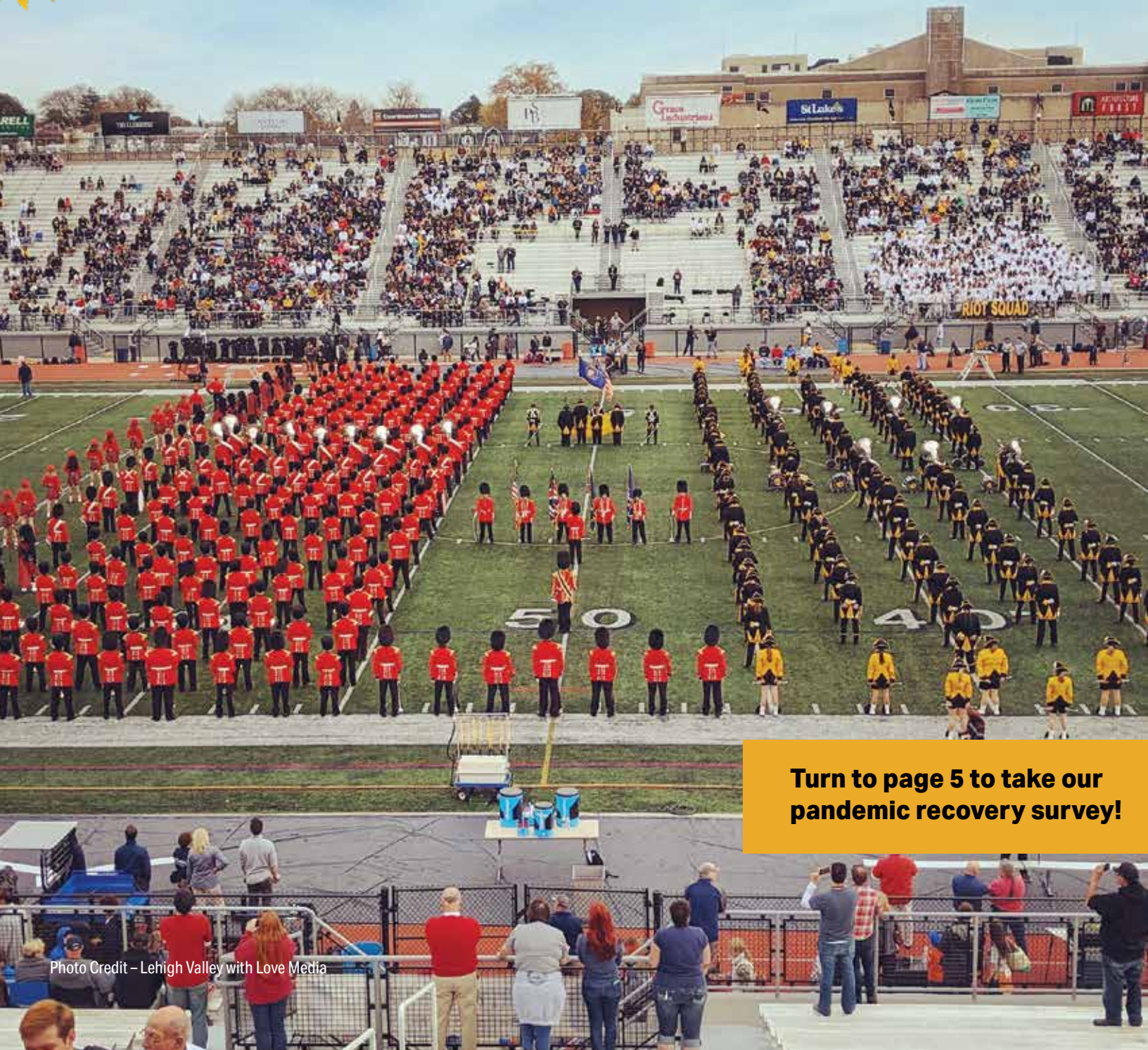






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Mayor's Address to the City of Bethlehem



As the leaves continue to fall and we start to prepare for another special holiday season, we reflect on the first nine months of another fast-paced and vibrant year in our community. The desire to live, work, and play in our city has never been higher as reflected in the recent announcement

that Bethlehem was once again named one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America. There is no doubt that 2022 is a truly historic time to be living in Bethlehem.

While our city continues its incredible revitalization, we have spent much of our time this year focused on recovering from the pandemic and making significant investments in our community to assist those most impacted by the difficult past two years. Our We Build Bethlehem online platform, surveys, and live engagement events have been an opportunity to hear from our residents as we plan our long-term vision for our city. We spent time on Payrow Plaza at Stadtplatz during Musikfest, visited our community centers throughout the summer, and traveled to our neighborhoods to listen, brainstorm, and share ideas for our future together. If you find that we missed hearing from you at these events, we urge you to fill out the survey attached in this newsletter, which you can mail to the Mayor's Office or drop off in City Hall at our first-floor reception desk. The prioritizations of our American Rescue Plan funds and the direction of our pandemic recovery will be guided by our residents, so we hope you can take a few minutes to participate in the process!

