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Mayor's Address to the City of Bethlehem



Mayor J. William Reynolds

There is nothing quite like Spring in Bethlehem. Warmer and brighter days allow us to enjoy the seemingly never-ending recreational, cultural, and social opportunities our city has to offer, and this reminds us of one of the qualities that makes our city so special - an energy that is electric and unique to Bethlehem.

Since taking office in January, our new Administration has tried to bring that distinctive Bethlehem energy to everything we do in City Hall and throughout the community. Our team is comprised of the next generation of civic and community leaders -- inspiring and passionate, this Administration represents the many corners of our community and is focused on carrying out our 2022 priorities for Bethlehem.

At the top of our priority list is helping Bethlehem families and businesses exit and recover from the pandemic. To that end, we are actively working on robust community outreach efforts to

assess the needs and priorities of our residents. We know the pandemic has impacted our community in a multitude of ways, and we know we have a lot of work to do together to help people regain financial, and emotional, stability coming out of the pandemic. What our community engagement efforts will do is help us direct our time and financial resources responsively as we look to assist those in our city who were most affected by the incredibly difficult past two years. Among other things, the conversations we engage in through these outreach efforts will inform our strategies for enhancing affordable housing initiatives.

We also continue to prioritize economic revitalization. We are seeing unprecedented levels of public and private investment in our city at a time when building a sustainable community has never been more imperative. We are excited to implement Bethlehem's award-winning Climate Action Plan, which is helping us build a sustainable future for our city, as well as our neighborhood revitalization initiatives, which will see new levels of progress toward building on the quality of life that makes Bethlehem a special place to call home.

Thank you for taking this time to read about the work your civic leaders and public servants are doing in City Hall and around the



community. The city's newsletter is a resource for everyone in Bethlehem. Information on municipal services, updates on community happenings, and our Administration's plans for the future of our city will fill these pages twice a year. We are also expanding the ways in which we communicate by enhancing our social media and website offerings. We look forward to talking, interacting, and serving all of our residents in the manner they find most convenient.

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There has never been a more popular time to live in the City of Bethlehem. Above all else, our Administration continues to focus on why people love our community - vibrancy, diversity, safe neighborhoods, and a liveliness that defines who we are. Those qualities are present because of our citizens' commitment to their city. What we have accomplished as a city has been made possible through a partnership that relied on that commitment and our dedicated City of Bethlehem employees. We look forward to continuing that partnership as we begin a new chapter in our city history.

Spring in Bethlehem is just beginning.

2021 Bethlehem City Council President's Report

During 2021, Bethlehem City Council held 24 regular meetings and 16 Committee and budget meetings, adopted 231 Resolutions, and passed 41 Ordinances. Below are some highlights from Council's 2021 legislative year.

In 2021, our City government continued adapting to the Covid-19 pandemic in order to protect public health while continuing to provide the highest quality services to our residents and surrounding municipalities. City Council commends former Mayor Robert Donchez and the Health Bureau for their exemplary leadership and hard work during this pandemic, which is now entering the third year.

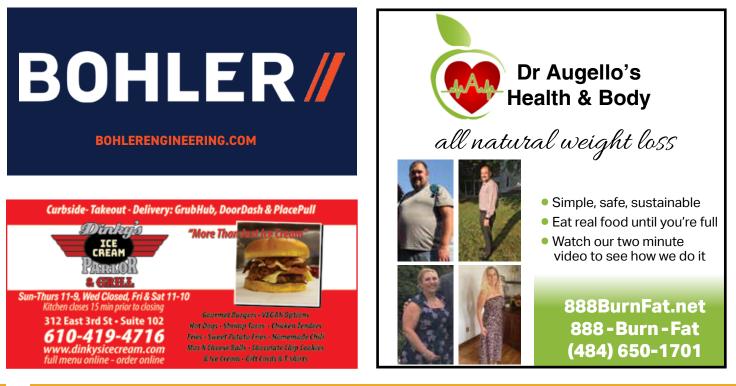


In order to increase transparency, City Council started live streaming Council meetings in 2019 and that has been made permanent as Town Hall is now wired with the necessary audio visual equipment to allow for future streaming of council and other government meetings from Town Hall.

City Council reviewed and took action on several financial matters during 2021.

