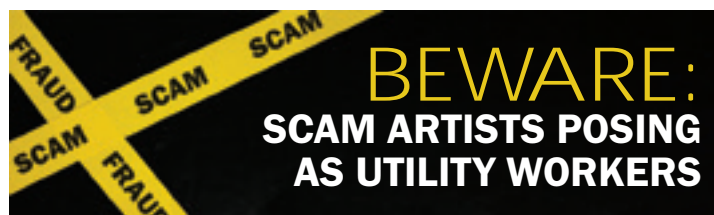
Property tax bills were mailed out in early January. Please note as per Pennsylvania tax collection law Section 7. Effect of Failure to Receive a Tax Notice (Purdon's Statute 72, Section 5511.7), **"Failure to receive notice shall not relieve any taxpayer from the payment of any taxes imposed by any taxing district, and such taxpayer shall be charged with (their) taxes as though (they) had received notice."**

Therefore, if you did not receive your real estate tax bill, please contact the City of Bethlehem Tax Bureau at 610-865-7022, Option 5 to request a duplicate copy.

ESCROW ACCOUNTS

If your mortgage company or bank pays your taxes through an escrow account, it is your responsibility to make sure that your mortgage company receives the bill. You are ultimately responsible for any late payment penalties added to your bill, even if your account is paid through an escrow account. Make sure your lender has the correct information to avoid unwanted penalties!

All 2024 property taxes unpaid as of **December 31, 2024**, will be turned over to a collection agency.



Occasionally, customers are approached by imposters posing as water utility employees asking to read their water meter, offer a rebate or claim they need to check on something in the house. These are potential scam artists or burglars attempting to gain access to your home under false pretenses. Know that all City of Bethlehem Water Department employees and contractors carry an identification card with photo at all times. You may see a meter reader in your neighborhood every month or quarter to read your water meter, but this person does not need to enter your home. Also, any service calls to repair or replace a water meter are arranged and scheduled in advance. Always ask a City employee or contractor to present their identification before allowing them access to your home or business.

- Do not open your door to someone you do not recognize. Do not allow anyone to enter your home if you are not sure of the person's identity.
- Ask to see photo identification. Legitimate employees and contractors will be happy to show their ID; or call the utility to verify identification.
- Call the Bethlehem Service Center, 610-865-7000, if you are unsure about a person's identification or to verify work to be done at your home.
- Do not allow anyone to enter your home claiming to collect a past-due bill; make an inspection; or to sell utility products, such as a meter or other equipment. City employees do not engage in door-to-door sales calls, do not collect past-due bills in person and do not deliver rebates or refunds.

Call the police or dial 911 if you believe the person or caller is an imposter.



FRIENDLY REMINDER TO OUR COMMUNITY



In accordance with Article 721 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, this is to remind all our residents to refrain from placing tree branches and other storm debris onto the streets following severe wind/storm events. This creates hazards, makes it harder for emergency and cleaning services to respond and hampers our crews' efforts to restore the public right of ways to normal condition in a reasonable timeframe. Our teams work hard to keep our streets safe and clean, and your cooperation is greatly and sincerely appreciated.

Please make sure to arrange for debris removal per our local waste management guidelines. For more details, you can visit bethlehem-pa.gov/Public-Works/Bureaus or call the Department of Public Works at 610-865-7050. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our community clean and safe!

CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS CITY COMMITTEE SEEKING DONATION OF LARGE CHRISTMAS TREES

The Citizens' Christmas City Committee is seeking donations of tall trees for the Christmas holiday season. The trees need to be nicely shaped, 40-50 feet in height, a single trunk all the way to the top and must be accessible to the roadway with no power lines between the tree and the road. The tree must be within five miles of Center City. City Electrician Greg Cryder will come out to the location and inspect the tree for acceptability.

We are also seeking the donation of a nicely shaped 15 – 20 foot tree. The deadline for donation is October 15. The trees will be cut and collected on November 6.

Donation of these trees will be recognized at the annual Christmas City Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will take place on Friday, November 29, 2024, at 5 pm on Payrow Plaza.

Anyone wishing to donate a tree should call Greg Cryder at 610-865-7338. Please provide a return number and address in your message so we can find the tree.



STORM-DAMAGED TREE; WHAT TO DO?

With all the intense and ever-changing weather, what does one do after a large storm goes through the City of Bethlehem?

