

# City of Bethlehem Parks, Recreation, and Public Property

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## Winter 2011-2012 Newsletter

### Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink NOW OPEN!

After taking a year off, the Rink is now open for the season. Whether you enjoy figure skating, hockey, or are looking for that romantic place to take a date, we offer it all at the Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink. We have skating lessons for all ages and our trained instructors will provide you a safe, fun environment to learn the basics.

Our regular public ice session schedule is as follows:

*Afternoons*

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 1-5 pm**

**Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 1-4 pm**

*Evenings*

**Friday & Saturday 7-10pm**

*Season passes are available!*

Starting Friday, December 23, and ending January 1, our Holiday Hours will be in effect. Public Sessions will be 1-4 pm & 7-10pm, with the exceptions of Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, which will be open for the 1-4 session only.

The Rink will be closed Christmas Day.

We have received word from the North Pole that a **special visitor** is taking time out of his busy schedule and will be skating at the rink on December 17 & 18 from 2-3 pm! The rink is also available for hockey, birthday parties, and private group rentals. For availability and pricing, please contact the Recreation Office at 610-865-7081.



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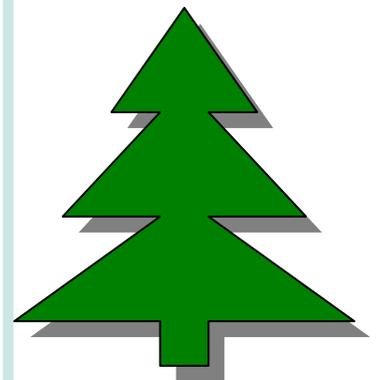
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### Did you Take the Recreation Survey?

The City of Bethlehem is committed to improving the quality of life for its residents. Our Parks and Recreation system is an important component of that long-range plan. To ensure we are meeting or exceeding your needs, we are conducting a survey to better understand how you feel about the City parks/recreational resources and our recreational programming.

This survey was developed so we can understand the current state from your perspective, and to identify the needs and desires of City Residents. The information collected will be factored in future upgrades and improvements to our recreational facilities and programming.

The Survey can be taken online here  
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22CPZ6FJCPJ/>  
or can be picked up in the Recreation Office.





## Monocacy Invasive Plant Removal Project



In an effort to restore degraded natural wildlife habitat in the Monocacy Creek watershed, volunteers from the G.B. Fox Environment Center are in the process of removing noxious invasive plants in Monocacy Park. The project is being headed up by Mike Sowers, a local Entomologist/ Landscape Ecologist.

Invasive plants can cause havoc on an ecological system. According to the National Invasive Species Council (NISC), an invasive plant is defined as non-

native to a particular ecosystem. Once established, invasive plants can displace native plants, significantly reducing native biodiversity. This in turn disrupts the complex ecological relationships between native plants and animals. Invasive plants can serve as alternative hosts for disease and insect pests, which can infect native plants and crops.

Once the invasive plants have established themselves, native trees and shrub seedlings have little to no room to grow and

flourish, creating a change in soil structure and chemistry. Over the past 300 years, thousands of invasive species have been introduced to North America. It is estimated that invasive plants cause \$1.4 trillion in damage globally.

For more information or to get involved, please contact The G. B. Fox Environmental Center (610-419-0218, <http://gbfox.org/> or [naturecenter@gbfox.org](mailto:naturecenter@gbfox.org)) or Mike Sowers ([mikesowers@ptd.net](mailto:mikesowers@ptd.net)).