Council approved the Mayor's proposed 2022 budget after amending it to add an additional \$1.5 million dollars into the City's American Rescue Plan Community Reinvestment Allocation. Council also conducted an oversight hearing on funding related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, and reviewed and approved related budget adjustments and funding allocations.

Moreover, Council authorized a grant to fund renovations at the Bethlehem Public Library and a PA Infrastructure



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Investment Authority grant to fund work on the City water system. Additionally, Council passed Administration-initiated bills modifying water rates and charges along with certain EMS fees.

This year, Council conducted its fourth annual Financial Accountability Incentive Reporting hearing to evaluate the effectiveness of economic development incentives and increase transparency. These annual hearings are conducted in the Community Development Committee to review administration reports submitted to Council pursuant to Article 349 Economic Development Incentive Reporting and Evaluation, established in 2018.

After review in the Community Development Committee, Council passed an ordinance establishing an affordable housing Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance program in the City of Bethlehem. The program is designed to incentivize private development of affordable housing units in the city and to fund housing and rental assistancerelated programs. Council also adopted a resolution approving the City's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and passed an Administration-initiated bill amending Article 1739 related to inspections of regulated rental units.

Moreover, in 2021, Council adopted a resolution urging the City to incentivize operation of a grocery store at the Ahart's Market site in order to promote equity and protect the health and well-being of individuals and families in South Bethlehem and also adopted a resolution urging passage of legislation in the PA House to address the widespread nuisance of fireworks in the city.

Finally, after a groundswell of community attention, City Council adopted a resolution designating the Chimney Swift as the official Bird of the City of Bethlehem.

Adam R. Waldron President of Bethlehem City Council January 3, 2022

2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

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

April 5th & April 19th * May 3rd & May 18th June 7th & June 21st July 5th & July 19th

* Wednesday, May 18th - due to

May 17th (Primary Election Day)

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

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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





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 **DIAL 911**

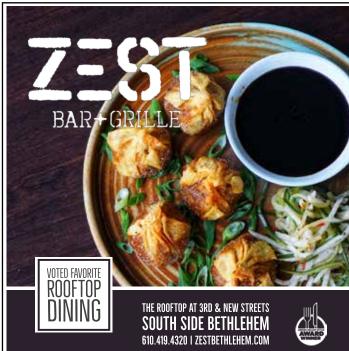




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Fire Department

New Engine Community Celebration and Dedication Ceremony

On February 18th the City of Bethlehem Fire Department welcomed Engine #3 during a New Engine Community Celebration and Dedication Ceremony!

Hosted at the Hispanic Center on the Southside, it was a family friendly event that involved fourth grade children from Donegan Elementary School who served as Deputy Firefighters for the day. They got to meet "Sparky" and helped push the new engine into the firehouse during the ceremonial housing ceremony. Engine 3 responds as the primary engine in the Southside district to all high priority medical incidents and supports Bethlehem EMS in addition to all other emergency incidents requiring multiunit responses. This new engine was funded by Northampton County's Relief Block Grant Program. Thank you to Northampton County Executive, Lamont McClure, for the \$800,000 grant awarded to the Bethlehem Fire Department for Engine #3.







Promotion Congratulations to Lieutenant Adam Orth for his recent promotion to Fire Lieutenant on the 1st Platoon.



Congratulations, Lieutenant Orth!







License# PA4887



Police Department

Community Helpers Week at Buchanan Elementary School



Chief Kott and Officer Molnar had the pleasure of visiting Buchanan Elementary School this March during "Community Helpers Week" and reading Officer Buckle and Gloria to their new friends!

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<u>City of Bethlehem Health Bureau</u>

StoryWalks

A StoryWalk[®] is an innovative approach to encourage physical activity and literacy, while promoting different parks and outdoor spaces in the City of Bethlehem. StoryWalks[®] are educational, promote physical activity and literacy in our community through placing pages from a seasonally themed children's story along a ¼ mile path. Each page of the story is blown up and displayed on sign stand that is at children's height. Each page of the story has an added feature of an activity to do, safety messages, or words of encouragement



and affirmations while moving to the next page. The Bethlehem Health Bureau collaborates with the Parks Department and the Bethlehem Area Public Library to implement the program.