We also assure you that while we continuously seek your input, we have not hesitated to act on some of our community's most pressing matters. We are working on the creation of a permanent homeless shelter for our unsheltered neighbors. We have also been focusing on creating and implementing new strategies in an effort to meet the needs of those struggling to find and maintain affordable and safe housing in our community and throughout the Lehigh Valley.



We are also making daily progress in creating a more sustainable city by investing in our neighborhoods and community. We are proud that our "Year One" goals and priorities are in the process of being implemented for each section of our comprehensive Climate Action Plan. Our NorthSide 2027 initiative continues to see park, recreation, and infrastructure investments come to life. In the spring, we also launched West Bethlehem investments that included Live in the Rose Garden summer concerts, park improvements, and a new vision for a more walkable and livable Broad Street. While substantial progress has been made on all of these initiatives, we couldn't be more excited for the next phases of our community and neighborhood revitalization plans which we will be announcing in the coming months and throughout 2023.

We hope you find this issue of our newsletter to be empowering and a communication of care from the Administration and all of our civic leaders. We thank you for your passionate commitment to our city and wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season!

A Note From City Council

As we get into the fall and winter seasons, 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 1st and 3rd 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.

All Council members can be reached by email or call 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.

Be well and we'll see you around,

Michael Colón, President of City Council

2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

All Council Meetings begin at 7 p.m., unless otherwise specified.

August 2nd & August 16th	October 4th & October 18th
September 6th & September 20th	November 1st & November 15th
	December 6th & December 20th

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Contact your Council Member directly through the Council webpage on the City's website: www.bethlehem-pa.gov

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We Build Bethlehem



The secret is out nationwide: Bethlehem is an amazing place to live. Those of us who live here experience it when we take our dogs for a walk on the towpath, catch a concert at the Levitt Pavilion on the SteelStacks campus or dine on Main Street.

As word spreads, it is reflected in our hot real estate market and the boom of new development.

It's made affordable housing a constant topic of conversation in Bethlehem City Hall.

We want our City to remain a community that embraces its longtime residents and welcomes newcomers. We know we cannot do that without a healthy housing market that offers entry points for folks across the income spectrum.

That's why the City has launched an affordable housing strategies study with the help of the Reinvestment Fund. The Philadelphia-based firm in 2017 developed Bethlehem's blight strategy, which resulted in overhauling the city's housing inspection program, the creation of a new rental registration program and a blighted property certification process.

Now the Reinvestment Fund will expand that work with a study that leaves the City with a road map to preserve and expand affordable housing in Bethlehem. This study builds upon Bethlehem's 2021 selection as one of five communities

participating in a virtual workshop led by New York University's Furman Center's Housing Solution Labs.

The first steps of the Reinvestment Fund's work — a local housing needs assessment and updating the city's market value analysis — are already underway. Next, the team will identify the affordable housing solutions that best lend themselves to Bethlehem's unique housing market. It is a data-driven process with an emphasis on community engagement and actionable solutions. The process will occur over the next year.

This work has great urgency. We know many Bethlehem residents are currently struggling with the rising cost of housing, gas and groceries. Those needs can't wait.

This is where the American Rescue Plan comes in. It has given Bethlehem a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rethink how we approach housing and tackle systemic inequities.

You can vote on how we best spend that money to help our community by visiting webuild.bethlehem-pa.gov or detach, complete and send the paper version of this survey in the newsletter.

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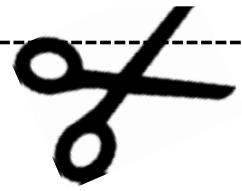
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American Rescue Plan Survey

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is a \$1.9 trillion federal law that was passed in March 2021 to help the U.S. respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The City can use these funds in a few main ways: **responding to Covid-19 and its social and economic impacts; replacing lost municipal revenue; water and sewer infrastructure, and broadband investments.** It can also support additional initiatives including rent and utility assistance, education, healthcare, transportation and more. **For this part of the survey, please fill out your demographic information.**

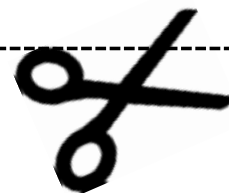
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Demographic Questions / Preguntas Demográficas

1. Area of Residence/ *Zona de residencia:*
 - a. South Bethlehem/ *La Zona Sur De Bethlehem*
 - b. West Bethlehem / *La Zona Oeste De Bethlehem*
 - c. Center City / *El Centro de Bethlehem*
 - d. North Bethlehem / *La Zona Norte de Bethlehem*
 - e. Bethlehem Township / *Municipio de Bethlehem*
 - f. Hanover Township / *Municipio de Hanover*
 - g. Other

2. Age Range/*Edad:*
 - a. 19 or under
 - b. 20-29
 - c. 30-39
 - d. 40-49
 - e. 50-59
 - f. 60-69
 - g. 70+
3. Are you of Hispanic or Latino/Latinx origin? / *¿Usted es de origen hispano o latino?*
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. Level of Education/*Nivel de educación:*
 - a. Student / *Estudiante*
 - b. High School/GED / *Escuela Secundaria/GED*
 - c. Some college / *Alguna educación universitaria*
 - d. Associate's Degree / *Título de Asociado*
 - e. Bachelor's Degree / *Licenciatura*
 - f. Postgraduate Degree / *Posgrado*
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 - d. Asian / *Asiático*
 - e. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander / *Nativo de Hawai u otras Islas del Pacífico*
 - f. Some Other Race / *Alguna Otra Raza*
 - g. Two or More Races / *Dos o más razas*