Storm-damaged trees can be worrisome and for the right reasons. When a tree becomes damaged with the storm, there are a few steps you can take. The first step is to look for any potential hazards or safety concerns before clean up can begin. Look for any downed wires or hanging or broken tree branches. Stay away from these areas and contact the correct department or company that can assist you. When hanging branches or broken branches are an issue, call for the assistance of an arborist who has the correct tools and safety training in scenarios like these.

In the City of Bethlehem, any work completed on a street tree or any tree within the public right of way must be completed by a licensed arborist. An updated licensed arborist list can be found at bethlehem-pa.gov/Public-Works/Bureaus/Urban-Forestry. Once an arborist is on site, they can mitigate the hazard and help remove any wounded tree limbs, repair torn bark and make clean cuts to broken branches. All of these steps taken by a professional will help your tree survive and heal properly. With that being said, sometimes storm damage can be severe. If a large part of the trunk or canopy has been removed, total tree removal may be required. Discuss this with an arborist to determine the best plan of action and options for your tree. Storm damage takes a community effort to help with clean up, damages and other potential risks. Each scenario and tree evaluation can be different depending on the condition of the tree, so it is best to let a professional arborist assess the issue. Safety is of the utmost importance, so if you do not know what to do, it is best to stay safe and ask for help!

You can learn about Urban Forestry on the City of Bethlehem website at bethlehem-pa.gov/Public-Works/Bureaus/Urban-Forestry.

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SPECIAL EVENTS ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

Festivals, Weddings, Block Parties and More!

The City of Bethlehem hosts hundreds of special events each year. In order to provide permits for events and vending in the most efficient manner, the City is now accepting applications through its newly launched online application portal, Camino.

To utilize Camino, follow the additional link on the Special Events page of the City's website. You will be asked to create a profile with a username and password and then proceed through answering the prompts. The application is then built based on your answers. All required documents, such as the site plan, certificate of insurance and others, are then uploaded into your submission. The application fee can be paid online as well. Estimates with post-event fees will also be uploaded by each individual department as your event is reviewed and transitions through the approval process. You can check the status of your application at any time during the review to obtain updates.



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BETHLEHEM'S 103RD ANNUAL

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The 103rd Annual Bethlehem Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 27, at 2 pm. The rain date, if needed, will be Sunday, November 3, at 2 pm. The parade route begins on West Broad St. at 9th Avenue and continues east to Main Street and then south on Main to Spring Street. The parade will continue with its tradition of welcoming local schools, officials, community groups, marching bands, businesses, etc. to celebrate the Halloween season with us.

If you are interested in participating, please visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7jkY5JzPva9yrHn3_lwtsa9PihjPsds3Mh9XqQ3xDz22EAg/viewform or scan the QR code and complete the online registration form.

Registrations are due by Friday, October 18, at 3 pm. Late submissions WILL NOT be accepted!



Trick OR Treat

City of Bethlehem's Annual Trick or Treat Night will be held on **Friday, October 25, from 6 – 8 pm.** Please remember to turn your porch light on if you plan to participate.

WINTER ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

We are excited to announce that our adult winter adult basketball league is back this year and will kick off on Monday, November 11. The league will be an eight-week regular season and will include a playoff format in late February. The games will be held at Broughal Middle School and will begin at 6:15 pm. The entry fee is \$200 per team plus referee fees. Roster submission will be due by Wednesday, October 30. Visit bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/Adult-Basketball or scan the QR code for more information.



THE EARL E. SCHAFER BETHLEHEM MUNICIPAL ICE RINK



The Earl E. Schaffer Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink, the Lehigh Valley's only outdoor Olympic-size rink, is located at 345 Illick's Mill Road (across from Memorial Pool). We offer private rink rental, public skate sessions, skating lessons and more. Season passes and gift certificates are available. The rink will open Friday, November 15, for public skate sessions. Visit bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/Ice-Rink or scan the QR code for more information about our ice rink programming.



TRAILS AND LINEAR PARKS

Whether you like to walk, bike or run, we have a place for you. Visit one of our trails or linear parks.

- **Monocacy Way Trail:** Travel along the beautiful Monocacy Creek from the Industrial Quarter to the Monocacy Recreational Complex at Memorial Pool.
- **Sand Island Trail (D&L Corridor):** Travel the Delaware and Lehigh Corridor to Allentown or Easton and beyond and experience the history of the Lehigh Canal.
- **South Bethlehem Greenway Linear Park:** Take a walk on the Southside of Bethlehem and stop by Saucon Park, the Skateplaza and play areas on the trail. In addition, enjoy the Southside Arts District displays and businesses along the way.
- **South Mountain Park:** Enjoy the trails in this beautiful park on Mountain Drive in the backyard of Lehigh University. In addition, bring a disc to play some golf while visiting the park.