The StoryWalks[®] are located at the Bethlehem Public Library, the Rose Garden and Sand Island. Please visit a StoryWalk[®] at a location near you to enjoy our parks, read a story, increase play and decrease toxic stress for your children and you! Please remember to scan the QR Code at the end of the story to let us know your feedback on the story!



Department of Community & Economic Development

Bethlehem Climate Action Plan Wins Statewide Award

When Bethlehem adopted its Climate Action Plan (CAP) in April of 2021, the City was one of the first communities in the State to do so. The adoption of the CAP emphasizes Bethlehem's commitment to fighting global climate change. The CAP sets out targeted policies, programs, and projects that will mitigate Bethlehem's contribution to climate change and will also help the city build resilience and adapt to the effects of a changing climate. The plan includes actions and goals for both municipal operations and the community as a whole. Bethlehem will continue to lead by example, but the CAP includes recommendations that allow all of our residents and partners to participate in the implementation of the Plan.



In 2021 the CAP won an award from the Pennsylvania Planning Association (PPA) for its vision and inclusiveness. PPA notes that the CAP is a progressive, serious, and implementable plan that tackles one of the most complex planning issues communities face today and that the Plan embraces the principles of equitability, prosperity, resiliency, healthfulness, inclusivity, and science. It puts environmental justice and equity front and center while providing specific goals and strategies to reduce Bethlehem's greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the changing climate. To make the Plan as inclusive and usable as possible, Bethlehem conducted an extensive and innovative outreach process, which led to a plan that is graphically compelling, easy to use, and applicable to a wide range of groups and individuals.

The development of the CAP would not have been possible without the input and support of all of the residents and partners that contributed throughout the public input process. The plan development was led by the expert consulting team at WSP along with the leadership of then Councilman William Reynolds.

In the near future more information will be distributed to show how each resident can be an important part in implementing this Plan and how the City will be incorporating the CAP recommendations into all of its policies and operations.

Keep Calm and Swim On

Having a backyard pool can be a fun way for you and your family to be active at home or just relax. However, it is important that you keep you and your family safe by making sure the pool you are enjoying is properly installed and safe for operation. To ensure your backyard pool is safe and installed properly, the City has prepared some swimming pool requirements that must be submitted and completed for a new pool installation.

Above-ground Swimming Pools

- 1. Submit a site plan, drawn to scale, showing the following: a Property lines
 - b Location of all improvements (home, outbuildings and new pool, etc.)
 - c Distance of new pool from property lines (must be a minimum 6')
- 2. Indicate location of power lines and distance to proposed pool (must be a minimum 10')
- 3. Pools shall have an alarmed door or self-locking gate
- 4. If the finished grade of the swimming pool is less than 48" high, a fence must be installed around the pool.
- 5. Submit construction information on how the pool will be erected.
- 6. Complete Application for Permit
- 7. A licensed Electrician must obtain an electrical permit and perform the electrical work for the pool. (The home owner may not do this work.)

In-ground Swimming Pools

1. Submit a boundary and topographical survey of your property (Note: A plan may be obtained from our

engineering department showing contours.)

- a Property lines
- b Location of all improvements (home, outbuildings and new pool, etc.)
- c Distance of new pool from property lines (must be a minimum 6')
- 2. Indicate location of power lines and distance to proposed pool (must be a minimum 10')
- 3. Pools shall have an alarmed door or self-locking gate
- 4. A fence must be installed around the pool. The minimum height shall be 48". If there is a fence around the entire property, all doors entering into the fenced-in area must be alarmed. Submit details of the proposed fence.
- 5. Submit construction drawings showing how the pool will be installed.
- 6. Complete Application for Permit
- 7. Show bonding of walkway (mesh or 6" slab with rebar)
- 8. Show anti-suction device for drain
- 9. A licensed Electrician must obtain an electrical permit and perform the electrical work for the pool. (The home owner may not do this work.)

Please be sure to obtain the proper permits and inspections so that you can ensure the safety and enjoyment of your pool. A copy of these requirements can be found on the City of Bethlehem's website page under the Code Enforcement link. If you have any questions regarding these requirements, you can reach out to the City of Bethlehem's Code Enforcement Office at 610-865-7091.





