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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.

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• 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018	
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Bethlehem Mayor

J. William Reynolds

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Kiera Wilhelm Bryan G. Callahan

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

2025 City Council Meeting Dates

All Council Meetings begin at 7 pm unless otherwise specified.


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| • January 7 and 21 | • July 1 and 15 |
| • February 4 and 18 | • August 5* and 19 |
| • March 4 and 18 | • September 2 and 16 |
| • April 1 and 15 | • October 7 and 21 |
| • May 6 and 21** | • November 5** and 18 |
| • June 3 and 17 | • December 2 and 16 |

*5:30 pm start due to Musikfest

**Wednesday, Due to Election Day

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Mayor's Address to the City of Bethlehem



Some days, it can appear as if our culture has some difficulty celebrating positive outcomes. Positive accomplishments are breezed by or forgotten quickly as we move on to complain about the next thunderstorm, Phillies playoff disappointment or a chaotic event in Washington. I am fortunate to work

in an environment, Bethlehem City Hall, where amazing things are accomplished every day by our dedicated public servants. Those accomplishments aren't always celebrated at press conferences, in social media posts or at public meetings. Tasks are accomplished that make our city just a bit better, and the professionals who did the work move on to the next task at hand.

It is important, however, that we stop and review those accomplishments, small and large, that are helping our city to continue to grow and become an even stronger community. I decided to spend our 2024 year in review by sitting down with a notepad and writing 10 of the wonderful successes that are reasons for Bethlehem to celebrate:

- **February 1, 2024** – The City made its first annual debt payment as we continue to rapidly pay off our debt. The City has worked hard to reduce our debt from \$170 million to \$88 million in a span of nine years (48% percent reduction). Our current debt payment schedule will see a further decrease to \$55 million by January 1, 2028. By 2028, we will have reduced our debt load by almost 70 percent. Our reduced long-term debt is a major reason why Bethlehem's Standard & Poor's bond rating has improved seven times in the past 10 years and sits at AA- with a Stable outlook, the best bond rating among the top 10 cities in population in Pennsylvania.
- **February 26, 2024** – The first of our four new paramedics was hired as we increased our paramedic staff for the first time since 2007.
- **April 10, 2024** – In a partnership with Lehigh Valley Industrial Park, the City announced Gateway on 4, a 110-unit, mixed-income housing development in South Bethlehem.
- **April 15, 2024** – The City started our 2024-2025 paving season with a two-year plan to spend \$7.9 million on new street overlays. This is a 61% increase in paving spending from the \$4.8 spent by the City in 2022 and 2023.
- **July 26, 2024** – Bethlehem became the United States' 26th World Heritage Site during the World Heritage Conference in Delhi, India. Our inscription became the first transnational site in the United States.
- **August 14, 2024** – The City hired eight new firefighters to help replace several retirements in 2024. Working with our International Association of Fire Fighters union, the City found budgetary savings to send a second class of recruits in 2024, enabling the new firefighters to start work in January of 2025. Alternatively, waiting until January 2025 to hire these recruits would have meant they couldn't start until July 2025, thereby increasing our overtime costs and stress on current personnel.
- **September 20, 2024** – Patillas, Puerto Rico became our sixth sister city in a celebration in Bethlehem that saw us welcome a group of community and business leaders from Patillas.

- **October 24, 2024** – The City, in conjunction with the Bethlehem Parking Authority, and the Coalition for Appropriate Transportation (CAT) announced a lease for one of the two new retail spaces in the new Walnut Street Garage, which is set to open in November of 2025. CAT is a non-profit dedicated to supporting bicycling, pedestrians and public transportation in the Lehigh Valley. The City also launched our related Complete Streets plan that will design future streets to maximize safety for pedestrians and bikers.

- **November 22, 2024** – City Hall completed the purchase of the last 1.2 miles of the South Bethlehem Greenway. Months of negotiations, surveys, easements, appraisals, grant agreements and hard work were needed for the completion. Construction of this last phase of the Greenway should be completed by the spring of 2026. When completed, the trail will connect to the Saucon Rail Trail and create a continuous trail into Bucks County for travelers.

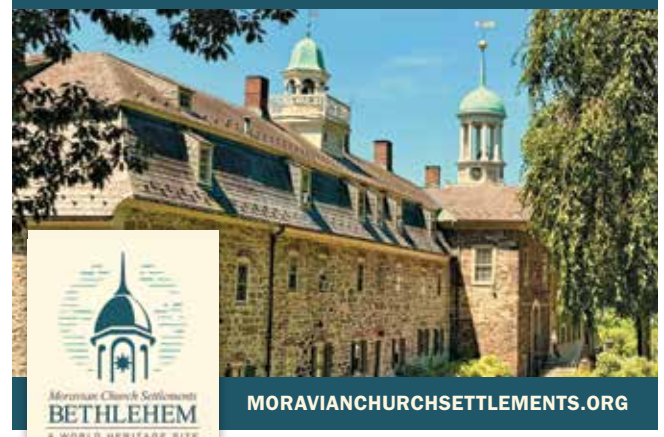
- **December 9, 2024** – The City hired its first Sustainability Manager as a key implementation piece of our Climate Action Plan. The position will coordinate our nine implementation groups as well as work with our private and public sector partners to create an even more sustainable and healthy community.

There is a common thread throughout these events. Each one of these accomplishments required numerous City Hall employees in multiple departments. For that, I and all of us in Bethlehem need to say "thank you." It would have taken a much longer space to include all of the wonderful things going on externally from City Hall throughout the Bethlehem Area School District, our private sector, our non-profit world, our arts world and in every section of our community. Positive things are happening quicker than we can talk about them. While the new year has brought forth new challenges, we remain committed to keeping Bethlehem a vibrant, safe and inclusive city. In 2025, our list of successes will be even longer – and we thank you for being a part of it!

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025**

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Photos from top to bottom:

Mayor Reynolds swears in new police officers.

Mayor Reynolds promotes Firefighter D. Higgins to Lieutenant, 3rd Platoon.

Mayor Reynolds speaks at Friendship Park about the "40 in 10" community process for investing in the City's park system.

The student, Mayor Reynolds (left), and his teacher, Mr. Fair, at Opening Day. Let's play ball!

A NOTE FROM CITY COUNCIL

Council President's Report

In the blink of an eye, we are approaching the summer of 2025. Reflecting back on 2024, what an exciting year we had. It was a year that saw Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, join the likes of Athens, Venice, London and Rome as cities on the world stage of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. In 2024, the Historic Moravian Bethlehem District, as part of the transnational site of Moravian Church Settlements, was named a historic destination, joining world-renowned landmarks such as the Acropolis, the Roman Forum, Vatican City and the Great Wall of China.