American Rescue Plan Survey

Check (✓) your top ten projects. To prioritize only a few, select less than ten. Projects marked with (AH) designate "affordable housing" initiatives. *Marque (✓) tus diez mejores proyectos. Para priorizar solo unos pocos, seleccione menos de diez. Todas las iniciativas de vivienda asequible están designadas con "VA" en su título.*

1. Homebuyer Assistance (AH) / *Asistencia para Compradores de Vivienda (VA)* _____
2. Public Health / *Salud Pública* _____
3. Public Communication Tools / *Herramientas de Comunicación Pública* _____
4. Permanent Homeless Shelter / *Refugio para Personas sin Hogar* _____
5. Mental Health and Counseling Services / *Salud Mental y Servicios de Consejería* _____
6. Utility Assistance (AH) / *Asistencia con Servicios Públicos (VA)* _____
7. Food Assistance / *Ayuda Alimentaria* _____
8. Economic Development Assistance / *Asistencia para el Desarrollo Económico* _____
9. Parks and Recreation Program Improvements / *Mejorar Parques y Zonas de Recreación* _____
10. Education and Literacy Programs / *Programas de Educación y Alfabetización* _____
11. High-Speed Internet / *Internet de Alta Velocidad* _____

12. South Side Community Center / *Centro Comunitario del South Side* _____
13. Child Care Support / *Servicios de Cuidado de Niños* _____
14. Housing Rehab (AH) / *Restauración de Viviendas (VA)* _____
15. Job Training / *Capacitación para el Trabajo* _____
16. Climate Justice / *Justicia Climática* _____
17. Violence Prevention / *Prevención de Violencia* _____
18. Arts and Culture / *Arte y Cultura* _____
19. Rental Assistance (AH) / *Asistencia para el Alquiler (VA)* _____
20. Building New Affordable Units (AH) / *Construcción de Nuevas Viviendas (VA)*: _____
21. Senior Services / *Servicios a Personas Mayores* _____
22. Housing Counseling and Support (AH) / *Asesoramiento sobre Viviendas (VA)* _____

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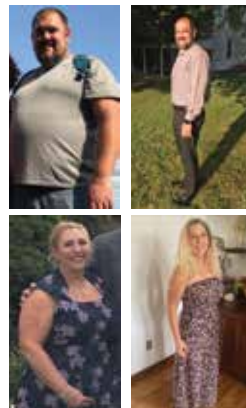
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The program is first come while supplies last. There is no charge for the detectors or installation.



Promotions

The City of Bethlehem would like to congratulate Firefighters Adam Orth, Matt Rumbalski and Josh Anders on their recent promotions to Fire Lieutenant. Lieutenants Orth and Rumbalski have assumed the responsibilities of enforcing the commercial fire code adopted by the City of Bethlehem. Lieutenant Anders will be assigned to the 2nd platoon where he will work in 1 of the 4 fire districts in the City."



Adam Orth



Matt Rumbalski



Josh Anders

BFD Hazmat Team Recently Recertified

Congratulations to the officers and firefighters of the Bethlehem Fire Department Hazmat Team on their recent recertification. As of May 19th, 2022 the Hazardous Materials Team has been appointed and issued State Certification through PEMA to operate as a NIMS Type II Hazardous Response Team within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



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Police Department

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CONGRATULATIONS to the 2022 Junior Police Academy Graduates!