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Resources and Assistance for City of Bethlehem Residents

For assistance, dial 2-1-1 • In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1

Are you in need of emergency shelter? 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?

610-432-3200

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Do you need public tra	nsportation?
LANTA/Metro	610-776-7433

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Need help paying bills?



https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Community-Economic-Development/Community-Development/Housing



The Department of Water and Sewer Resources

ARTICLE TITLE: LEAD AND COPPER SAMPLING / WATER SERVICE LINE IDENTIFICATION

The Department of Water and Sewer Resources conducts sampling and analysis for lead and copper in our drinking water every 3 years in accordance with the US EPA Lead and Copper Rule. Levels of lead and copper in Bethlehem drinking water have consistently been below EPA action levels. The next round of lead and copper sampling will occur this summer. The City invites those residents who know or suspect they have a lead service line to consider participating in the sample program. It is completely voluntary. If interested please contact our Water Quality Bureau at 610-865-7144 or dbeatty@bethlehem-pa.gov.

In 2022, the City will start a project to replace lead service lines in its water system. We encourage all customers to help us identify if there is a lead service entering your home.

The customer-owned service line extends from the curb stop into your basement or crawl space. Identification of the type of material used for service lines and in-home plumbing can be done using a magnet and a penny. Your service line material should

be tested where the line first enters the home, which is typically in the basement before the water meter.

Once you identify your service line material, we ask that you contact the City so that we can update our data base and enter you in the program for line replacement if it is confirmed to be lead piping.

You can contact us in one of three ways:

- 1.Call the Water Quality Bureau at 610-865-7144
- 2. Email us at leadserviceline@bethlehempa.gov
- 3. Visit the City web-site and complete the lead service line identification form at https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Water-Sewer-Resources/Public-Information/ Lead-Service-Lines





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The Department of Water and Sewer Resources

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LIHWAP may be able to assist you with overdue water and wastewater bills.

What is LIHWAP?

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help lowincome families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant. You do not have to repay it.

To receive help...

- Apply starting January 4, 2022.
- You don't have to be on public assistance.
- You need to have an unpaid water bill.
- You can either rent or own your home

How does LIHWAP work?

LIHWAP Crisis grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing your water service. You can receive one Crisis grant for your drinking water service and one Crisis grant for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.

Crisis situations include:

- Past-due water bills.
- Termination of utility service.
- Danger of having utility service terminated (received a notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days).

How do I apply?

- Apply online at <u>www.compass.state.pa.us</u>.
- Request an application by calling the Statewide Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 or call PA Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired.
- Applications are available at your local county assistance office.

To apply, you will need:

- · Names of people in your household;
- · Dates of birth for all household members;
- Social Security numbers for all household members;
- Proof of income for all household members; and
- A recent water bill.

Who is eligible?

- You may qualify for a LIHWAP grant if:
- You must have an overdue water bill that you are responsible for paying.
- Your household income meets the following income guidelines:

INCOME	GUIDELINES				
Household Size	Maximum Annual Income				
1	\$ 19,320				
2	\$ 26,130				
3	\$ 32,940				
4	\$ 39,750				
5	\$ 46,560				
6	\$ 53,370				
7	\$ 60,180				
8	\$ 66,990				
9	\$ 73,800				
10	\$ 80,610				
Each Additional Person Add \$6,810					

After your application is processed, you will receive a written notice that will tell you if you qualify. If eligible, it will tell you the amount of your grant.

The program started January 4, 2022 and runs through December 31, 2023.

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<u>CITY OF BETHLEHEM TAXES</u>

2022 City of Bethlehem Real Estate Property Tax Bills is due in full-postmarked by **May 31, 2022**. After **May 31, 2022** a 10% penalty will be assessed on all bills. All property Taxes unpaid as of **December 31, 2022** will be turned over to a collection agency.

2021 Earned Income Tax Returns are due on or before April 18, 2022.

2021 Business Privilege & Mercantile Tax Returns are due on or before **May 02, 2022**.

2022 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

Property Tax Millage Rates

The current (2022) millage rates for the City portion of the real estate tax bill are:

Parcels located within Lehigh County – 6.05

Parcels located within Northampton County – 19.14

<u>City of Bethlehem 2022 Real Estate Property Tax</u> <u>Due Dates:</u>

Discount (2%)	03/31/2022
Base	05/31/2022
Penalty (10%)	12/31/2022

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 (5) 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

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billed for subsequent payments.

