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THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN  
IMPLEMENTATION & ANNOUNCES  
UPCOMING PRIORITIES.**



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# A Note From City Council

As we get into the fall and winter months, we look forward to some of our favorite yearly events around town, a successful school year, and a joyful holiday season. Please be reminded that City Council meets the 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*



## 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

All Council Meetings begin at 7:00 PM  
unless otherwise specified.

September 5th & 19th  
October 3rd & 17th

\*November 8th & 21st  
December 5th & 19th

\*Wednesday, November 8th - due to November 7th-Election Day

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Michael G. Colón, *President of Council*

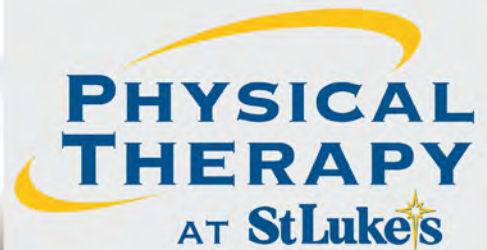
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# BETHLEHEM SERVICE CENTER

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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](mailto: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.*

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# Police Department

## Police Department Looking to Hire

The Bethlehem Police Department is always looking to hire great people to serve our community! Our application submission cycles are based on expiration of eligibility lists, but we encourage interested persons to utilize our notification process by signing up for our Recruitment Waitlist. By doing so, one can receive an email when we are open for applications. Access this helpful tool and learn more about this opportunity at [Bethlehem-pa.gov/Police/Recruitment](http://Bethlehem-pa.gov/Police/Recruitment)



## BPD Welcomes New Officers

On July 13th, 2023 The Bethlehem Police Department held a swearing-in ceremony. During the ceremony Mayor Reynolds administered the oath of office to 7 of our new officers. Congratulations to and welcome to Off. Gonzalez #507, Off. Friedman #510, Off. Gauntner #511, Off. Correll #512, Off. Ray #513, Off. Swider #514, and Off. Sousa #520.



## Clearview Elementary School Egg Drop Contest with Officer Burton and K-9 Bean

This past June, Officer RaVon Burton organized an egg drop contest at Clearview Elementary School for the 5th grade classes. The students designed and constructed a container to hold a single egg. The containers were then dropped from a height of 100 feet. The object of the challenge was to build a container that would protect the egg so it would not crack or break when dropped. The students had a great time creating a container and the entire school got to watch the competition. A special thank you to the City of Bethlehem Fire Department for the use of their ladder truck and Bethlehem's Fraternal Order of Police - Star Lodge 20 for donating the eggs.



## EMS



In April, 2023, EMS moved an ambulance to the South Side Fire Station. This has helped decrease response times to the neighborhoods on the South Side of the City.



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# Department of Community & Economic Development

## Housing & Community Development News

The City of Bethlehem's CDBG program provides grants to support a wide variety of potential projects and community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and improving community facilities and services, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The City is currently accepting 2024 CDBG applications. If you are interested in applying, please call or email the contacts below, as soon as possible. The HOME program provides grants that fund a range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership and is aimed at assisting low-income households. The City accepts HOME funding applications on a rolling basis. To discuss potential funding applications or receive technical assistance on potential projects, please call or email Robert G. Vidoni, Housing and Community Development Administrator, at (610) 997-5731 or [rvidoni@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:rvidoni@bethlehem-pa.gov). If you have questions on the application process, please call Trevor Gross, Grants Specialist, at [tgross@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:tgross@bethlehem-pa.gov).

### Housing Rehabilitation And Residential Façade Programs

The City of Bethlehem is committed to maintaining and improving local housing stock. **Financial assistance is available to help eligible homeowners improve their owner-occupied residences up to Code requirements, add weatherization improvements, remediate lead paint, and make residential façade repairs.** To discuss eligibility, call Sheila Rhett, Housing Rehabilitation Finance Specialist, (610) 865-7095, or email [SRhett@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:SRhett@bethlehem-pa.gov). We can answer questions and pre-qualify you.