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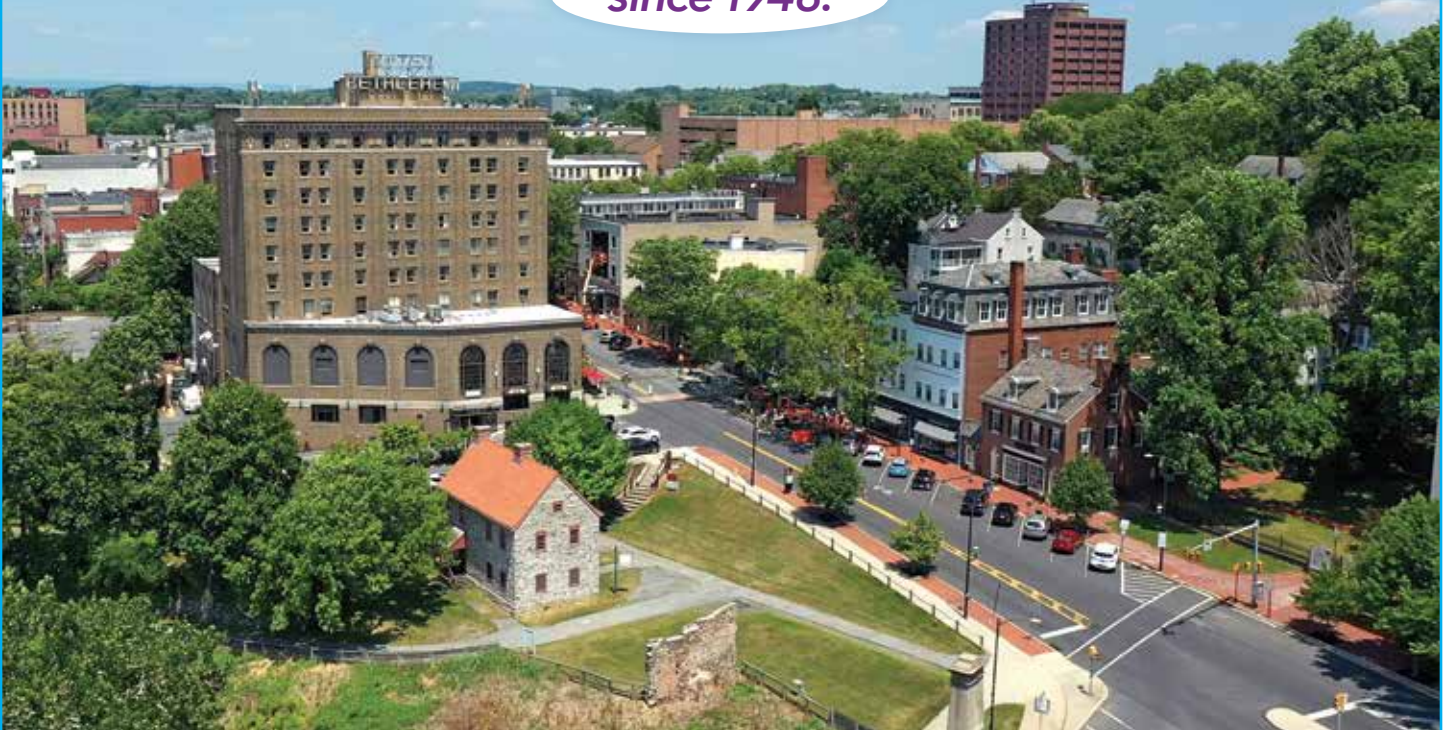
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Oct 17 "Oliver Wendell Holmes" by Malcolm Gross, attorney and constitutional law scholar

Oct 24 "When the West Started Appreciating This World" by Frank Stone

Oct 31 Lehigh Valley Airport Tour
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Nov 7 "Keeping Your Wings Level" by Koray Frank, United Airlines pilot

Nov 14 "Funeral Fraud" by David Shallcross, Senior Protection, PA Attorney's Office



Bethlehem EMS Celebrates 50 Years

The History of Bethlehem EMS

Bethlehem EMS began service as a provider of pre-hospital emergency care in June of 1972. They were part of the City of Bethlehem Fire Department and were stationed at the City's property at Rodgers Street near Easton Avenue & Clermont Streets. The service was staffed at its inception by nine full-time EMTs operating at a basic life support (BLS) level. One ambulance was on duty 24/7. The annual call volume was approximately 2,500.

In 1980, Bethlehem EMS became an advanced life support (ALS) service, and was staffed by more highly trained personnel: Paramedics and Pre-Hospital Registered Nurses/Health Professionals. These individuals perform the same functions of a basic EMT, but go beyond that, and provide pre-hospital advanced life support, which includes utilizing a heart monitor/pacemaker/defibrillator, providing medications, initiating intravenous fluids, 12 lead EKG's, administration of medications and other more advanced treatments. The staffing level was increased to 12 full-time providers, 8 Part-Time providers and an EMS Manager. The service was relocated to the City's new public works complex at Steffen Boulevard and East Broad Streets. The ambulance fleet was increased to 3 units, and at the end of the decade a second day shift ambulance crew was added from 7AM-3PM Monday – Friday. Call volume had increased to approximately 3,500.

In 1995 two EMS Supervisors and a 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm ambulance crew were added. The ambulance fleet increased to 5 vehicles, 2 of which had to be stored outside due to space limitations. An Administrative Assistant position was added to handle EMS Billing. Call volume continued to rise to over 5,500 calls annually by the end of 1999.

2001 brought about a restructuring of EMS. The Manager was renamed EMS Director and an Assistant EMS Director position was created as well. A second ambulance was added to night shift. Annual call volume increased to over 6,100.

In 2003 the EMS Bureau was transferred to the Bethlehem Fire Department. Annual call volume continued to increase to 7,100.

In 2005 a third day shift ambulance crew was added and the ambulance fleet increased to 7 vehicles. 4 of the vehicles were housed outside due to continued space limitations. The full-time staff increased to 23 with 28 Part-Time providers, plus the contracted full-time Administrative Assistant. Annual call volume was nearing 8,000.

In May of 2012, the Dewberry EMS station was added at 201 Dewberry Ave. All vehicles, now 8 ambulances and 2 EMS Supervisor vehicles were able to be housed inside. Annual call volume was now over 11,000.