All property taxes unpaid as of December 31, 2022 will be turned over to a collection agency.

Questions or Assistance

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

City of Bethlehem Tax Bureau Phone: (610) 865-7022

E-Mail: TaxDepartment@Bethlehem-pa.gov

For additional questions or assistance with paying a 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 on-line https://efile.keystonecollects.com/#/login or by mail on or before April 18, 2022.

LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST) FILING

The Local Services Tax (LST) rate for the City of Bethlehem is \$52 for 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 & LST Filings for the City of Bethlehem are collected and processed by:

KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP

https://keystonecollects.com/forms/

Phone: (888)519-3897 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am -12:00pm and 12:30pm - 4:00pm

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 \$25.00. The license period runs from May 1st through April 30th of the following year.

The 2021 Business Privilege & Mercantile Tax Return is due on or before May 02, 2022.

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 Phone: (610) 270-9520 Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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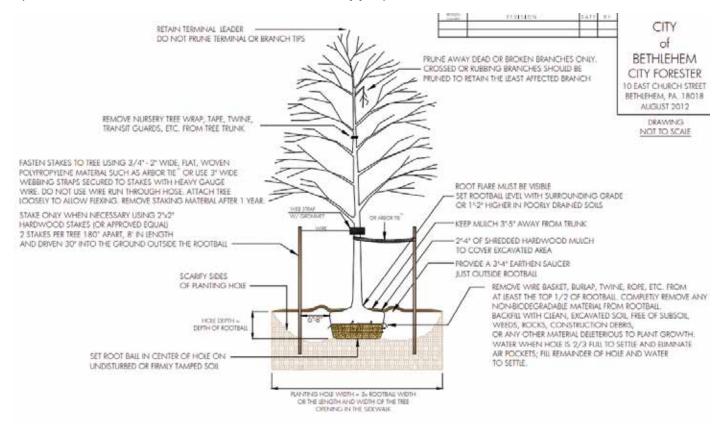


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Public Works

Planting the Correct Size Tree; It is Important!

It can get overwhelming when trying to pick out a tree for your home, especially when so many factors come in to play. The caliper of the tree is one of the most important aspects when deciding which tree to buy. In the City of Bethlehem, street trees are required to be a minimum of two inches in caliper. Caliper is another term for the diameter of the tree, or the measurement around the trunk. There are a few reasons why this measurement is so important to follow when planting your tree. When doing a commercial or home landscape, you need a larger diameter tree so that it is not too small or weak. Without a larger caliper, the tree will snap or break under a small amount of pressure such as with the weight of snow. Smaller diameter trees like saplings are used for restoration projects or for farming where they will be raised and sold. Another important part about the diameter of a tree is that the larger it is, the shorter the time it will take to establish itself in the new location it was planted. For example, if you have a three inch in diameter tree, it will take about three years to establish itself. Having a two inch caliper minimum will help the tree be the most successful it can be with the money you put into it.



City of Bethlehem's Street Sweeping Schedule

April 1st - October 31st, Tuesday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

The Department Of Public Works would like to make an announcement that the Bureau of Streets will begin its street sweeping program on April 1st through October 31st. During this time frame street sweeping activities will operate every Tuesday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on the posted roads throughout the city limits. 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 affective street cleaning.

The city is broken into 88 sweeping districts that are not posted and tries to deploy three sweepers each day to run through these areas. Roads that are under 12 feet wide do not get swept.

For a full route schedule please visit the City Of Bethlehem's website: www.bethlehempa.gov

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Public Works continued

Bethlehem Public Works 2022 Spring/Summer Street Projects:

Traffic pavement marking – LINE PAINTING SEASON!

The City will begin its line painting season in May/June. Please stay clear of the painting trucks and freshly painted marking!



South New Street Streetscape Improvement Project

Expected to break ground in late Spring/early Summer, this Streetscape Project stretches from 3rd Street up to Morton Street and consists of the installation of paver sidewalks, landscaping, decorative lighting, Greenway crossing, benches, street paving and a custom bus shelter to service both Lehigh University and LANTA (see picture). Construction is expected to last through the summer and fall.