**Who is eligible?** The home must be in the City of Bethlehem. Homeowners must own and reside in the property to be repaired. Eligibility is based upon the total income of all persons residing in the household.

#### What kind of financial assistance is available for home improvements with this program?

You may be eligible for a Deferred Payment Loan up to \$16,000 and a Direct Loan up to \$10,000.

**What is a Deferred Payment Loan?** A Deferred Payment Loan (DPL) is self-forgiving loan which requires repayment to the City only if the property is sold, or ownership changes, before its 10-year expiration date. If the property is sold, or ownership changes, before these 10 years expire, then only the balance of the DPL is repaid to the City. Additional terms and conditions apply.

**What is a Direct Loan?** A Housing Rehabilitation Direct Loan requires a monthly payment be made to the City. The interest rate for all Direct Loans is 3% and the maximum term is 10 years. The Direct loan allows work to be done in excess of the maximum Deferred Payment Loan amount. Also, depending on your income qualifying level, financing from both sources may be required to participate in the program. Our staff will work with you to determine the financing you may be eligible to receive as part of this program.

**How will I know what repairs can be funded?** Our staff will visit your house to identify existing and potential code deficiencies. Weatherization improvements and lead paint remediation will be discussed, if applicable. By working with our staff, you will be able to correct existing code deficiencies and identify other potential problems with the property.

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# City of Bethlehem Health Bureau

The Bethlehem Health Bureau, officially founded in 1980, ensures the health of the Bethlehem community by providing high-quality public health services that protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of people and places throughout the City of Bethlehem.

The Health Bureau is comprised of four major divisions: Communicable Diseases, Environmental Health, Maternal and Child Health, and Chronic Disease Prevention. A list of the various programs under each division is located in the table below. The Health Bureau also operates a Family Planning Clinic, STD/HIV Clinic, Immunization Clinic, and Tuberculosis Clinic. For more information and a full list of services, visit [www.bethlehem-pa.gov/health-bureau](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/health-bureau).

Communicable Disease Programs	Maternal and Child Health	Environmental Health	Chronic Disease Prevention
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicable Disease Investigations</li> <li>• Partner Services</li> <li>• Immunizations</li> <li>• STD Testing and Treatment</li> <li>• HIV Testing</li> <li>• Tuberculosis Treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners for a Healthy Baby (Home Visiting Program)</li> <li>• Breastfeeding Education and Support</li> <li>• Cribs for Kids (Safe Sleep Program)</li> <li>• Family Planning Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restaurant Inspections</li> <li>• Facility and Institutional Inspections</li> <li>• Home Lead Risk Assessments</li> <li>• Healthy Homes Visits</li> <li>• On-Lot Septic Enforcement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical Activity and Nutrition Programs</li> <li>• Community Gardens</li> <li>• Heroin and Opioid Prevention</li> <li>• Diabetes Prevention Program</li> <li>• Matter of Balance Fall Prevention Program</li> <li>• Public Health Emergency Preparedness Education</li> <li>• Medical Reserve Corps</li> <li>• Project Lifesaver</li> <li>• Highway Safety</li> </ul>



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

## Need help with rental payments or housing assistance?

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

## Need legal assistance with housing?

North Penn Legal Services 610-317-8757

## Do you need public transportation?

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 LANtaVan 610-432-3200

## Need help paying bills?

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

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

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 General Office 1-800-276-2722  
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 (UGI Operation Share Program) 610-432-0129  
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# The Department of Water and Sewer Resources

## IDENTIFYING SERVICE LINE PIPE MATERIAL

The City of Bethlehem is required to take inventory of all water service pipe materials by October 2024. To assist the City with this endeavor, we are asking residents for help in identifying the pipe material entering your home. Follow the steps below to identify your service line material. You will need a small (refrigerator type) magnet and a coin.