2015 saw the elimination of the Assistant EMS Director position with the restructuring of the administrative staff. The annual call volume was nearing 12,000.

Fifty years since its inception, the goal of the City of Bethlehem EMS remains to provide the best possible hospital care to sick and injured patients, and to ensure they receive prompt transport to the nearest appropriate hospital or other specialty care center (trauma or burn center). EMS continues to have a strong partnership with the Bethlehem Police and Fire Departments, who provide first responder services to EMS calls within the City of Bethlehem. Call volume is expected to exceed 12,000.



City of Bethlehem Health Bureau

Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies, and is strategically designed for *at risk* individuals who are prone to the life-threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition, such as dementia and autism. The latest estimates for people living with autism in Northampton County is approximately 5,000. In the Lehigh Valley, approximately 25,000 people have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Individuals enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small transmitter that emits a radio frequency. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies the Project Lifesaver agency and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Project Lifesaver is in a constant state of research and development to ensure the latest and most effective technologies are being utilized by the program both in the prevention of wandering and the recovery of a client in the event of elopement. Project Lifesaver has strategically designed methods and techniques for the

specific use of recovering individuals with a cognitive condition. When applied by first responders these innovative strategies enable the most efficient rescue of an eloped client. Project Lifesaver provides first responders with a basic understanding of cognitive conditions, giving them the necessary tools needed to respond to an elopement, and to assess and effectively manage the safe and comfortable return of an eloped client.

The City of Bethlehem is proud to be a Project LifeSaver city. If you have a loved one who has autism, Down Syndrome, Alzheimer's and/or dementia and has a propensity to wander off, please contact the Health Bureau at 610.865.7083 or askbhb@bethlehem-pa.gov for more information about the program.



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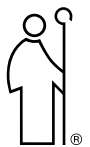
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Salvation Army (<i>Rental/Housing Assist.</i>)	610-867-4681
Turning Point (<i>Rental/Housing Assist.</i>) (Domestic Abuse Hotline)	610-437-3369
Victory House of Lehigh Valley (<i>Housing Assist.</i>)	610-691-3373
New Bethany Ministries (<i>Rental/Housing Assist.</i>)	610-691-5602 (option 2)
Lehigh Valley Coalition on Affordable Housing (<i>Rental/Housing Assist.</i>)	610-691-5620
Bethlehem Housing Authority (<i>Rental/Housing Assist.</i>)	610-865-8300
Northampton County Housing Authority (<i>Rental/Housing Assist.</i>)	610-759-8488

Need legal assistance with housing?

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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 (PP&L 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
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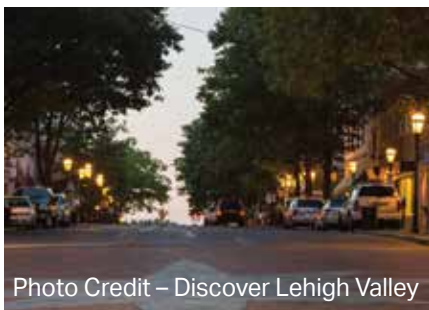


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City Street Trees

Please remember any work performed on a street tree requires a tree permit and all work must be performed by a City approved licensed arborist. Information and lists regarding trees, permits, and licensed arborists can be found

on the City of Bethlehem's website under Urban Forestry.

Permit and licensing requirements to perform work on trees within the right of way help monitor the status of the urban forest and regulate trees that have the potential to affect public property. The removal of dead or declining trees, use of proper pruning techniques, and specified clearances of vegetation from city infrastructure provide for the clear safe passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. These regulations concern the health, safety, and general welfare of the public while providing for the care and sustainability of our public trees. A well-maintained urban forest presents a neat, attractive image to residents and visitors while enhancing property values and contributing numerous environmental benefits.

Encouraging and engaging residents to take an active part in managing our City trees enables the community to project a sense of community pride and vitality. The careful and responsible management of our urban forest and compliance with the shade tree ordinance is essential if we are to ensure that future generations may experience the many benefits street trees offer the community. <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Public-Works/Urban-Forestry>

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 no more than 5 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 15th. The trees will be cut and collected on November 9th.

Donation of these trees will be recognized at the annual Christmas City Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will take place on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 4:30PM 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.

Bethlehem Public Works Fall/Winter Street Project at Linden and Broad Streets



Temporary lane closures and sidewalk closures will occur during this process

The City will be upgrading the signals at the intersection of Linden and Broad Streets this Fall / Winter which includes all new signal equipment as well as new ADA ramps, pedestrian signals, and pavement markings.