Rodgers Street Facility Construction Project

Construction has begun on a new facility for the City of Bethlehem. The Rodgers Street Facility, located adjacent to Sell Field, will be complete by the end of Summer 2022. (Image is a rendering.) Once finished, it will be home to our Grounds and Traffic Bureaus.





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RECREATION 2022



Join us for some summer fun at our neighborhood parks! The park program led by our energetic staff will again include teaching majors from various local colleges and will again rotate through various parks throughout the City. Check our website for times and locations. We encourage everyone to visit as many parks as possible so they can experience all that Bethlehem has to offer. Hope to see you this summer at the parks! Participants must sign up online as space will be limited.









THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES!

The City of Bethlehem would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and recognizes each of them as contributors to our community. It is thanks to their advertising support that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

RECREATION 2022

Swimming Pools and Splash Park

The City of Bethlehem has several ways to stay cool in the summer. There are 5 pools in the city and one splash park: Memorial (our regional pool), Clearview, Stark, Westside, and Yosko, our neighborhood pools. Our splash park, which is free of charge, is located at Yosko Park and open daily from dawn to dusk from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. The pool season will begin on June 11th this year and will end on August 28th. Season passes are available to be purchased online or in our office. Hope to see you at one of our pools or our splash park this summer!

Tennis and Pickleball

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



Monocacy and Westside and is also free of charge. For those of you who want to experience playing on one of the Lehigh Valley's few clay surfaces can play at Sand Island courts. A fee is required for play and memberships are available to be purchased online.



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. New this year...an upgraded trail from Schoenersville Road to 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! Stop by the Skateplaza, enjoy the Southside Arts District displays and play areas along the way. For more information on what's happening on the Southside, click here.

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.

Please check out our website for more information on all of our programming:

https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation



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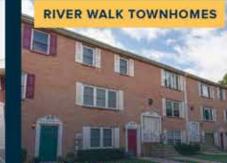
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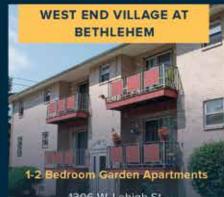


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CURBSIDE YARD WASTE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

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June 6 -10 is B week, pick up all curbside recycling as well as curbside yard waste for all B week residents.

June 13-17 is A week, pick up all curbside recycling as well as curbside yard waste for all A week residents.

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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Yard Waste Drop Off Bethlehem Yard Waste Facility 1480 Schoenersville Road

Monday – Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. CLOSED Sunday 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 Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. CLOSED Sunday & Monday **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, cans, used clothing and Styrofoam.

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 in 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.

Bethlehem Area School District



A message to the Bethlehem Community,

The Bethlehem Area School and the City of Bethlehem work together to build our next generation of Bethlehem community members. #BuildingBethlehem. We are proud of our BASD students and graduates who go on to do amazing things both in our community and around the world. We continue to highlight our graduates, students, and staff through our BASD eNews. Did you know that some of our students have even gone on to become the Mayor of our City of Bethlehem? #BuiltbyBethlehem.

Our school district offers many diverse opportunities for students. We invite you to join us for our upcoming plays and spring concerts. For more information visit our website at https://www.basdschools.org/.

Thank you for all your support.

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









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Bethlehem Food Co-Op



Pictured: A portion of the large banner spanning the construction site at 250 E. Broad St., future home of the 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 less than a year will bring a new community-owned, 'everyone welcome' grocery store to the neighborhood.

The Bethlehem Food Co-Op is a group of neighbors working to open the new store. In addition to the opportunity to shop for fresh, locally-produced food, it will provide good-paying jobs and a year-round sales outlet for local growers and producers.

Organizers also hope it 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 10 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 over 1100 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. Last summer, 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.

A key feature of that program 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.

Greenway Farmers Market: Fridays, June 10, 2022 to October 7, 2022





We are excited to offer our neighbors and friends on the Southside a Farmer's Market on the south Bethlehem Greenway this season. The market will launch on Friday, June 10th from 3pm to 6pm. Follow the signs throughout the Southside to the south Bethlehem Greenway, enter the market on Polk Street between E. 3rd and E. 4th Streets. The Greenway Farmer's Market will offer an opportunity for our neighbors to connect with local farmers, taste fantastic food from local businesses and enjoy lots of fun happening Fridays from June 10th through October 7th!