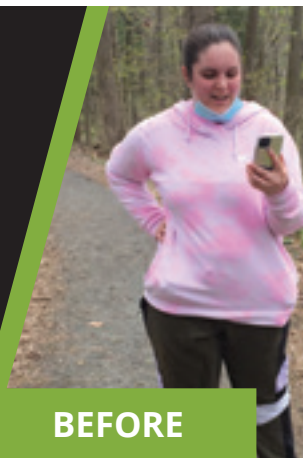
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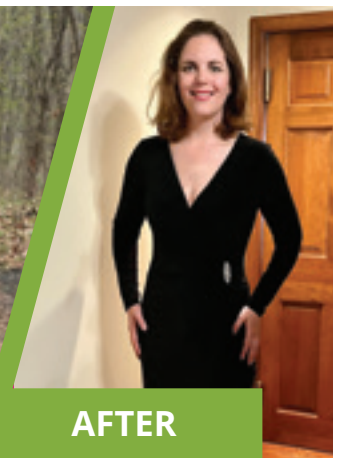


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**BETHLEHEM AREA
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Get Loud at the Library with Studio 11 and Open Mic!

As you might have heard, we like to get loud at the library! The Bethlehem Area Public Library has quiet spaces and resources for scholars for sure, but we also like to turn up the volume from time to time. Our public recording studio, Studio 11, is open for all to make some noise in – and leave with a recording! This studio was started with grant funds and is maintained in part through our yearly fundraiser on November 11. It's held at the Main Library and is called (what else?) 11Fest. We have 11 bands playing in the library one after the other, from quiet to loud. Ticket sales and donations help keep us rocking for another year, so be sure to stop by. There will be jazz, rock, rap and some surprises. All sorts of performers from the Bethlehem area will be there ready to rock. We also get loud with a successful open mic night at the library, held every Monday from 5 – 7:30 pm. The host is the legendary Bill Medei, who might just have the record for the most open mics hosted of all time. Bill welcomes musicians, comedians, poets and more. Just show up at the library at 5 pm on a Monday to sign up.

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2024 FALL YARD WASTE CURBSIDE PICKUP SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 14 – 25, 2024	
RECYCLING PICK UP DAY	YARD WASTE PICK UP DAY
October 14, 2024	October 14, 2024
October 15, 2024	October 15, 2024
October 16, 2024	October 16, 2024
October 17, 2024	October 17, 2024
October 18, 2024	October 18, 2024
October 21, 2024	October 21, 2024
October 22, 2024	October 22, 2024
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October 25, 2024	October 25, 2024

HERE ARE THE REQUIREMENTS:

- All materials must be placed **CURBSIDE** the night before your collection day.
- Only ONE pass-thru will be made for each street.
- All items must be in either **BROWN PAPER BAGS**, rigid containers of less than 30 gallons or bundled with string (no tape or rope).
- No items over 4 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length.
- Any materials in plastic bags will not be picked up.

Materials accepted: Leaves; small brush; hedge and shrub trimmings; and Christmas trees free of tinsel, decorations and lights. Christmas trees must not be in plastic bags.

Materials NOT accepted: Grass; hay; straw; tree stumps; root balls; soil; dirt; sod; mulch; bamboo; ornamental grass; pumpkins; cornstalks; acceptable materials not bagged, bundled or containerized; or items exceeding length, width or weight requirements.

2025 CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6 – 16, 2025	
RECYCLING PICK UP DAY	CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP DAY
January 6, 2025	January 6, 2025
January 7, 2025	January 7, 2025
January 8, 2025	January 8, 2025
January 9, 2025	January 9, 2025
January 10, 2025	January 10, 2025
January 13, 2025	January 13, 2025
January 14, 2025	January 14, 2025
January 15, 2025	January 15, 2025
January 16, 2025	January 16, 2025
January 17, 2025	January 17, 2025

All trees must be free of decorations, tinsel, lights and tree stands. Please place your tree at the curb the night before your designated pick-up day. Trees in plastic bags will NOT be picked up.



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2024
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holiday

New Year's Day

1/1

Memorial Day

5/27

Independence Day

7/4

Labor Day

9/2

Thanksgiving Day

11/28

Christmas Day

12/25

***If a holiday falls on a weekday (Monday – Friday) and it's your normal pick-up day, recycling will be picked up one day later for the remainder of the week.