Locate the water meter in your basement or lowest level of your home. Find 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 below to determine your service line material. If your service line is silver-gray, use the magnet to differentiate between lead and galvanized steel pipe. The magnet will stick to galvanized steel but not to lead.

Report your findings to the City using the Service Line Identification Form here [www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Water-Sewer-Resources/Public-Information/Lead-Service-Lines](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Water-Sewer-Resources/Public-Information/Lead-Service-Lines) or by email to the City of Bethlehem Water Quality Bureau at [LeadServiceLine@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto: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 [LeadServiceLine@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:LeadServiceLine@bethlehem-pa.gov) with any questions on service line identification.



## CITY OF BETHLEHEM TAXES

### 2023 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 Option 5 to request a duplicate copy.

### ESCROW ACCOUNTS

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

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# Public Works



## THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE IS FALL

Fall is officially in full swing and that means new trees! The best time to plant a tree is late August, September and October. So how do you care for your new tree so that it is thriving by the summer?

The first step in the process is choosing the correct tree after acquiring a permit for a street tree. In the City of Bethlehem, we have a specific tree list of approved species and where they would fit best. Our group one trees are best suited for tree wells, which is the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk, that are two and a half to four feet wide. Group one trees are suitable to be planted under utility lines and are the smallest of the group ranging from Eastern Redbuds to Okame Cherry trees. Group two trees are suitable in between four-foot to six-foot tree wells. These range from hedge maples to Imperial Honey locust trees. Our last group of trees are Group three, the largest of the three. These trees are allowed to be planted in tree wells that are six feet or wider. These trees range from Red Maple to October Glory trees. Make sure that any tree chosen is at least two inches in caliper.

The second and most important thing is watering your tree after it has been planted correctly. Remember the depth that the tree is planted depends on the depth of the root ball. Watering can be especially pertinent when there is dry weather and little to no rain. Right after you have planted your tree, you want to water it in a way that all the roots get water. To do this you need to make sure you are watering for a longer period of time but slowly. When trees are new, they need more water. After about two weeks of watering every day, you can switch to watering every other day until twelve weeks. Then you can water your tree once a week. There is also another option for home owners who do not want to water their tree regularly. The homeowner can choose to buy a tree diaper or tree bag that holds water and slowly releases it into the ground. This way the bag only has to be filled once in a week or two depending on the size of the bag.

Now you have a healthy and continuous growing new street tree that will change with the seasons. All these resources and more can be found on the City of Bethlehem's website under Urban Forestry. <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Public-Works/Urban-Forestry>

## 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 16th. The trees will be cut and collected on November 8.

Donation of these trees will be recognized at the annual Christmas City Tree Lighting Ceremony, which will take place on Friday, November 24, 2023, at 5:00PM on Payrow Plaza.

Anyone wishing to donate a tree should call Greg Cryder at 610-865-7338.

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# RECREATION

FALL/WINTER 2023 - 2024

## HALLOWEEN PARADE



### 102<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BETHLEHEM HALLOWEEN PARADE

The 102nd Annual Bethlehem Halloween Parade will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 pm. The rain date, if needed, will be Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 pm. The parade route begins on West Broad St at 9th Avenue and continues east to Main Street and then south on Main to Spring Street. The parade will continue with its tradition of welcoming local schools, officials, community groups, marching bands, businesses, etc. to celebrate the Halloween season with us.

If you are interested in participating, please visit [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7jkY5JzPva9yrHn3\\_lwtsa9PihjPsd3Mh9XqQ3xDz22EAg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7jkY5JzPva9yrHn3_lwtsa9PihjPsd3Mh9XqQ3xDz22EAg/viewform) or scan the code below and complete the online registration form. Registrations are due by Friday, October 20th at 3:00pm. Late submissions WILL NOT be accepted! We hope you see you at the parade!



### TRICK OR TREAT

City of Bethlehem's Annual Trick or Treat Night will be held on Friday, October 27th from 6-8 PM. Please remember to turn your porch light on if you plan to participate.