Bethlehem Parking Authority

Please remember that street cleaning will begin on April 1 and end October 31st. During this time, please be aware of the street cleaning signage that identifies the day(s) and times that the streets are set to be cleaned. Vehicles that are parked on the streets during these times will be subject to ticketing.



We've added another convenient payment option for Parking Garage customers with Scan to Pay. Look for the Scan to Pay signage in our garages for information. This new feature allows the BPA to provide five convenient payment options for our customers that park in our garages!

Downtown Bethlehem Association



TAILS & SALES, May 21st on Main Street!

Don't leave them at home. Furry friends are always welcome in the Historic District, especially for this year's event, Trails & Sales!

Start off the day early as we kick off the event with our Doggie Run! In partnership with

Aardvark Sports Shop, this 1-mile run with pups is designed to bring awareness and raise money for a local nonprofit group. The run will take place before the street fair along Main Street.

This furry fun filled day also includes cocktails and sales from favorite downtown merchants. Fetch your cocktail samples as you sip, shop, and stroll throughout the Historic District.

This year, check out our Doghouse Competition! Local organizations will compete for bragging rights for constructing the best doggie pad! These doghouses will then be actioned off during our first ever silent auction. Proceeds will benefit a local animal humane society/ nonprofit organization.



Our "Barking Lot" on Main Street will serve as a watering hole for our furry friends and additional pet vendors that will supplement the shopping experience.

Lastly, dress up your pup and enter into our Doggie Parade! This exciting parade is back! Pups from all over will walk the street, strutting their stuff in their best costumes. They will pass by our panel of guest judges, who will vote for their favorite contestant!

For more information: https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/ tails-sales/

Tunes at Twilight, May 5th – July 16th, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights at Participating **Restaurants in the Historic District**



Music enthusiasts are invited to the Historic District to enjoy tunes every Thursday, Friday

Want to experience the most convenient and easy way to park in Bethlehem? Get the ParkMobile App! With the app, you can extend meter time, end your session early, and receive



alerts when your meter time is close to running out. Don't have a smart phone? See the posted ParkMobile signage for a Text to Pay option.

- We've added two new Electric Vehicles to our fleet this year. These two new vehicles brings the BPA fleet to 30% Electric!
- The BPA is on Instagram! Please visit and follow our Instagrampagetostayuptodatewithanyofourpromotions, news or anything parking related with the BPA. https:// www.instagram.com/thebethlehemparkingauthority/

and, Saturday evening. Tunes was initially designed as a concert series. In 2022, as outdoor dining will be in full swing, we look to spread out the event at various locations throughout the



Historic District to give music-lovers access to a variety of tunes! With the success of this layout from 2021, we are excited to kick off the season with Downtown Bethlehem's favorite local musicians.

Enjoy various genres of music played throughout the streets of the Historic District. This year's line-up will be posted on our Website with musicians, locations, and times. Visit here for more: https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/tunes-at-twighlight/

Summer Restaurant Week, June 26th – July 2nd

The Downtown Bethlehem Association (DBA) presents the most delicious week of the year Historic Bethlehem Summer _ **Restaurant Week!**



Participating Downtown Bethlehem Restaurants will offer prefixe menus for breakfast, lunch, dinner and, curbside. No passes, tickets, or coupons are required. Instead, diners may simply visit their favorite participating restaurants to enjoy the specially priced menus throughout the week. It is strongly recommended that diners make reservations in advance. Diners should contact restaurants directly to make reservations.

#POSTYOURPLATE – When dining Downtown during Winter Restaurant Week, patrons may take a picture of their plate, tag the restaurant, and upload it to social media. Use the hashtag #postyourplate for a chance to win a gift card to every restaurant participating in Winter Restaurant Week. 2 winners will be selected at random.