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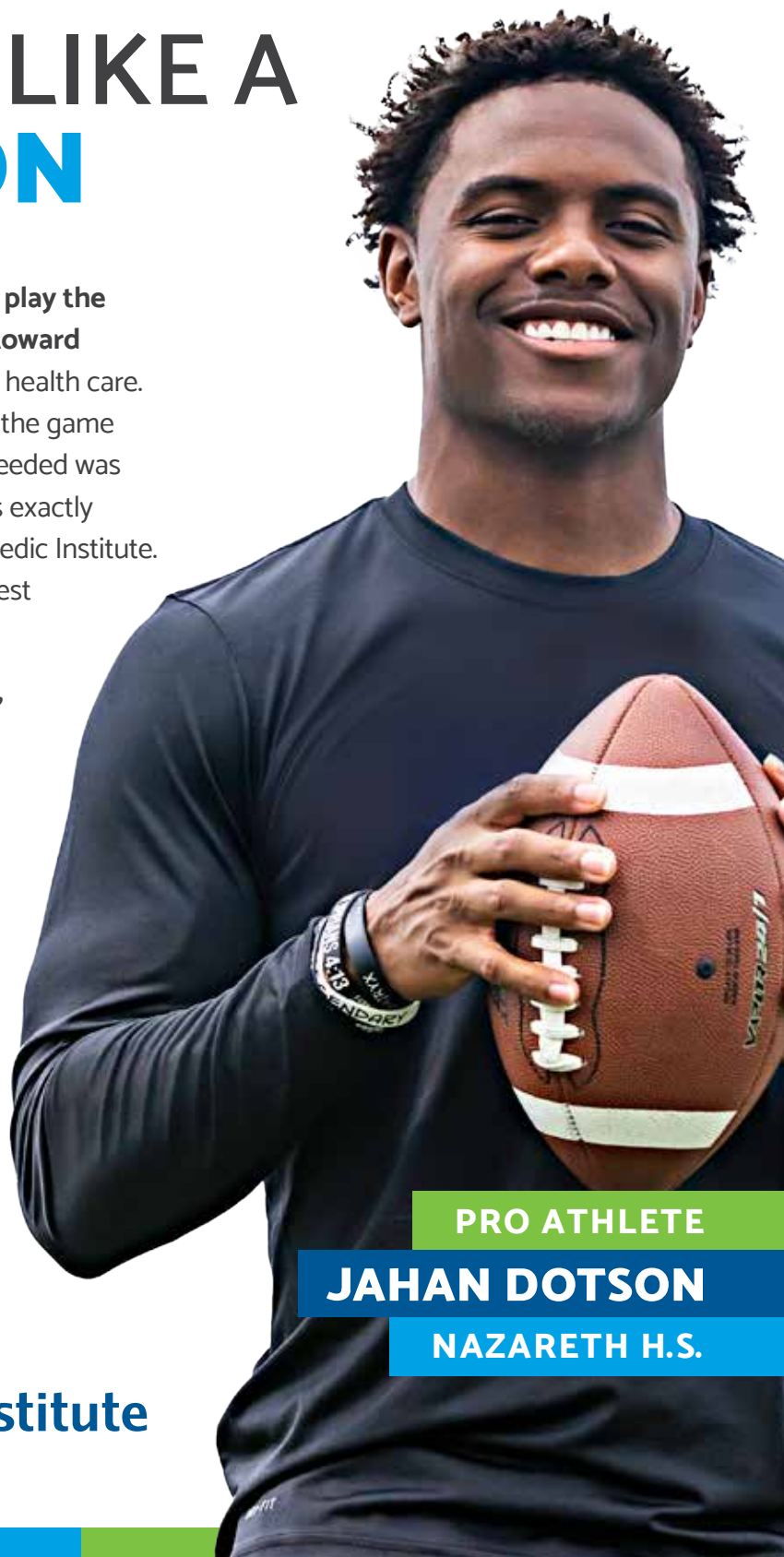
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Stormwater

The City is subject to a permit under the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law and the federal Clean Water Act that regulates Bethlehem's storm drainage system. This permit, known as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, imposes specific mandates on the City for preventing new pollution and reducing pollution from existing sources.

Stormwater is rain and melted snow that "runs off" the land. In natural, undeveloped areas, soil absorbs and filters most of the stormwater in a process called infiltration. The water that runs off the land in Bethlehem flows to Monocacy Creek, Nancy Run, Saucon Creek, and the Lehigh River.

During development, natural areas are replaced with roofs, driveways, sidewalks, and streets. These hard surfaces, called impervious surfaces, do not allow water to penetrate them and increase the volume and velocity of stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff carries fertilizers, sediment, oil, grease, heavy metals, trash, and anything else deposited on impervious surfaces directly into the City's storm drain system and natural

stream systems. This can cause:

- Erosion of streams and decreased water quality;
- Contamination of downstream water quality and drinking water supplies; and,
- Flooding, property damage, and damage to public storm drains.



This is a reminder to all home and property owners to not dispose any yard debris on to the street. The City of Bethlehem is taking action to clean up our community's stormwater runoff and to make necessary improvements. This will not only help to improve water quality and our environment for future generations, but also help protect residents and private property from damage due to flooding.

BETHLEHEM SERVICE CENTER

The Bethlehem Service Center is available for residents to contact for non-emergencies 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, and 365-days a year.

There are four ways to contact the Bethlehem Service Center for non-emergencies:

- ✓ **(610) 865-7000:** 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.
- ✓ **Bethlehem Service Center App:** available to download for most cell phones and tablets on either the Play Store or the App Store on your device and search for "Bethlehem Service Center" or "City of Bethlehem" under Apps. Or scan the QR code provided. 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, parking, bus schedules, pay your bills and much more.
- ✓ **E-Mail:** The BSC can also be reached at the following e-mail address - bethlehemservicecenter@bethlehem-pa.gov
- ✓ **City of Bethlehem Web Page:** By submitting a service request through the City of Bethlehem's "MY ACCOUNT" Portal.