Much credit belongs to the Bethlehem World Heritage Council and Commission along with the Bethlehem Area Moravians, Central Moravian Church, Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites and Moravian University. For its part, City Council was pleased to support the efforts in any way possible that led to Inscription last summer. We are proud to help our City celebrate this momentous achievement.

In addition to brimming with pride over our City's history, in 2024, Council also supported actions toward ensuring Bethlehem's future. Council's Committee of the Whole met to review plans to demolish and reconstruct the Walnut Street Garage. Council also held public hearings to approve a zoning map change and street vacation to make way for the garage. Demolition has taken place, and the garage's replacement is anticipated in time for the 2025 Christmas season with additional adjacent development being planned.

Council also continues to support efforts to reduce homelessness and create affordable housing. Council endorsed efforts to apply for grant money toward the Gateway on 4th and authorized two contracts to enhance the Pembroke Choice Neighborhood Project. The first was for a traffic study to review the Pembroke Road and Stefko Boulevard corridor. The second was to conduct a market study to evaluate the demand for affordable market-rate rental and for-sale housing.

Additionally, Council has approved moving forward with the work necessary for making significant street changes, including restoring two-way traffic to Center and Linden streets. Major renovations also are planned to make much of East and West Broad streets pedestrian and bicycle friendly and generally more appealing. Council also has authorized refurbishment at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and replacement of a 2-million-gallon reservoir drinking tank.

Meanwhile, grants, contracts and other authorizations involving City parks and recreation have frequented Council agendas. Bethlehem reached a milestone late in 2024 with the final purchase of land that will close the Greenway Trail Gap, which completes a dream several years in the making. Council passed resolutions authorizing Phase II of improvements to the Monocacy Trail. And, it authorized work to be done to make significant improvements to Saucon Park, the Rose Garden and Fairview Park, as well as a complete makeover of Friendship Park. In addition, Council authorized a study of the City's entire parks system to provide a comprehensive prioritization of future needs.

In all during calendar year 2024, Council held 24 regular meetings. It conducted 13 committee meetings, three of which were Committee of the Whole meetings, including one on ethics training for Council and the Administration. Council also held a Curative Amendment hearing lasting 7½ hours over two nights to consider proposed changes to the Limited Commercial Zoning District. The year's body of work led to the passage of 61 ordinances and 280 resolutions. Key legislation passed included a new article to curtail the use of illegal dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles on City streets with intentions of improving safety and reducing nuisances, and amending the Animal Ordinance to ban the sale of pets from puppy mills within the City.

Now, as we approach the official first days of summer, 2025 promises to be another busy year. Efforts will continue to help the homeless and promote affordable housing as well as work to complete initiatives that were started in 2024 and preceding years as well. And, as always, Council will continue to work with the Administration and all City departments to bring the residents and businesses of Bethlehem the services that they have come to expect.

Michael G. Colón
President of Bethlehem City Council



Michael G. Colón



L-R: C. Laird, R. Leon, K. Wilhelm, G. Crampsie Smith, B. Callahan, H. Kwiatek and M. Colón.

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.



WELCOME NEW RECRUITS

In January 2025, the City of Bethlehem welcomed seven new recruits who graduated from Harrisburg Area Community College's Senator John J. Shumaker Public Safety Center, the delegated authority of the PA State Fire Academy. They were immediately sworn in as City of Bethlehem Firefighters. Thank you for your commitment to our city!



New Recruits, L-R: Brady Rowe, Robert E. Brooks, Isaiah Serrano, Kyle Schlier, Jack Mesce, Giovanni Sicurello and Jarret Loux.

RECRUITS IN TRAINING

Also in January, 2025, the City of Bethlehem welcomed eight new recruits who are currently attending the City of Allentown Fire Academy. Upon completion of their training and studies in late Spring 2025, they will be sworn in as firefighters for the City of Bethlehem. *The department would like to note that one of our newest recruits is a second-generation firefighter!



Recruits in Training, L-R: L-R: Kyle Knauss, Robert Hager, Daniel Lovett III, Brody Merker, Joshua Paulshock, Kyle Jimenez*, Devon Troxell and Joseph Cincilla.

SUMMERTIME FIRE SAFETY

Simple Steps to Stay Summer-Safe

■ Fireworks

- Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show.
- Do not use consumer fireworks.
- Keep a close eye on children at events with fireworks.

■ Clean out dryer vents

- At the minimum, dryer vents need to be cleaned out at least once a year – and ideally every six months if you run a lot of laundry, such as families with small children.
- Make sure that the air exhaust vent pipe (outside your house) is not restricted and the flap opens when the dryer is running.
- Keep anything flammable, such as boxes or cleaning supplies, away from the dryer.
- Clean out the lint trap after every cycle.

■ Inspect your grill

Before you host your first springtime barbecue, give your grill a full inspection, checking for grease or fat buildup, spider webs and any other nests or debris. If you use a gas grill, ensure the propane tank hose has no leaks before you use it.

- Leaks or breaks were the factor in 11% of grill structure fires and 23% of outside and unclassified grill fires.
- Gas grills contribute to a higher number of home fires overall than their charcoal counterparts.
- A failure to clean the grill was the leading factor contributing to the fire in 19% of all grill-related structure fires.
- In 17% of the related fires, something that could catch fire was too close to the grill. Grills need to be at least 10 feet away from the house, decks and any other combustibles when in use.
- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should be used outdoors only.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

■ Properly dispose of yard waste

- Remove all dead plants and other combustible materials from around your house, especially within the first five feet of space around the home.
- Make sure the gutters are clean and that dead leaves and pine needles are removed from the roof as well.
- Wood piles and trash should all be kept at least 30 feet away from your house and any other buildings or sheds.

■ Properly store and dispose of painting materials

- The oils used in oil-based paints and stains actually release heat as they dry. If rags covered in these materials are left in a trapped space, a fire can break out. Don't leave cleaning rags or stain rags in a pile. Let them dry outside and keep them far away from your house. Ideally, hang rags outside or spread them out from one another, weighing them down so they don't blow away.
- Dried rags can be kept in a tightly covered metal container, which should be filled with a water and detergent mixture to break down the oils. Containers of oily rags should be kept in a cool place out of direct sunlight, away from any heat sources. Then, properly dispose of such materials.
- Paint should be stored in a dry place out of direct sunlight.