### WINTER ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

We are excited to announce that our adult winter basketball league is back this year and will kick off on Monday, November 13th. The league will be an 8 week regular season and will include a playoff format in late February. The games will be held at Broughal Middle School and will begin at 6:15pm. The entry fee is \$200.00 per team plus referee fees. Roster submission will be due by Wednesday, November 1st. Visit <https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/Recreation-Activities/Adult-Basketball> or scan the code below for more information:



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# Recycling

## 2023 FALL YARD WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 16-27, 2023

RECYCLING PICK UP DAY	YARD WASTE PICK UP DAY
10/16/23	10/16/23
10/17/23	10/17/23
10/18/23	10/18/23
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10/26/23	10/26/23
10/27/23	10/27/23

## 2024 CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND CHRISTMAS TREES  
ARE PICKED UP ON THE SAME DAY.

RECYCLING PICK UP DAY	CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP DAY
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1/8/24	1/8/24
1/9/24	1/9/24
1/10/24	1/10/24
1/11/24	1/11/24
1/12/24	1/12/24
1/15/24	1/15/24
1/16/24	1/16/24
1/17/24	1/17/24
1/18/24	1/18/24
1/19/24	1/19/24

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

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 plastic bag.



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**2024  
Holiday  
Collection  
Schedule**

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

#### Holiday

New Year's Day 1/1  
Memorial Day 5/27  
Independence Day 7/4  
Labor Day 9/2  
Thanksgiving Day 11/28  
Christmas Day 12/25

\*\*\*If a holiday falls on a weekday (Mon.-Fri.) 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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Blue indicates "A" week

White indicates "B" weeks

### Yard Waste Drop Off Bethlehem Yard Waste Facility

1480 Schoenersville Road  
Tuesday – Saturday: 9 am to 3 pm  
CLOSED Sunday & Monday

**FACILITY IS CLOSED DURING THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, FEBRUARY & MARCH**  
**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 Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center

635 Illick's Mill Road  
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**Materials Accepted:** Mixed office paper, junk mail, magazines/shiny paper, hard & soft cover books, cardboard, flat board, telephone books, scrap metals, aluminum, most appliances, textiles/used clothing, plastics #1 thru #7, glass bottles, jars and cans.

**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 approaches 100 degrees and during Winter months when real feel temperature nears 0, our facilities may close unexpectedly. Please plan your visits accordingly. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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.

# Bethlehem Area School District

## A MESSAGE TO THE BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY

I am excited to serve as the new Superintendent of the Bethlehem Area School District where our schools and the City of Bethlehem will work together to build our community's future. We will continue highlighting our students, staff, alumni, and community partners through our BASD eNews and social media platforms. Did you know that some of our alumni have gone on to become the Mayor of Bethlehem and the Superintendent of the BASD? We are proud to be #BuiltbyBethlehem.

Our school district offers many diverse opportunities for students. We invite you to join us for our upcoming school open houses, football games, fall parades, and winter concerts. For more information visit our website at <https://www.basdschools.org/>.

Thank you!

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



*Dr. Jack Silva and Dr. Maureen Leeson, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Bethlehem Area School District, respectively, were officially sworn in by Northampton County Judge, Paula Roscoli, during a ceremony on July 14, 2023.*



# Community Action Development

## SOUTHSIDE TOMORROW

Southside Tomorrow is a six-year neighborhood revitalization program administered by Community Action Development Bethlehem in partnership with the City of Bethlehem, supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and with funding from Univest Bank & Trust Co., Embassy Bank for the Lehigh Valley, People's Security Bank and Trust, PPL Electric Utilities, and Provident Bank.

Southside Tomorrow invests in community projects that improve the quality of life for all Southside Bethlehem community members. Our current focus areas are Housing Quality and Affordability, Public and Green Spaces, and Communication and Connectivity.