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 that may have questions or concerns that need to be addressed.

Remember in the event of any type of emergency

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101ST ANNUAL BETHLEHEM HALLOWEEN PARADE

The 101st Annual Bethlehem Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 30th at 2:00 pm. The rain date, if needed, will be Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 pm. The parade route begins on West Broad Street 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 the City of Bethlehem Website or scan the code at left and complete the online registration form. Registrations are due by Friday, October 21st at 3:00pm. Late submissions WILL NOT be accepted!

We hope to see you at the parade!



TRICK OR TREAT

City of Bethlehem's Annual Trick or Treat Night will be held on Friday, October 28th from 6-8 PM. Please remember to turn your porch light on if you plan to participate.



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OCTOBER 17-28, 2022

RECYCLING PICK UP DAY	YARD WASTE PICK UP DAY
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10/18/22

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**CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND CURBSIDE YARD
WASTE ARE PICKED UP ON THE SAME DAY.**

2023 CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

RECYCLING PICK UP DAY	CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP DAY
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01/20/23

*All trees must be free of decorations, lights
and tree stands. Please place your tree at the
curb the night before your designated day.
Tree will NOT be picked up if it is in a bag.*



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, 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, acceptable materials not bagged, bundled or containerized or items exceeding length, width or weight requirements.



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Materials Accepted: Leaves (loose or in brown paper bags), small brush up to 4" diameter (no longer than 6'), hedge trimmings, garden plant residue, Christmas trees (free of ornaments, lights and tinsel).
Not Accepted: Sod, grass clippings, tree stumps, hay/straw, plastic bags, soil / mulch, root balls, bamboo, or 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 3- 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.

Recycling
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Please Note: We CANNOT accept the following items: 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 approach 100 degrees and during winter months when real feel temperature nears 0, this facility may close unexpectedly. Please plan your visits accordingly. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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A message to the Bethlehem Community,

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Thank you for all your support.

Dr. Joseph J. Roy, Superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District



2022 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 his taxes as though he 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 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 2022 property taxes unpaid as of **December 31, 2022** will be turned over to a collection agency.

Bethlehem Food Co-Op

If you've passed by 250 E. Broad St. lately, you will hopefully have noticed a bevy of construction activity that in a year will bring a new community-owned, 'everyone welcome' grocery store to our community.

In addition to the opportunity to shop for fresh, locally-produced food, this full-service grocery store will provide good-paying jobs and a year-round sales outlet for local growers and producers.

The new store will be a 'hub' in the community. "We're looking to bring a place to Bethlehem where everyone feels welcome to not only shop, but to eat, participate in educational programs, and connect with their neighbors," said Carol Ritter, chair of the co-op's Board. A meeting space is on the list of features, including typical grocery store departments like produce, meat, dairy, bakery, deli, prepared foods, and health and household items.

The co-op's roots go back almost 11 years, when a group of friends recognized the need for better shopping options in Bethlehem's downtown area – the idea of a food co-op was launched, and it formally organized two years later.

Since then the group has grown to almost 1200 member households and organizations/businesses that have purchased an equity share in the co-op. "When we say the co-op is community-owned, we really do mean that we, the owners, make the decisions and own the store," continued Ritter. "But everyone will be welcome to shop at the food co-op."

The nine-member Board leads an extensive team of volunteers but has also assembled a team of professionals with expertise in food co-op project management, store design, and store décor. They are working on creating a space for the co-op's store on the ground floor of a four-story, mixed-use building planned for the site. Peron Development and Boyle Construction are driving the project.

In addition to the revenue generated by members' one-time payments, the co-op works to secure grants, including a number of funding opportunities through the City of Bethlehem. In July 2021,



Pictured: An artist's conception of the interior of the Bethlehem Food Co-Op, a community-owned, 'everyone welcome' market coming to 250 E. Broad St.

U.S. Rep. Susan Wild announced a \$2.9 million grant to the City on behalf of the co-op's construction and start-up costs.

Other costs – such as supporting the co-op's "Membership for All" scholarship program for new members, educational programs, and the initial purchase of the store inventory – will be covered by the group's Community Investment Fund initiative to raise dollars for the co-op.

A key feature of that initiative is a "Naming Opportunities" project that allows an individual or business name to be displayed on part of the physical store, such as the produce department, kitchen space, or a bulk bin.

"Our food co-op is really by the community, for our community – we can't wait to get our doors open and shop alongside our neighbors for fresh, healthy, reasonably-priced locally-produced food," Ritter concluded.

For more information about the Bethlehem Food Co-Op, visit us at bethlehemfood.coop and on social. You can reach Carol Ritter at chair@bethlehemfood.coop.