■ Replace smoke detector batteries

- Spring is a great time to replace the batteries in all of your smoke detectors. Make it a habit to do this at least once a year.
- When you do this, test out each detector to make sure they're all working.
- Take some time to chat with your family about your fire escape plan. Practice the plan to make sure everyone knows what to do if a fire emergency happens.

Keep these tips in mind as you and your family enjoy your summer!

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.



WELCOME NEW OFFICERS!

On Wednesday, January 7, 2025, Mayor Reynolds administered the oath of office to the Bethlehem Police Department's newest police officers. Officer Harowicz, Officer Borda and Officer Persicketti are now assigned to patrol platoons after having completed the field training portion of their careers. Welcome to the force!



NOW HIRING CROSSING GUARDS!

Make a positive impact on your community by joining our team as a School Crossing Guard. This rewarding position offers a competitive pay rate of \$15.00 per hour with flexible shifts lasting just 60-90 minutes, available in the morning and afternoon. Crossing Guard positions are open throughout the city, and we provide all necessary safety equipment to ensure your protection. With weekends and holidays off, this role offers convenient hours that fit into your schedule. If you're ready to help keep our children safe while they travel to and from school, apply today! Applications can be found at bethlehem-pa.gov/Employment-Opportunities. For more information, contact Officer Brailo, #488, at 610-997-7666.



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.

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



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

Bethlehem SERVICE CENTER

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

- 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 left. 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, pot holes 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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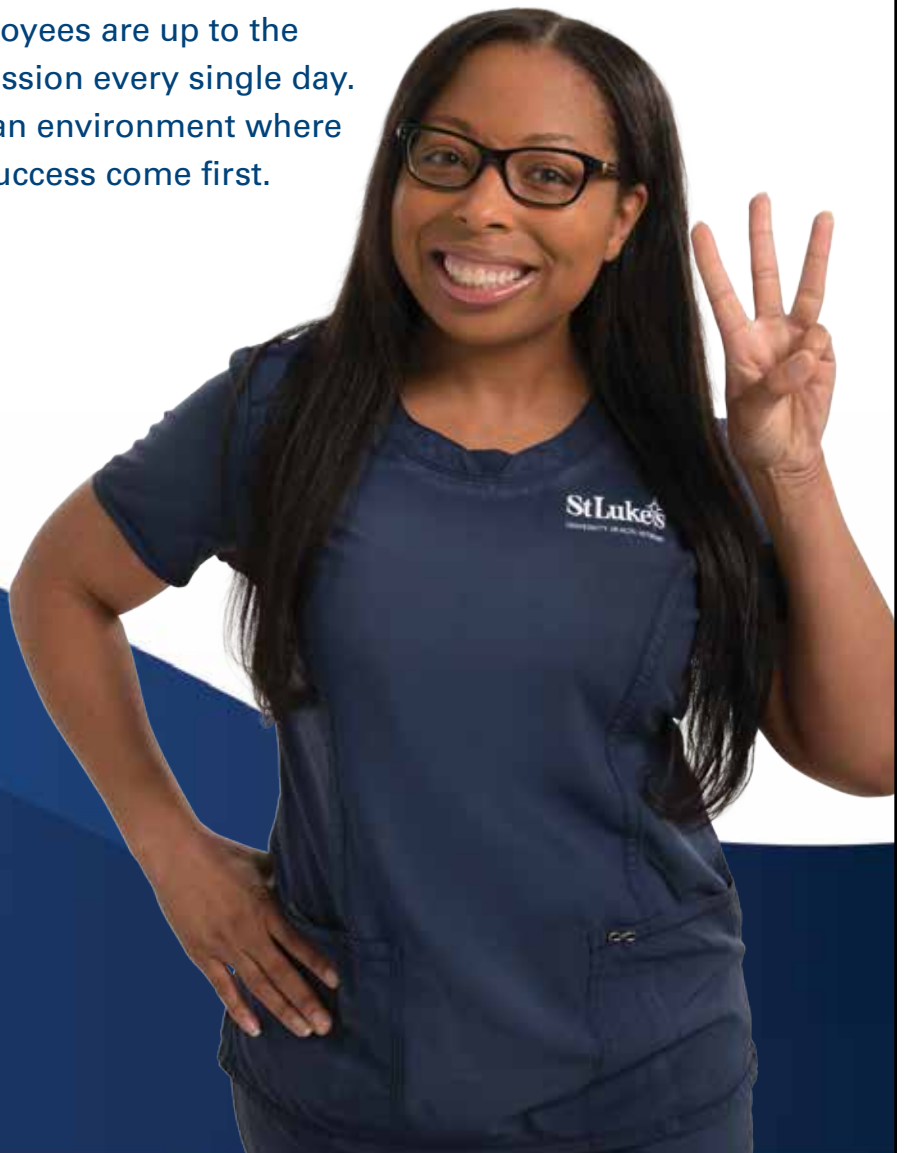
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Community Planning

A Community-Driven Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The City of Bethlehem is creating a community-driven Parks & Recreation Master Plan and needs your help to define a vision for the future!

The Master Plan will guide decision-making and strategic planning for the rehabilitation and maintenance of Bethlehem's constellation of parks and recreation opportunities for years to come, identifying recommendations for short-term improvements as well as long-term strategic goals for the City's parks system. The goal is to create a stellar network of equitable, well-marketed and interconnected parks, trails and programming that are accessible to people of all abilities.

Building on the success of improvements made since the City's 2017 Comprehensive Parks Study, the planning process is community-driven. If you have thoughts and ideas about our park system, we want to hear from you! To complete the Bethlehem Parks Survey, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/beth-parks or scan the QR code to the right.



The City is also seeking resident and community feedback at a series of public engagement events. Join us at the following events, and look for future opportunities on the Bethlehem Recreation website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation.

- Sand Island Classic Basketball Tournament: May 10
- Movie Night at Elmwood Park: June 11
- Sabor Latin Festival: June 27
- Bernie Fritz Night: July 16
- Yosko Movie Night and Festival: July 17
- Movie Night at Bayard Park: July 28
- Live in the Garden: See Bethlehem Recreation website for dates
- Live on the Greenway: See Bethlehem Recreation website for dates



Residents can also make their voice heard (or request a paper copy of the Parks Survey) by calling the Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Master Plan Hotline at 484-293-1501 — leave a message and tell us what you want to see in Bethlehem's parks system! Or contact the planning team by email at info@omnes.studio.