All Southside residents, small business owners, and other community stakeholders are encouraged to get involved by joining a committee, developing a project idea, or volunteering at a community event.

Upcoming projects for 2024 include:

- Continuation of the Broadway façade improvement program
- Community building events
- Support for the Southside Ambassadors
- Community gardening on the Greenway and at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
- Support for the Lynfield Community Center
- Youth programming
- And much more!

To get involved or apply for funding for a project for 2024-2025, please reach out to Anna Smith at (610) 807-9337 or [asmith@caclv.org](mailto:asmith@caclv.org).

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# Bethlehem Area Public Library



## GET LOUD AT THE LIBRARY WITH STUDIO 11 AND OPEN MIC

As you might have heard, we like to get loud at the library! The Bethlehem Area Public Library has quiet spaces and resources for scholars for sure, but we also like to turn up the volume from time to time. Our public recording studio, Studio 11, is open for all to make some noise in – and leave with a recording! This studio was started with grant funds and is maintained in part through our yearly fundraiser on November 11. It's held at the Main Library and is called (what else?) 11Fest. We have 11 bands playing in the library one after the other, from quiet to loud. Ticket sales and donations help keep us rocking for another year, so be sure to stop by. There will be jazz, rock, rap, and some surprises. All sorts of performers from the Bethlehem area will be there ready to rock.

We also get loud with a successful open mic night at the library, held every Monday Night from 5-7:30pm. The host is the legendary Bill Medei, who might just have the record for the most open mics hosted of all time. Bill welcomes musicians, comedians, poets, and more. Just show up at the library at 5pm on a Monday to sign up.

# Bethlehem Food Co-Op

## BETHLEHEM FOOD CO-OP OPENING NEARS

When the Bethlehem Food Co-Op opens its doors in the first quarter of 2024, it will join the more than 250 community-owned grocery stores across the nation.

Today over 1400 household and organizational members share in the ownership of this new market, which will be open to all shoppers at its 250 E. Broad St. location.

The co-op took a giant step when, after a national search, Eric Shamis of Easton was hired as the co-op's first general manager on May 1. He brings 21 years of experience in retail and grocery operations and retail management and, along with the board of directors and skilled professionals, is leading decisions on the store layout and interior design, which includes artwork that reflects the Lehigh Valley.

"Our full-service grocery store, owned by the community, will feature a juice and coffee bar, fresh local produce (organic and conventional) and we will deliver," says Carol Ritter, board chair. "When you walk in your store, you will see and feel Bethlehem."

Although membership is not required at this "everyone welcome" co-op, a one-time investment affords those who make the commitment an equity share as owners. This also means voting rights in the annual election of a nine-member board, which is scheduled this year for October 2 at the next annual meeting.

The board leads an extensive group 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 being constructed on the site. Peron Development and Boyle Construction are driving the project.



*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.*

In addition to the revenue generated by members' one-time investments, the co-op works to secure grants, including a number of funding opportunities through the City of Bethlehem. In July 2021, 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 – are covered by additional grants, gifts, and fund raising initiatives.

Shoppers will choose from fresh, locally produced food, providing a year-round sales outlet for regional growers and producers. And, unlike commercial grocery stores, the co-op will host social events for members, educational classes, ongoing outreach at events throughout the Lehigh Valley, and fundraisers and community support in the form of grants and donations.

For updates or to become a member, visit [bethlehemfood.coop](http://bethlehemfood.coop).

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# Bethlehem Parking Authority

## The New Polk Street Parking Garage

The Bethlehem Parking Authority is thrilled to announce the new Polk Street Parking Garage opening! We're excited to introduce this state-of-the-art facility, offering visitors, commuters, and residents a seamless parking experience in the Southside of Bethlehem.