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The 2022 trellis ornament highlights the lit candles that decorate windows throughout Bethlehem, a holiday tradition that dates to our Moravian roots. Celebrate a loved one by engraving a custom message on the ornament's back and arranging for it to be hung on the community trellis. Unengraved ornaments are also available for local sale and may be picked up at the Bethlehem Chamber office, 74 W. Broad St., Suite 240. Ornaments are on sale now until they are sold out.

Christmas City Volunteers Wanted!

We are always looking for volunteers for our events and volunteers to be on the Citizen's Christmas City Committee to help with the Christmas season.

Harvest Fest – October 1st

This popular street festival is back! Created in 2006 by the Historic District merchants, Harvest Fest started as an effort to attract visitors from all around the Lehigh Valley, to the downtown stores and restaurants. It started as a small wine and beer tasting Fall festival and has become the most popular street fair in the Lehigh Valley with the best Wine, Soup and Beer Tasting Trails around!



This year, a Wine and Soup and Beer Trail will take place in our shops and restaurants in the Historic District along Main & Broad Streets. 350 passports will be available for purchase for the Soup Trail and 350 for the Wine Trail. 600 passports will be available for the Beer Trail.

This entire event will take place along Main and Broad Streets, and everywhere in between. We'll kick off the Fall Season with our most popular contest in Bethlehem – The Scarecrow Showdown! Entertainment, grab & go items, additional street vendors, sidewalk sales, and more will all be included in this festive Fall event!

Scarecrow Showdown – October 1st – 31st

The Scarecrow Showdown is back for another year! Join us in celebration of the harvest season with our Scarecrow decorating competition. Let your creative talents flow and shine in Historic Downtown Bethlehem. All are invited to enter, alongside our businesses on Main & Broad Streets. We'll have voting for the general public submissions AND for your favorite business!

Scarecrows will be displayed up and down Main & Broad Streets and in The Sun Inn Courtyard.



Christmas City's Tree Lighting Ceremony – Friday, November 18th

Kick off the 2021 Christmas season at the Christmas City's Tree Lighting Ceremony! Attendees will enjoy cookies, hot chocolate, entertainment, and a special visit from Santa Claus! Join us at Payrow Plaza for all of the festivities.



****Guests may start arriving to the Plaza at 4:30pm. Program will begin sharply at 5pm and conclude by 6pm.**

Christmas City Village – November 10th – December 24th



Visit charming, holiday-themed wooden huts that are filled with unique holiday gift ideas!

Christmas huts can be found in Historic Downtown Bethlehem, with new locations for 2022, and will be open Thursdays through Sundays starting November 10th through December 24th.

While you look at our unique vendors, stroll our festively decorated Downtown and visit charming retail shops, gourmet restaurants, and historic Moravian museums.

Holiday Cocktail Trail – November 12th & 19th

"Get in the Spirits" with the Annual Historic Bethlehem Holiday Cocktail Trail! On November 12th and November 19th, from 12pm to 5pm, your passport will be your ticket to visit stores and restaurants along Main & Broad Streets, for a variety of delicious holiday cocktails. "Get the Feels" as you sip and stroll throughout our beautiful Historic District!



Window Decorating Competition – November 27th – December 18th

Get Downtown" and "Get in the Spirit" as you walk along Main St. and Broad St. for this year's Historic Downtown Bethlehem Window Decorating Competition!

Think you've found your favorite? Voting will be starting November 27th. Visit your favorite window and scan the QR code to vote! A professional vote will take place and will be announced on December 1st.

Small Business Saturday/Selfie with an Elfie – November 26th

Join us in Historic Downtown Bethlehem for Small Business Saturday! While you're Downtown supporting our merchants, look for our sneaky Christmas Elves! Take a selfie with them and upload it to our Heart of Bethlehem social media pages for a chance to WIN! NO PURCHASE NECESSARY! Use hashtags #ShopSmall and #SelfieWithAnElfie for a chance to win a \$200 Gift Certificate to Historic Downtown Bethlehem.

12 Days of Giveaways – December 1st – 12th

12 Days of Christmas? How about 12 days of unique giveaways? From December 1st through December 12th, the Downtown Bethlehem Association will be giving away presents from local businesses and organizations. Winners and daily prizes are chosen at random. No purchase to enter. Check the Heart of Bethlehem Facebook page and website daily for winners.

Live Advent Door- December 1st – 23rd

Get in the Spirit 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 14th year on December 1st. This unique calendar is a free, family-friendly event that takes place every night at 5:30PM until December 23rd.



Gingerbread Games – December 1st – 20th

Join us this holiday season for more fun and contests. While our merchants hold their annual window decorating competition, the rest of us can celebrate the season with the Gingerbread Games!

Storytime with Santa – December 3rd & 10th

Presented by Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites and The Downtown Bethlehem Association, join us for Storytime with Santa! This year's event will take place at the Kemmerer Museum with Santa Claus and his helpful elves. From 9:00AM to 12:00PM on Saturday, December 3rd & 10th, children will read stories with Santa, enjoy snacks and will work with his elves on a craft. Storytime with Santa will conclude with a photo opportunity for each child with Santa.



For more information on all of these events please visit the Downtown Bethlehem Association website at <https://visithistoricbethlehem.com>

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