

Reynolds Administration Accomplishments 2022-2024

City Finances:

- 1) City of Bethlehem focuses on economic sustainability
Source: [*The Morning Call*](#)
- 2) City of Bethlehem cuts debt by almost 50 percent since 2015
Source: [*City of Bethlehem Budget Address 2025*](#)
- 3) City of Bethlehem's bond rating ranked #1 in Pennsylvania among most populated cities
Source: [*City of Bethlehem Budget Address 2025*](#)
- 4) City of Bethlehem maintains lowest Earned Income Tax percentage in Pennsylvania among most populated cities
Source: [*City of Bethlehem Budget Address 2025*](#)
- 5) City of Bethlehem saves millions by avoiding capital borrowings
Source: [*City of Bethlehem Budget Address 2024*](#)
- 6) City passes one billion in private investment since 2021
Source: [*WFMZ*](#)
- 7) Bethlehem mayor: No-tax-hike 2026 proposed budget has the city's present, future in mind
Source: [*Lehigh Valley News*](#)

Parks, Trails, and Street Infrastructure:

- 8) City of Bethlehem rebuilds Fairview Park
Source: [*Lehigh Valley News*](#)
Source: [*Youtube Video Summary*](#)
- 9) City of Bethlehem to rebuild Friendship Park in \$1.5 million overhaul
Source: [*Lehigh Valley News*](#)
Source: [*Project Website*](#)
- 10) City of Bethlehem acquires last section of South Bethlehem Greenway to close critical regional trail gap
Source: [*WFMZ*](#)
- 11) City of Bethlehem awarded nearly \$10 million to make major safety and pedestrian improvements to Broad Street
Source: [*WFMZ*](#)
- 12) City of Bethlehem increases street paving by nearly 50 percent in two years
Source: [*City of Bethlehem Budget Address 2025*](#)
- 13) City of Bethlehem opens Monocacy Way Trail connection
Source: [*Lehigh Valley Live*](#)
- 14) City of Bethlehem improves Saucon Park in south Bethlehem

Source: [WFMZ](#)

- 15) 'Changing the way people are moving around Bethlehem.' City announces timeline for 3 major transportation projects

Source: [The Morning Call](#)

- 16) Grant Completes South Bethlehem Greenway

Source: [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)

Public Safety:

- 17) City of Bethlehem Fire Department works with International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 735 to fill vacancies quicker

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

- 18) City of Bethlehem purchases new fire engines to update fleet

Source: [City of Bethlehem Budget Address 2024](#)

- 19) City of Bethlehem spends millions to update Bethlehem Police Department vehicle fleet

Source: [City of Bethlehem Budget Address 2025](#)

- 20) City of Bethlehem adds new paramedics for the first time since 2007

Source: [WFMZ](#)

- 21) City of Bethlehem expands Community Connections initiative that partners Bethlehem Police with Health Bureau employees

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

- 22) City of Bethlehem partners with State of Pennsylvania to offer recruiting bonuses to new police officers

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

Housing:

- 23) City of Bethlehem partners with Lehigh Valley Industrial Park to launch Gateway on 4th mixed-income housing development

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

- 24) City of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Housing Authority partner on planned transformation of Pembroke neighborhood

Source: [Pembroke Choice Website](#)

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

- 25) City of Bethlehem releases Opening Doors - a comprehensive housing attainability and affordability strategy

Source: [City of Bethlehem Website](#)

- 26) City of Bethlehem partners with Lehigh Conference of Churches to create new housing

Source: [City of Bethlehem City Council Memo](#)

- 27) Bethlehem to break ground on 120-unit affordable housing project next year after receiving \$16 million subsidy

Source: [*The Morning Call*](#)

- 28) Bethlehem plans to transform this outdated public housing neighborhood into a vibrant community

Source: [*The Morning Call*](#)

Community Development:

- 29) Patillas, Puerto Rico announced as City of Bethlehem's sixth sister city

Source: [*WFMZ*](#)

Source: [*City of Bethlehem Video*](#)

- 30) City of Bethlehem becomes 26th American World Heritage Site

Source: [*Lehigh Valley News*](#)

- 31) Bethlehem named top 100 place to live in America three years in a row

Source: [*Livability.com*](#)