Convenience has always been our top priority, and the Polk Street Garage is no exception. With multiple levels of ample parking space, finding a spot will be a breeze, even during the busiest times. We understand the challenges of parking in this vibrant part of the city, and our goal is to alleviate those concerns by providing a reliable solution for residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

The benefits of this new parking facility are two-fold: It adds convenience to the Southside and helps alleviate traffic congestion, creating a safer environment for pedestrians and drivers alike. By providing a central hub for parking, we hope to encourage more people to explore the diverse businesses, cultural attractions, and events that make the Southside a vibrant community.

We are immensely proud to unveil the Southside Parking Garage and look forward to serving you with enhanced convenience and sustainability. Your feedback is essential to us, and we are committed to continuously improving your parking experience.



## BPA Becomes an Accredited Parking Organization

The Bethlehem Parking Authority recently earned status as an Accredited Parking Organization (APO), through the International Parking and Mobility Institute (IPMI), joining an elite class of the top organizations in the parking and mobility industry. APO is a designation for organizations that recognizes best practices in responsible parking management and operations, customer service, professional development, sustainability and access management, safety, data security and risk management, and more.

The APO program was established to set industry standards that develop, ensure, and support high professionalism and competency in parking, transportation, and mobility management.

To earn the APO Accreditation, an organization must demonstrate its commitment to ongoing evaluation and improvement through the implementation of industry best practices. Applicant organizations work with third-party reviewers to present evidence of accomplishment of more than 100 criteria in 14 categories and 25 required criteria.

## BPA Awarded State Sustainability Honor



The Bethlehem Parking Authority is proud to announce that they are among a select group of organizations chosen by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) to receive the 2023 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence.

The Bethlehem Parking Authority was selected to receive this prestigious award for its Park Green Program. The Bethlehem Parking Authority's Park-Green Program incorporates sustainable practices into the organization's operations as an example of continuous sustainability improvement. It aims to reduce environmental impacts by focusing on realistic and attainable goals targeting the organization's daily operations.

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OCT. 28**

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## Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

The 2023 Christmas City Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Black Friday, November 24th on Bethlehem's Payrow Plaza at 5:00 p.m. There will be a varied line-up of entertainment & happenings - representing the many facets of Christmas in the Christmas City. Attendees will enjoy hot chocolate and a special visit from Santa Claus!



Photo: PhoenixFire Media\*



## Holiday Cocktail Trail

"Get the Spirits" with the Annual Historic Downtown Bethlehem Holiday Cocktail Trail! On November 11th & 18th from 12 noon - 5 PM, 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 travel throughout our beautiful Historic District and vote for your favorite cocktail for a chance to win a prize!

## Live Advent



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# The Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission

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- \* JONATHAN BOND • Painting  
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Sook Kim, Anne Landis, James Maria,  
& Frank Wengen  
October 1 to November 8  
Artist Reception: Sunday October 1 (2 -4 PM)
  - \* SCOTT KRYCIA • Photography  
November 15 to December 21  
Artist Reception: Sunday November 19 (2 -4 PM)
- All events are subject to change.  
For details, go to our website listed below.

### Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission •••• GRANTS ••••

Visual, literary and performing arts grants are available to Bethlehem-based non-profits and K-12 schools. The grants are to support arts related activities that will take place between June 1, 2023 and May 31, 2024. Further details on website.

The Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission offers annual arts related grants to area non profit organizations and K-12 public and charter schools. The grants are to support visual, literary and performing arts activities that will take place primarily in Bethlehem.

Recipients of the 2023-24 grant awards are: Satori for a music program at Marvine Elementary School; The National Museum of Industrial History for Steel Weekend; and the RTO (Really Terrible Orchestra) for music and educational activities.

Grant application are accepted annually between **Feb 1 and May 15th**.



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## HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- ➔ When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.
- ➔ Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- ➔ Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- ➔ It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all time when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- ➔ Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- ➔ Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out).

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

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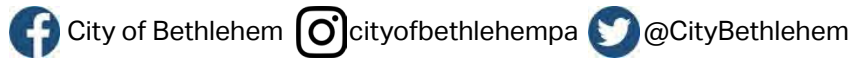
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