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Health Bureau

LEAD AND HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAM

The City of Bethlehem is offering a great chance to make your home safer and healthier through its Lead and Healthy Homes program. This program is available for renters and homeowners in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Here are some of the problems the program can help fix:

- Lead-based paint
- Radon
- Home hazards like electrical issues, moisture, tripping risks and more!

You can get a free home inspection during which trained experts will check for these problems and help you make your home safer. The program also provides helpful tips on keeping your home healthy and free from other health risks.

How to qualify:

- You must live in the Bethlehem Area School District (whether you rent or own your home).
- Your household income must be at or below certain limits based on how many people live in your home (check the chart to see if you qualify).

Family Size / Income Limit

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| • 2 members / \$62,950 | • 6 members / \$91,250 |
| • 3 members / \$70,800 | • 7 members / \$97,550 |
| • 4 members / \$78,650 | • 8 members / \$103,850 |



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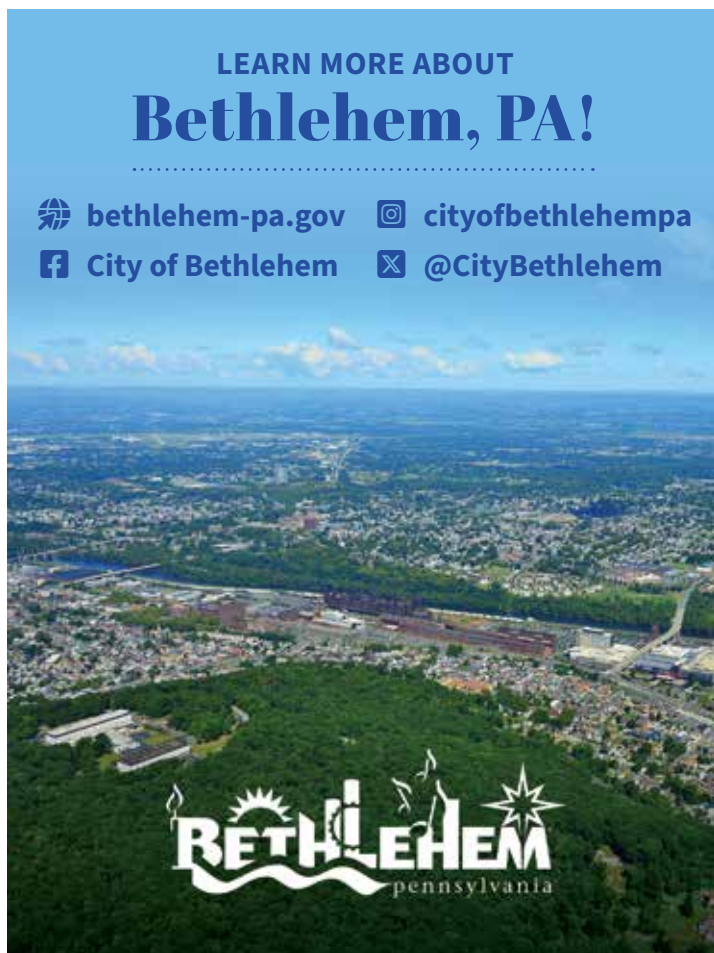
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Northside Alive is a community-driven neighborhood revitalization process launched in 2018 by the City of Bethlehem and Community Action Development Bethlehem.

Please visit northsidealive.org or scan the QR code below for more information on upcoming projects, community events and how to get involved! Northside Alive is always seeking community volunteers to join our committees.

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This newsletter serves to notify the community about events and investments in the City's Northside 2027 HUD-designated Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). NRSA's are intended to revitalize a targeted neighborhood by encouraging a coordinated approach through comprehensive place-based community development efforts. Translation and disability accessibility services are available upon request if you would like to learn about Northside activities and how to participate, including access for individuals with hearing and visual impairments. If you would like accommodations to access Northside Alive information, please call the Community Development Bureau at 610-865-7085. Servicios de traducción y accesibilidad para discapacitados disponibles previa solicitud si desea obtener información sobre las actividades de Northside y cómo participar, incluido el acceso para personas con discapacidades auditivas y visuales. Si desea adaptaciones para acceder a la información de Northside Alive, llame a la Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario al 610-865-7085.

In 2024, Northside Alive focused on the **people** and **places** that strengthen our community. We dedicated resources to improving our public spaces; upheld successful initiatives such as community yoga, yard sales and block parties; and launched new programs driven by community input, including Restaurant Week and Music in the Park. Throughout the year, Northside Alive organized over 18 community events in partnership with neighborhood businesses and non-profit partners. These events strengthen our neighborhoods by providing residents and visitors with informal opportunities to connect.



We continue to make lasting neighborhood investments that support the goals of Northside Alive and beautify our streetscapes. If you shopped local this holiday season, you may have noticed new holiday pole wraps continuing down East Broad Street and a new mural designed by Artist Matt Halm at the intersection of Linden and E. North.

We continue to invest in resident-driven projects and look forward to the Bethlehem Co-Op Market, several pedestrian-friendly improvements and the redevelopment of Friendship Park. The Friendship Park Project officially went out to bid in February!

Thank you to all of our community members, businesses, partners and sponsors that continue to support Northside Alive. We have a lot of exciting projects on the horizon, and we can't wait to continue our work together in 2025!



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- New Bethany Ministries 610-691-5602
- Victory House of Lehigh Valley 610-691-3373

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- 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 3)
- Community Action Lehigh Valley
(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

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 1-888-282-6816

PPL

- Repair/Customer Service 1-800-342-5775
- PPL WRAP Program 1-888-232-6302

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) 610-821-6509
- Northampton County Energy Assistance
(LIHEAP Program) 610-250-1785
- Salvation Army (UGI Operation Share Program) 610-432-0129
..... 610-867-4681

City Water/Sewer Customer Service 610-865-7070

Water/Sewer Off Hours 610-865-7077

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



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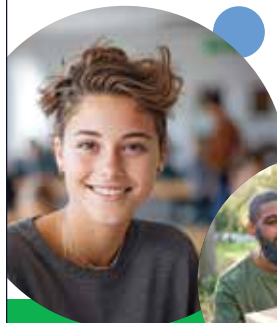
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Water Meter Replacement Project

The City of Bethlehem Water Department maintains approximately 37,000 metered accounts in the City and surrounding communities. With our older water meters, meter readers take readings using a hand-held recorder placed on the black “touch-pad” device located on the outside of your home or business. This action requires the reader to walk up to every home and business to take the reading. Meter readers carry identification so that you know the person is a City employee. You may ask to see their credentials for safety and security reasons.