- 32) Bethlehem named one of the top 15 Christmas destinations in the world

Source: [*CNN*](#)

- 33) Bethlehem World Heritage Community Celebration in Bethlehem

Source: [*The Morning Call*](#)

- 34) Bethlehem OKs \$150K contract to support 'World Heritage site manager' job

Source: [*WFMZ*](#)

- 35) Bethlehem contingent visits sister city in Puerto Rico to strengthen ties

Source: [*Lehigh Valley News*](#)

Sustainability:

- 36) City of Bethlehem launches Bethlehem Climate Challenge

Source: [*WFMZ*](#)

Source: [*City of Bethlehem Video*](#)

- 37) City of Bethlehem hires first Sustainability Manager

Source: [*Lehigh Valley News*](#)

- 38) City of Bethlehem implements Climate Action Plan

Source: [*Lehigh Valley News*](#)

Source: [*Event Video*](#)

- 39) City of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Parking Authority partner to bring bike culture downtown with new Coalition for Appropriate Transportation retail space in Walnut Street Garage

Source: [*WFMZ*](#)

Source: [City of Bethlehem Video](#)

- 40) City of Bethlehem announces 2025 Bike Master Plan and Complete Streets Plan to make roads safer for pedestrians and bicyclists

Source: [City of Bethlehem Budget Address 2025](#)

- 41) Climate challenges, opportunities: Meet Bethlehem's new sustainability manager

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

- 42) 'Resilient, equitable and economically vibrant': Bethlehem officials share Climate Action Plan progress, goals for 2026

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

Neighborhood Investment:

- 43) Northside Alive neighborhood revitalization initiative

Source: [Project Website](#)

- 44) SouthSide Tomorrow - a neighborhood investment partnership between Community Action Development Bethlehem and the City of Bethlehem

Source: [Project Website](#)

- 45) City completes South Bethlehem Community Center feasibility study

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

- 46) City of Bethlehem launches We Build Bethlehem, a community investment strategy

Source: [Project Website](#)

- 47) City of Bethlehem establishes Community Recovery Fund to assist non-profits following Covid

Source: [The Morning Call](#)

- 48) City of Bethlehem launches Live in the Garden concert series

Source: [Lehigh Valley Live](#)

- 49) City of Bethlehem reopens Westside Pool

Source: [The Morning Call](#)

- 50) City of Bethlehem eyes Linden Street two way conversion to improve safety and cohesion of neighborhood

Source: [WFMZ](#)

- 51) 'Democracy and citizenry at its finest': Inside the plan set on bettering Bethlehem's Northside

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

Other Accomplishments:

- 52) City of Bethlehem hires first Director of Equity and Inclusion

Source: [Lehigh Valley Live](#)

- 53) Bethlehem joins Allentown and Easton to partner with Lehigh Valley Health Network on Blue Zones initiative

Source: [Lehigh Valley Business](#)

- 54) City of Bethlehem joins Three City Coalition with Allentown and Easton to tackle regional issues

Source: [The Morning Call](#)

- 55) City of Bethlehem modernizes special event permit process, shortens approval time

Source: [City of Bethlehem Website](#)

- 56) City of Bethlehem launches citywide equity plan

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

- 57) City of Bethlehem brings back St. Patrick's Day Parade in conjunction with Celtic Cultural Alliance

Source: [The Morning Call](#)

- 58) City of Bethlehem works with Artsquest to bring Musikfest back to Payrow Plaza in City Hall Complex

Source: [Lehigh Valley Live](#)

- 59) City of Bethlehem launches The Bethlehem Corner to tell community leaders' stories

Source: [City Of Bethlehem YouTube Channel](#)

- 60) City of Bethlehem debuts new health van to provide neighborhood services

Source: [The Morning Call](#)

- 61) City of Bethlehem launches "Better Blocks for Bethlehem," a cross-departmental program to promote violence and injury prevention at the neighborhood level.

Source: [WFMZ](#)

- 62) Walnut Week in Bethlehem: Celebrating the downtown, its new parking garage

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)

- 63) 'Connecting vision to action': Bettering Bethlehem businesses with 2 state grants

Source: [Lehigh Valley News](#)