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Please note: We **CANNOT** accept pressurized tanks, propane tanks, dishwashers, batteries, paint cans (empty or full), electronics and plastic bags.

Please be advised of extreme temperature closings. During summer when real feel temperature approaches 100 degrees, during winter months when real feel temperature nears 0 or if there is lightning in the vicinity, the facility may close unexpectedly. Please plan your visits accordingly. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



YARD WASTE
DROP OFF

Bethlehem Yard Waste Facility

- 1480 Schoenersville Road
- Tuesday – Saturday, 9 am – 3 pm
- Facility is **CLOSED** Sunday and Monday, and also during the months of December, February and March.

Materials accepted: Leaves (loose or in brown paper bags), small brush up to 4 inches diameter (no longer than 6 feet), hedge trimmings, garden plant residue, Christmas trees (free of ornaments, lights and tinsel).

Materials NOT accepted: Sod, grass clippings, tree stumps, hay/straw, plastic bags, soil/mulch, root balls, bamboo, ornamental grass.

No dumping: Dumping is illegal, and violators will be fined according to City Ordinances and PA DEP Guidelines.

Please note: All loads must be tarped when entering or exiting the facility.

Loading service: \$10 per cubic yard. Loading services end daily at 2:45 pm. Pickup trucks can no longer be self-loaded. There is a limit of three 30-gallon containers that may be self-loaded.

Please note: Materials may only be dropped off when the Center is open and operating. Only **QUALIFIED RESIDENTS** and property owners within the City of Bethlehem may drop off materials at the Yard Waste Facility. You must show a valid driver's license and compost card on every drop-off trip.



A message to the BASD Community:

I am deeply honored to continue serving as the Superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD) as we begin another school year. There is no difference between the Bethlehem Area School District and the broader Bethlehem community—and we like it that way. All of the history, diversity, opportunities and challenges of the Bethlehem community exist in our district—creating a true community feel in each of our 22 schools. Together, school and community have celebrated the achievements of our students, recognized the dedication of our staff and cherished the support of our alumni and community partners. Through the BASD eNews and our social media channels, we have highlighted the stories that make us proud to say we are #BuiltByBethlehem.



2024 B.E.S.T. Awards presented by the Foundation for the Bethlehem Area School District, rewarding excellence in teaching at the K-12 levels. From top to bottom: Jane Prodes, Philip Ciccorone and Connie VanBlargen.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on providing diverse opportunities for every student to thrive. From innovative educational programs to enriching extracurricular activities, we are committed to the BASD Community.

I invite you to join us in the upcoming events that showcase the vibrancy of your school district—whether it's attending school open houses, cheering on our teams at football games, enjoying community parades in the fall or celebrating the arts at our concerts and exhibitions. Your presence and support of our schools play a crucial role in shaping the future of our cherished community.

For more information on these events and to stay updated on district news, please visit our website at basdschools.org. Together, let's continue building a bright future for Bethlehem—one where every student can succeed and thrive.

Best Wishes,

Dr. Jack P. Silva, Superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District



Meet the Bethlehem Co-Op Market!

More Than a Grocery Store

The long-awaited Bethlehem Co-op Market, formerly known as the Bethlehem Food Co-Op, is set to open its doors in late 2024, bringing a fresh approach to grocery shopping – for all shoppers in our community.

Located at 250 E. Broad St., the small but focused store isn't just another supermarket – it's a community-owned enterprise that puts local needs first. The co-op will offer a full range of grocery items, a bulk foods section, a robust prepared foods department with many items made in-house and a beverage bar, all with a special emphasis on local and sustainably sourced products.



“We’re creating more than just a place to buy groceries. Bethlehem Co-op Market will be a hub for fresh food, community connection and sustainable practices.”

—Eric Shamis, General Manager

The co-op is committed to making healthy food accessible to all. Plans are in place to accept EBT/SNAP benefits and create a robust Food for All Program, which will subsidize fresh foods for low-income individuals and families.



Construction on the store's interior is in full swing, and excitement is building. The new Bethlehem Co-op Market branding, featuring a vibrant red beet logo, symbolizes the co-op's community roots and commitment to supporting fresh, local food options.

The market is equally owned by over 1,536 community members who have invested in bringing healthy, reasonably priced food options to Bethlehem. Anyone can join as a member-owner, but the Bethlehem Co-op Market will be open to all shoppers.

Why become a member-owner? While everyone is welcome to shop at the Bethlehem Co-op Market, member-owners have a voice and a vote on how the store is run and enjoy special discounts in-store and when shopping locally at over 30 Lehigh Valley Member Benefits Partners.