The City began a transition to an automatic meter reading system several years ago. This system requires replacement of your water meter and installation of a transmitter/receiver device over the touch-pad on the outside of your home. This allows the City to record meter readings and track usage remotely through radio towers. This will save the City valuable time and money, improve reading accuracy and will cut down on the number of estimated bills. The new system also alerts City staff if your usage exceeds your normal rate so that we can contact you promptly to address any potential problems. You will see no change in your billing statement under the new system.



The City is sub-contracting some of this work to VEPO Metering. If you receive a letter or phone call from VEPO requesting to set up an appointment to replace your meter, simply follow the instructions to schedule an appointment. VEPO personnel also carry appropriate credentials for safety and security purposes.

The City's goal is to replace 25,000 meters over a six-year time frame. The total cost of this project is approximately \$10 million.

Questions about metering and billing can be directed to our customer service center at custserv@bethlehem-pa.gov or 610-865-7070.

Identifying Service Line Material

The City of Bethlehem Water Department is required by federal regulation to identify service pipe material to all properties with the goal to replace all lead and galvanized steel pipes by 2037.. To this end, the City needs your help in identifying the pipe material of your home's water service line by following instructions on the City website: www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Water-Sewer-Resources/Public-Information/Lead-Service-Lines. Having a lead service line does not mean your drinking water contains high lead levels. The City employs corrosion control treatment that greatly reduces the chance of lead leaching into the water and is effective at keeping lead levels below the EPA maximum action level of 0.010 mg/L.

To determine the service line material entering your home, locate the water meter in your basement or lowest level. Look at the pipe that comes through the outside wall and connects to the water meter. Note the color of the pipe and compare against the examples in the picture to determine your service line material. If your service line is silver-gray, use a small magnet to differentiate between lead and galvanized steel pipe. The magnet will stick to galvanized steel but not to lead.



Lead: Non-magnetic, silver-gray color that easily scratches with a coin.



Copper: Non-magnetic, color of a copper penny.



Galvanized Steel: Magnetic, dull gray color.



Plastic: Non-magnetic, white or black rigid pipe.



Brass: Non-magnetic, color varies from silvery yellow to reddish brown.

Report your findings to the City using the form at the above referenced website or by email to LeadServiceLine@bethlehem-pa.gov.

There are other ways to check for lead piping. Look for an EPA-recognized lead test kit at your local hardware or home improvement store or hire a licensed plumber to perform a pipe survey of your home.

Please contact the City's Water Quality Bureau at 610-865-7144 or by emailing LeadServiceLine@bethlehem-pa.gov with any questions on service line identification.

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2025 | City of Bethlehem Taxes

- 2025 City of Bethlehem Real Estate Property Tax Bills are due in full postmarked by **May 30, 2025**. After **May 30, 2025**, a 10% penalty will be assessed on all bills.
- All property taxes unpaid as of **December 31, 2025**, will be turned over to a collection agency.
- 2024 Earned Income Tax Returns are due on or before **April 15, 2025**.
- 2024 Business Privilege & Mercantile Tax Returns are due on or before **May 05, 2025**.

2025 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

Property Tax Millage Rates

The current (2025) millage rates for the City portion of the real estate tax bill are:

- Parcels located within Lehigh County – 6.21
- Parcels located within Northampton County – 19.64

City of Bethlehem 2025 Real Estate Property Tax Due Dates:

- **Discount (2%)**..... **03/31/2025**
- **Base** **05/30/2025**
- **Penalty (10%)**..... **12/31/2025**

Installment Plan: Installment payments may not commence after the first installment due date. A grace period of five (5) days beginning with the due date is allowed for each installment. If not paid within five days beginning with the due date, a penalty of 10% will be added to each delinquent installment. No discounts are allowed on installment payments unless the full tax is paid during the discount period. **Note:** If you are paying by installments, you will be billed for subsequent payments.

All property taxes unpaid as of **December 31, 2025**, will be turned over to a collection agency.

Questions or Assistance

For additional questions or assistance with obtaining a copy of a current property tax bill, please contact:

- **City of Bethlehem Tax Bureau Phone: 610-865-7022, option 5**
- **Email: TaxDepartment@Bethlehem-pa.gov**

For additional questions or assistance with paying a current property tax bill, please contact:

City of Bethlehem Bureau of Financial Services Phone: 610-865-7125

EARNED INCOME TAX & LOCAL SERVICES TAX

Earned Income Tax (EIT) Filing

The Earned Income Tax (EIT) rate for the City of Bethlehem is a 1% income tax that is assessed on the gross earnings of residents and non-residents and net profits of residents. Just like federal and state income taxes, EIT tax returns must be filed online: <https://efile.keystonecollects.com/#/login> or by mail on or before **April 15, 2025**.

Local Services Tax (LST) Filing

The Local Services Tax (LST) rate for the City of Bethlehem is \$52 per person who is employed or self-employed within the City of Bethlehem. Most employers withhold this tax and list it as the "LST TAX" on an employee's pay stub or W-2 form. Self-employed persons are responsible to file/pay the tax themselves quarterly.

The City of Bethlehem uses a third-party servicer for collection of Earned Income Taxes and LST Filing. Earned Income Tax filing and LST filings are collected and processed by:

- **KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP**
<https://keystonecollects.com/forms/>
866-539-1100, Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm

To have forms automatically mailed to you, please contact Keystone Collections Group.

BUSINESS PRIVILEGE & MERCANTILE TAX/LICENSING

Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax/License Filing

A Business Privilege License (BPL) is required by all persons and/or businesses that engage in a business, profession or other commercial activity within the City of Bethlehem. The BPL annual license fee is \$25. The license period runs from May 1 through April 30 of the following year.

The 2024 Business Privilege & Mercantile Tax Return is due on or before **May 05, 2025**.

The City of Bethlehem uses a third-party servicer for collection of the BPL Licensing and collection of Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax. All BPL registrations, Business Privilege and Mercantile tax payments and returns for the City of Bethlehem are processed by:

- **Tri-State Financial Group, <http://www.tfgtax.com>**
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Silt is a sediment that's a grain size between a sand grain and a clay particle. Silt can naturally enter and build up in waterways after tens and hundreds of years of erosion. However, modern day urbanization, construction and deforestation has caused an influx of silt to enter our streams in a much shorter time span. This increase in silt shocks aquatic ecosystems, leading to adverse effects on the entire food chain:

- Silt is small enough to enter the gills of fish and aquatic invertebrates (shrimp, crayfish, snails, etc.). Taking up too much silt leads to suffocation and eventual death of the organism.
- Silt can fill in burrows or other holes, destroying habitats and disrupting breeding patterns.
- Silt can decrease water clarity, in turn making it harder for plant life to grow. Decreased clarity also makes it difficult for predators to find food.