For menus and more: https://getdowntownbethlehem.com/ summer-restaurant-week/

SouthSide Arts District

The SouthSide Arts District is Bethlehem's home for art, entertainment, shopping, and dining. From our unique boutiques, fantastic restaurants, special events, and public art, the SouthSide Arts district is one of the most eclectic places to live, work, and play. Whether you are looking for fashion forward threads, a delicious meal, or a slice of Bethlehem Steel history check out the SouthSide. The SouthSide Arts District, an initiative of the Bethlehem Economic Development Corporation, is a nonprofit Main Street Revitalization Program. Overseen by Downtown Manager, Erin Zebertavage, committees of volunteers made up of business and nonprofit leaders volunteer their time, energy, and ideas to build



a vibrant and sustainable SouthSide Downtown. For more information about our merchants, events, sponsorship, and volunteer opportunities, please visit southsideartsdistict.com.

Discover the Southside's Urban Arts Trail

The SouthSide's Urban Arts Trail is the Art & Soul of Bethlehem. The trail is a 2.75 mile long path throughout the business district leading followers to all our public artworks. Artists from across the world and right here from the Lehigh Valley have made the SouthSide their canvas, and now we are thrilled to invite you to get outside, take a walk, and explore our outdoor SouthSide community gallery. For more information on the trail please visit southsideartsdistrict. com/urban-arts-trail.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

First Friday • May 6, June 3, July 1

On the First Friday of every month, Bethlehem's SouthSide Arts District comes to life, celebrating arts, culture, and music. Guests are invited to visit our local art galleries, unique boutiques, salons,

and shops, all while enjoying food, drink, and local live music throughout the restaurants & shops of Third & Fourth Streets!

Summer Restaurant Week • July 18 – July 24

Indulge your taste buds, and explore our variety of retailers including clothing stores, boutiques and specialty shops. Explore a world of cuisines right in your own backyard and join us for this celebration of small businesses on the SouthSide.

Sip & Slide Cocktail Crawl • August 20

The SouthSide Arts District invites you to "Sip & Slide" your way through the downtown on Saturday August 20 for Summer's Last Hurrah! The day will include sidewalk sales, special music guests and 10 sample sized summer themed cocktails. Tickets will go on sale in July and supports the participating merchants and the SouthSide Arts District downtown revitalization program.

TOUCHSTONE THEATRE HAPPENINGS!

Festival - May 21 An evening of new plays

Young Playwrights'

written by local students

Summer Camps: Camp Touchstone - July 18-29 - ages 8-12

Teen Ensemble -July 5-15 - ages 13-18

Campers build skills in acting, improv, design to create their own original show to share with family and friends



Save the Date:

Festival UnBound 2022 - September 28 - October 2

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Fresh Voices - June 3 & 4

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Christmas (City Follies) in July -July 8-10

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Arts Grants

The Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission invites area non-profit organizations and K-12 schools to submit proposals for the BFAC annual art grants. The grants are offered to help support art related activities such as new works of art, educational programs, exhibits, presentations, and performances. This grant program supports the mission of the Fine Arts Commission, which is to promote and preserve the arts in Bethlehem and to encourage cooperative cultural enterprise in the community.

Proposals may be submitted annually in the spring. The deadline for submission is May 15, 2022

Please check the BFAC website for applications and additional information.







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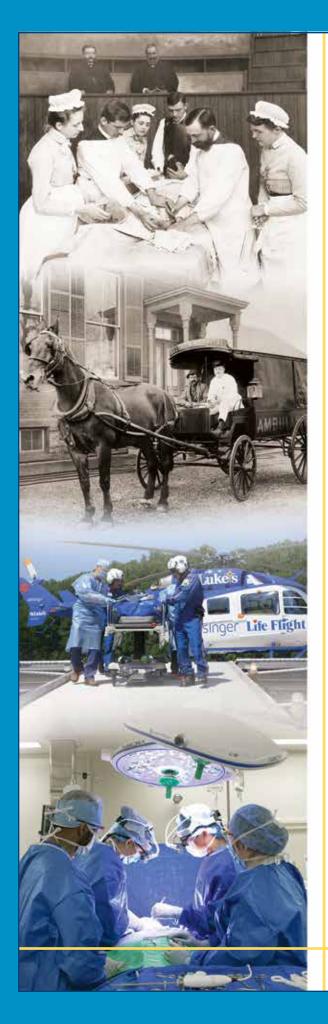
EMAIL ALERTS

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