Want to get involved or learn more? Please visit bethlehemcoopmarket.com for project updates, recipes and information on becoming a member-owner. Join us in shaping the future of food in Bethlehem!



BETHLEHEM ROSE GARDEN

The Bethlehem Rose Garden has undergone a dramatic change over the past three years through the efforts of community volunteers.

Help is needed to maintain this beautiful public space. Consider becoming a Rose Garden volunteer; no experience is necessary and we offer community service hours to students. Group work is done Saturday mornings from 10 am – 12 pm, April through October. Put on your garden gloves and join us!

Along with the roses, the garden now showcases spring flowers, perennials, varied annuals and native plants.

You may also donate to help buy flowers for the Rose Garden by contacting the non-profit Mount Airy Neighborhood Association, which oversees the volunteer efforts. Please e-mail bjkozero@aol.com with any questions.



Downtown Bethlehem Association & Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce EVENTS

HARVEST FEST

Harvest Fest, the Lehigh Valley's premier street fair, returns to Historic Downtown Bethlehem on **Saturday, October 12**. Enjoy food and beverage trails, live entertainment on two stages and family-friendly activities. Shop local vendors for unique crafts, treats and gifts.

HALLOWEEN CHOCOLATE TRAIL

The 2nd Annual Spooky Chocolate Trail is returning to Historic Downtown Bethlehem on **Saturday, October 26, 12 – 5 pm!** Indulge in all the chocolatey delights our shops have to offer, and don't forget to dress up in your most creative costume for a chance to win boo-tiful prizes in our costume contest! It's going to be a fang-tastic day filled with frights and delights!



CHRISTMAS CITY VILLAGE

Shop charming, holiday-themed wooden huts that are filled with unique gifts. Visiting the huts are **FREE** and open to the public! **November 15 – December 22; Fridays and Saturdays, 12 – 8 pm; Sundays, 12 – 6 pm.**

HOLIDAY COCKTAIL TRAIL

"Get the Spirits" with the Annual Historic Downtown Bethlehem Cocktail Trail! Your passport will be your ticket to visit stores and restaurants along Main and Broad Streets for a variety of delicious holiday cocktails. Sip and stroll throughout our beautiful Historic District and vote for your favorite cocktail for a chance to win a prize! **November 16 and 23, 12 – 5 pm.**

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The 2024 Christmas City Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on **November 29 at 4:30 pm** at Bethlehem's Payrow Plaza. There will be a varied lineup of entertainment and a special visit from Santa Claus! **FREE** cookies and hot chocolate will be offered for everyone.

LIVE ADVENT CALENDAR

Feel the Magic with the Historic Bethlehem Live Advent Calendar, the only one of its kind in the country and perhaps the entire world! The calendar will kick off its 16th year on December 1. This unique, free, family-friendly event takes place every night at 5:30 pm until December 23 at the Sun Inn Courtyard. This year, we have partnered again with Touchstone Theatre to bring you a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. **December 1 – 23, 5:30 pm.**



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SOUTHSIDE ARTS DISTRICT

Fall & Winter Events

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OCT 1 FIRST FRIDAYS

NOV 1
DEC 6 Enjoy arts exhibitions, live music in the district's craft beverage locations and other special events, such as professional networking and First Friday parties in the local area.



OCT 19 CHILIFEST

Join us for the 28th year of ChiliFest in the Southside Arts District! Walk the downtown and sample a variety of homemade chilis. Tickets on sale now.

NOV 30 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Rock around the Christmas Tree with us at the S. New St. Greenway. Enjoy cocoa, cookies and live Christmas tunes by harmony heavy rock band The Beautiful Distortion.

DEC 7, 14 NAUGHTY Nice

Dress in your holiday best and join us for a holly jolly cocktail crawl full of festive drinks and homemade cookies! Tickets will go on sale in November.



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FALL 2024 AND WINTER 2025 EXHIBITIONS

ROTUNDA GALLERY

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Robert Stickloon

- *Contemporary Still Life Paintings*: August 18 – September 24
Reception: August 18, 2 – 4 pm

BFAC Curated Exhibition

- *"Another Point View: Four Visually Impaired Artists"*:
Mary Ann Dunwoodie, Michael Freeman, Dianne Michels,
Terry Newhard. September 30 – November 4
Reception: October 6, 2 – 4 pm

Luke Wynne

- *Photography*: November 12 – December 19
Reception: November 17, 2 – 4 pm

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- *Student Artwork*: January 8 – February 18
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