These effects have not gone unnoticed. States and local municipalities have put ordinances and other measures in place to help protect our streams from unnecessary influxes of silt. The most prominent of these has been implementing Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) plans to any large earth disturbance and/or construction projects. Here in the City of Bethlehem, we conduct extensive reviews of E&S plans brought forth by new construction and make sure that they are at/or above standards before issuing approvals and permits. Some erosion control methods are silt socks, silt fences and vegetation covers. If you have any questions about how to properly prepare your area/site (big or small) for earthwork, please don't hesitate to contact our Stormwater Department at 610-849-2787.



URBAN FORESTRY

Do you have a tree you have been looking to have removed for some time but are unsure what your first step is in getting the work done? When it comes to the City of Bethlehem, any tree that is located within the public right of way or considered a street tree will require a permit and licensed arborist. These are both required for any type of tree work completed in the public right of way, such as pruning, removing or planting a tree. If you are unsure whether or not your tree falls within the public right of way, a quick rule of thumb can be that a tree is in the public right of way if it is located between the curb and the sidewalk, also called a tree lawn or tree well. If there is no sidewalk in your area, you can contact the Forestry Department to confirm. It is always better to ask before taking action!

If the tree is on private property, the property owner does not need permission for arranging for further pruning, removal or planting.

If you do have a street tree, download the street tree permit and licensed arborist list from the City of Bethlehem Urban Forestry page. From that list, you contact the professional(s) listed and acquire quotes from the arborist(s) of your choosing. Once you have the licensed arborist squared away, you or the arborist will submit the street tree permit application for approval. The permit can be mailed into or dropped off in person at Bethlehem City Hall. Please make sure all sections of the permit application are filled out completely for processing. If the permit is approved, you will be contacted to make arrangements for pick up and you may schedule the work with your licensed arborist. Your permit will state the requirements for a replacement tree, the scope of work and any notes that need to be included.

If there are any concerns or questions regarding a street tree or the permitting process, you may direct them to the Urban Forestry office. More information can be found at <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Public-Works/Bureaus/Urban-Forestry>.



BE AWARE OF DIRTY DIRT!

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) wants to help residents and contractors in Pennsylvania ensure they do not accept or use fill materials that may cause contamination. Fill materials are used to bring sites to desirable grades to enhance the usefulness of the properties.

Homeowners and contractors need to be aware that there are some "fill" materials out there that can cause potential environmental and/or health concerns, as well as open up property owners to potential liabilities. Here are a few tips to ensure you are using acceptable fill materials on your property.

Do your homework...

- Before you buy or accept **"FREE"** dirt, make sure it is clean.
- Know the **source** of the fill, especially if it is offered to you for **FREE**.
- Know the supplier and hauler. Check for references.
- Ask for documentation from the provider regarding the source:
 - A bill of lading if you purchased it.
 - An official **DEP FP-001** form that identifies where the fill came from and any testing that was done.
- Do not accept any free material without documentation.

Take a look...or smell...

- If the fill has a petroleum/oil-like or garbage odor...**BEWARE!**
- If the fill has materials such as: plastic; ash; demolition debris such as wallboard, shingles, nails, wood or paint chips...**BEWARE!**
- If the fill appears to be "discolored" or stained...**BEWARE!**
- If you don't know the source of the fill...**BEWARE!**

Get some advice...

- The DEP wants residents and contractors in Pennsylvania to make sure they do not accept or use fill materials that may contain or cause contamination.
- Check with your regional office if you have questions, consult with your local Bureau of Waste Management or DEP office.
- If you don't know the source of the fill...**BEWARE!**

DEP's Management of Fill Policy and Frequently Asked Questions:

- <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Waste/SolidWaste/Residual/Pages/TechnicalGuidance.aspx>

Always BE SURE where the dirt is coming from!



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2025 STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

The Department of Public Works Bureau of Streets began its street sweeping program on April 1. During this time frame, street sweeping activities will occur every Tuesday through Friday between 7:30 am and 2 pm, on the posted roads throughout the city limits and street sweeping districts. The regularly scheduled street sweeping routes that are main thoroughfares in the city are posted with “No Parking” signs alerting motorists of parking restrictions for a given day and time. Vehicles must be kept off these posted streets to allow for effective street cleaning.

The city is divided into 88 sweeping districts that are not posted. The city normally deploys three sweepers each day to run through these districts pursuant to sweeping on posted roads. Roads that are less than 12 feet wide do not get swept. Noted dates indicate when the posted street will be swept. Dates are for information only and are subject to change. Please follow the signs that are posted on your side of the street. In order to properly clean your street, we need your cooperation. For a complete schedule, visit Bethlehem-pa.gov/public-works and click on the “Street Sweeping Schedule” button.



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Did you know there are plans to bring a full-service, community-owned grocery store to the north downtown area of Bethlehem? That means it is a store that is not owned by a big, impersonal company – but owned by our neighbors!

The Bethlehem Co-op Market – formerly known as the Bethlehem Food Co-Op – is set to open its brick-and-mortar store to all shoppers later this year. Although owned by its member-owners, the co-op is committed to making healthy food accessible to all.

In the meantime, the market's online store is up and open for business! Everyone is welcome to shop at bethlehemcoopmarket.com/shop-online/. Check out the selection of groceries and co-op merchandise; there's no charge to shop online, and convenient curbside pick-up is available Monday – Friday.

Located at 250 E. Broad St., the completed market will feature all the departments you see in a regular grocery store: produce (both organic and conventionally grown), meats, fish and seafood, dairy and alternatives, dry grocery and wellness. Special features include a “from scratch” prepared foods section with hot foods and grab & go, a juice and coffee bar, and a well-stocked bulk foods section – buy as much or as little as you like, in your own container.

The co-op is owned by almost 1,650 households and organizations that have invested in bringing healthy, reasonably priced food options to Bethlehem. Anyone can join as a member-owner, but the market will be open to all shoppers.

Why become a member-owner? They have a voice and a vote in how the store is run and enjoy special discounts when shopping locally at over 30 local Member Benefits Partners. When the store opens, they'll enjoy additional special discounts when shopping.