## Downtown Bethlehem Association



**FRI. NOVEMBER 25 thru  
THURS. DECEMBER 23**

**Live Advent Calendar**

*The Goundie House*

*501 Main Street*

The newest of Christmas traditions, just like your Advent calendar at home, each day the door opens and a present is bestowed upon those in attendance. Visit

[www.bethlehempa.org](http://www.bethlehempa.org)

**FRI, NOVEMBER 25th thru  
SAT. DECEMBER 24**

**Christmas City Village**

*Historic Downtown Bethlehem*

**WEEKENDS ONLY!** Fri-Sat 11am-8pm Sun 11am-6pm  
Historic Bethlehem's newest tradition, Christmas City Village, will premier during the 2011

holiday season. Set throughout beautiful downtown Historic Bethlehem, this German-inspired outdoor Weihnachtsmarkt will feature traditional food, fine crafters and live holiday music in the same spirit as European Christmas festivals. Set-up in authentic hand crafted wooden huts, it will be free admission for five weekends beginning in November. The Bethlehem holiday experience will be enhanced with an old-world nostalgia that is sure to delight you and your family.



**SUN. JANUARY 29 thru  
SAT. FEBRUARY 4, 2012**

**BETHLEHEM WINTER  
RESTAURANT WEEK**

*Historic and Southside*

*Bethlehem*

No passes, tickets or coupons are required. Instead, diners may simply visit their favorite participating restaurants throughout the week to enjoy the special prix fixe lunch and dinner menus. It is strongly recommended that diners make reservations in advance. To make a reservation, diners should contact restaurants directly.

[www.bethlehemrestaurantweek.com](http://www.bethlehemrestaurantweek.com)



## The Charles A. Brown Ice House



### Annie the Musical

**PYT's holiday musical running  
December 1-18, 2011**

**Directed by Gary Minyard**

Annie is a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.



Other Performers at the Charles A. Brown Ice house include **The Mock Turtle Marionette Theatre**.

The Winter schedule is as follows:

**Dec. 29** – Community-Giving Day: **Mock Turtle and Joe Keppel**; Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley

**Jan. 7** – Literacy Day: **Book, Beast and Puppet** – Mock Turtle, Cops and Kids of the Lehigh Valley

Admission for shows is \$5 for adults and children. Children under 2 are free. Admission for show and workshop \$7.50. For more info, contact Doug Roysden at 610-867-8208.

For ticket and Show times, please call Pennsylvania Youth Theatre at 610-332-1400.

The Ice House is also available for rental for parties, fundraising events, church groups, and corporate events. Call the Recreation office for availability and rates, 610-865-7081.



## Southside Recreation



With the Winter bearing down on us, there is still plenty of activities going on in Southside Recreation. Every Wednesday night at Broughal Middle School from 6-8 pm, there is an Open Gym Program for Southside Teens. If you were not aware, Broughal Middle School is designated as a community school. Their goal as a community school is to support local families and community members. One way of

accomplishing this is to have the school open after hours! The open Gym has been popular since it has started in early November and will continue through the winter months.

Another program that is planned to continue in the new year is a continuation of the DJ class, where Southside teens, who have an interest in the music industry, can learn the basics of being a Disc Jockey. Classes are held Wednesday night.

The SAT Prep class for Southside seniors and juniors, will start Saturday March 3rd, at Northampton Community College Southside Campus.

For more information or to inquire about signing up for these programs, contact Mark Atkinson at 610-997-7971. Space is limited.



# The Bethlehem Golf Club



If you are looking to keep your game sharp during the winter months, the Bethlehem Golf Course is offering plenty of Winter Specials to help your handicap. The Pro Shop is also open if you need a last minute gift for the Holidays.

**November 21, 2011 thru February 28, 2012**

*Executive Course/Range Special \$199.99*

*Unlimited Green Fees (Executive course only) and Range Balls for the months of December, January and February weather permitting.*

## 18 Hole Course

### Weekdays

- ◆ Walk \$17
- ◆ Ride \$25
- ◆ Walk after 12pm \$14
- ◆ Ride after 12pm \$20

### Weekends

- ◆ Walk \$20
- ◆ Ride \$30
- ◆ Walk after 2pm \$17
- ◆ Ride after 2pm \$25

## Executive Course

### Weekday

- ◆ Walk \$10
- ◆ Ride \$16

### Weekend

- ◆ Walk \$12
- ◆ Ride \$18



*The Clubhouse is currently accepting bookings for golf outings and events for the 2012 golf season, for more information or to book a tee time, call the clubhouse at 610-865-7105.*

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