To assure the store opens on a solid financial footing and continues to thrive into the future, the co-op has undertaken a community investment fundraising campaign that includes loans from member-owners.



Want to get involved or learn more? Please visit bethlehemcoopmarket.com for project updates, co-op events in the community and details on how to become a member-owner or support the campaign. Join us in bringing this important new resource to our community!

A poster for Sangria Fest at SteelStacks. The background is a light purple with a pattern of colorful geometric shapes (triangles, squares, circles) in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the center, there is a glass of sangria with a green straw, a slice of orange, and a strawberry. To the left of the glass is a large, stylized "S" and "F" in orange and red. Below the glass, the text "STEELSTACKS" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below that, the text "TICKETS AVAILABLE AT STEELSTACKS.ORG" is written in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The logo for "SERVICE ELECTRIC" is also present, with the text "PRESENTED BY" above it and "CABLE TV & COMMUNICATIONS" below it.

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A poster for Taco Fest. The background is a solid red color with a pattern of white line drawings of various food items, including tacos, burritos, chili peppers, and corn. In the center, the words "TACO FEST" are written in a large, bold, yellow, hand-drawn style font. Below the text, the text "Presented by" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font, followed by "TEQUILA CAZADORES" in a bold, sans-serif font, and "100% AGAVE" in a smaller, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "June 1, 2025 | SteelStacks" is written in a bold, sans-serif font.

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But it's not just for kids! There are prizes for adults who participate as well, including the chance to win fun raffle baskets donated by many wonderful local businesses. There will also be entertaining and educational programming for residents of all ages.

The 2025 Summer Reading Program theme is: "Color Our World!" Join the library for a journey of art and creativity, celebrating the many ways in which art enriches our lives. We also will have book clubs, musical and theatrical performances, as well as some fun surprises.



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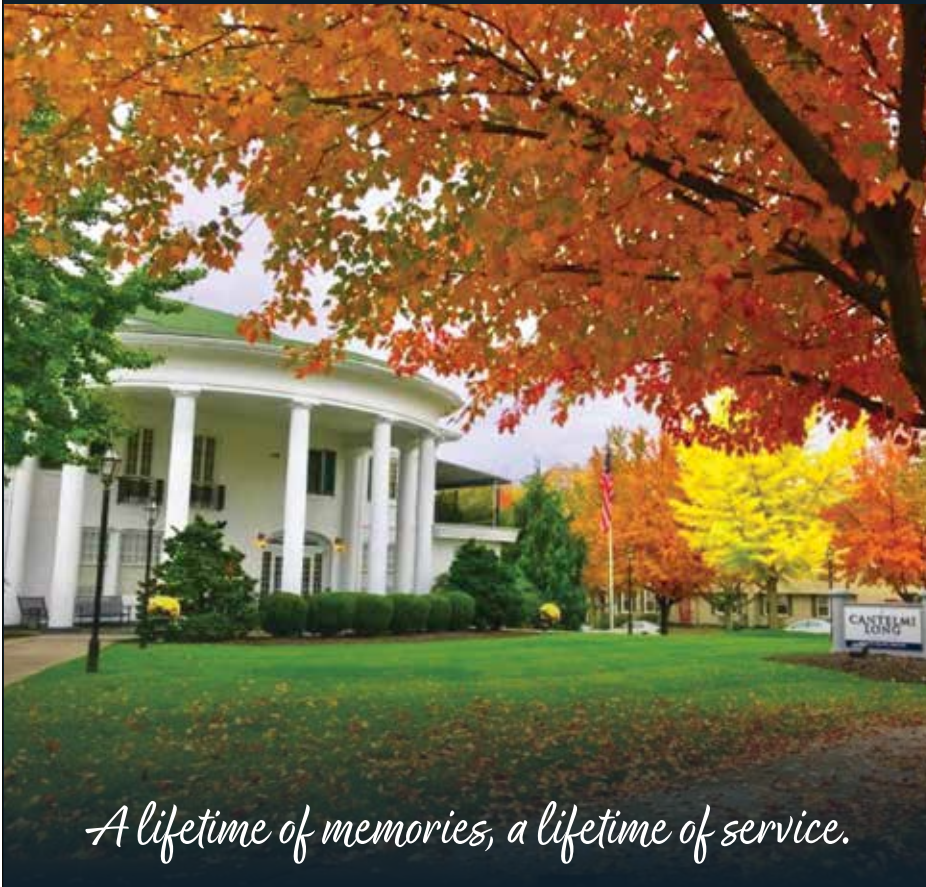
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2025 SPRING YARD WASTE CURBSIDE PICKUP SCHEDULE

JUNE 2 – 13, 2025	
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June 3, 2025	June 3, 2025
June 4, 2025	June 4, 2025
June 5, 2025	June 5, 2025
June 6, 2025	June 6, 2025
June 9, 2025	June 9, 2025
June 10, 2025	June 10, 2025
June 11, 2025	June 11, 2025
June 12, 2025	June 12, 2025
June 13, 2025	June 13, 2025

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.



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2025 HOLIDAY CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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2025
Holiday
Collection
Schedule

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holiday

New Year's Day	1/1
Memorial Day	5/26
Independence Day	7/4
Labor Day	9/1
Thanksgiving Day	11/27
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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Bethlehem Yard Waste Facility

- 1480 Schoenersville Road
- Tuesday – Saturday, 9 am – 3 pm
- 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).

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

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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.





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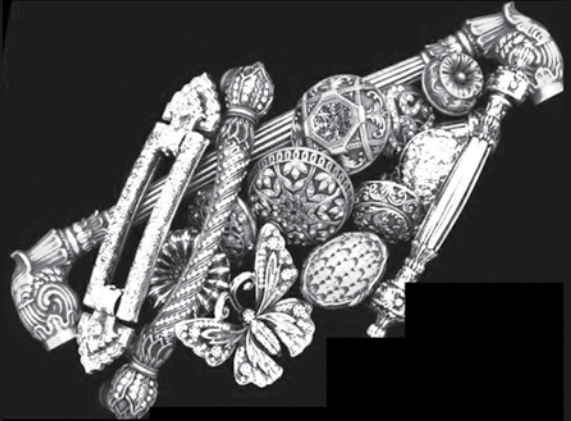
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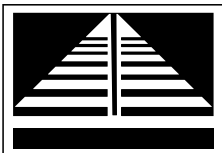
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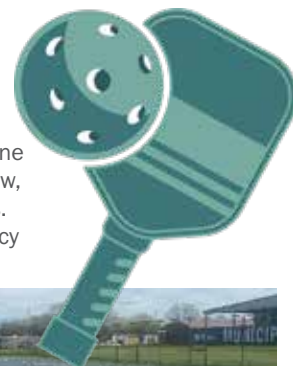
SAND ISLAND CLASSIC



The 2nd Annual Sand Island Classic will take place Saturday, May 10 (rain date: Sunday, May 11), at the newly resurfaced Sand Island Park basketball courts. The double elimination tournament, which is **FREE** for all City of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Area School district youth, will run from 9 am – 5 pm. Teams are encouraged to pre-register on our website, but same-day registration will begin at 8 am if we have not reached capacity. There will be six divisions (boys and girls in grades three/four, five/six and seven/eight) with a maximum of 12 teams in each. The winners for each division will receive medals. We hope to see you there!

TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL

Tennis or pickleball anyone? Find a partner and play some tennis and/or pickleball at one of our courts. Tennis is available at Clearview, Monocacy, Sand Island and Westside Parks. Pickleball is available at Clearview, Monocacy and Westside Parks.



SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

Join us for some summer fun at our neighborhood parks! Our summer park program, led by our energetic staff, will again rotate through select parks throughout the City of Bethlehem. Park activities will include, but are not limited to, arts and crafts, games and special visits by city departments and community organizations. The park program begins on Monday, June 16, and ends on Thursday, July 24. This year's schedule is as follows:



- Yosko Park (617 Atlantic St., 18015): Mondays, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Clearview Park (2201 Abington Rd., 18018): Tuesdays, 10 am – 12 pm
- Elmwood Park (820 Dellwood St., 18018): Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Bernie Fritz Park (1739 Memorial Ave., 18017): Thursdays, 10am – 12 pm

We encourage you to visit each location of our park program so you can experience the diversity in our varied geographic areas throughout the city.

BERNIE FRITZ NIGHT

Join us for a night of food, games, dancing, face painting, arts and crafts and more. Our annual Bernie Fritz Night celebration honoring the late playground leader, teacher and coach who devoted his life to Bethlehem youth will be held Wednesday, July 16, from 6 – 8 pm at Bernie Fritz Park on Memorial Avenue in the northeast section of the city.



OPEN VOLLEYBALL

Join us at Fairview Park on Wednesday nights starting June 18 from 6 – 8 pm for open volleyball play and instruction. All ages are welcome!



SWIMMING POOLS AND SPLASH PARK

The City of Bethlehem has several ways to stay cool in the summer. There are five pools in the city and one splash park. They are Memorial, our regional pool, and Clearview, Stark, Westside and Yosko, our neighborhood pools. Our splash park, which is free of charge, is located at Yosko Park and is open daily from dawn to dusk from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. The pool season will begin on Saturday, June 7, this year and will end on Sunday, August 24. Season passes are available to be purchased online or in the Recreation Office at City Hall.



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.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Bring your blankets and chairs and come out and enjoy a movie and some popcorn with your family and friends under the stars. Movies will begin at dusk. This year's site schedule* is as follows:

- **Wednesday, June 11** @ Elmwood Park
- **Tuesday, June 24** @ Clearview Park
- **Thursday, July 17** @ Yosko Park
- **Monday, July 28** @ Bayard Park



**Please check our website for the movie title at each location.*

SPECIAL EVENTS AND VENDING PERMITS

The City of Bethlehem is a host to more than 20 major festivals and over 150 mini-festivals each year. We are known as the "City of Festivals" because of the many festivals and cultural events that choose our location to have their event.

The Special Events Review Team assists and supports approximately 250+ events each year in Bethlehem. We are available to answer questions and provide information on your event regarding whether or not a permit is ultimately required. The answers to your questions may depend on several different factors, including road closures, alcohol sales, third-party vendors and use of city property. These are just a few of the elements used to determine if a special event permit is required in Bethlehem. We require a 30-60 day notice to be able to provide assistance. If you are currently planning or coordinating a special event in the City of Bethlehem, please reach out to see how we can assist to ensure the event is safe and successful for you, vendors, attendees and the community.

In order to provide permits for events and vending in the most efficient manner, applications are accepted online at www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Quicklinks/Special-Events.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please email our events staff at eventapp@bethlehem-pa.gov or call 610-997-7618.

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BETHLEHEM ROSE GARDEN



Established in 1931, the Historic Bethlehem Rose Garden Park is one of Bethlehem's most beautiful urban parks. Volunteers have been working in the Rose Garden since 2020 to maximize this green space and expand the ecosystem in line with the city environmental concerns. The Garden now includes native plants, pollinator-friendly perennials, annuals, trees and the famous roses.

HELP WANTED! Volunteers are essential to maintaining the Rose Garden. No experience is necessary and there is no commitment requirement. We offer community service hours for students and welcome local organizations, scouting troops and interested individuals. Volunteers start work in the garden in March and continue through the following months until the frost. Interested parties may email bjkozero@aol.com with questions or simply drop by the Rose Garden on a Saturday morning during group work hours. You may also consider being a donor through a contribution toward the purchase of flowers for the Garden by contacting the non-profit Mount Airy Neighborhood Association (<https://mana18018.org/>), which oversees the volunteer efforts.



LIVE MUSIC
SATURDAYS @ 5:30 PM
MAY 10, 17, 24, 31
JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28
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SOUTHSIDE ARTS DISTRICT

Spring/Summer Schedule

MAR 7 FIRST FRIDAYS

APR 4
MAY 2
JUNE 6

All day (hours vary). Enjoy community art exhibitions, live music, performances, special events, networking, dining deals and more around the SouthSide Arts District.

MAY 18 LIVE ON THE GREENWAY

MAY 25
JUNE 1
JUNE 8

1 – 3 pm. Spend Sunday afternoons relaxing by Harmony Pavilion on the Greenway. Enjoy music from live bands, refreshing drinks from SouthSide breweries and local eats from food trucks.



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- *Members Exhibition*: April 6 – May 16
Artist Reception: April 6

Joseph Skrapits

- *Landscape Painting*: May 23 – June 30
Artist Reception: June 1

Lehigh Art Alliance

- *Members Themed Exhibition, "Thoroughly Modern"*:
July 7 – August 12
Artist Reception: July 13

Lois Schlachter

- *Abstract Painting*: August 17 – September 23
Artist Reception: August 17

NOTES: Artist receptions are on Sundays, 2 – 4 pm.
The Rotunda will be closed to visitors on Election Days
(May 20 and November 4).



60TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN BETHLEHEM FINE ART AND CRAFT SHOW

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