



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- **Harvest Fest**
Sat., October 13th
11am—9pm
Downtown Bethlehem
- **Doggie Day,**
Sat., October 21st
Noon—3pm
- **“Trick or Treat” Night**
Friday, October 26th
6—8pm
- **Halloween Parade**
Sunday, October 28th
Starts at 2pm
- **Earl E. Schaffer**
Municipal Ice Rink
opens **November 9th**
- **Christmas Tree**
Lighting Ceremony
November 23rd
Starts at 4:30pm

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The 91st Annual Bethlehem Halloween Parade

The 91st annual Halloween Parade will be held Sunday, October 28th at 2:00pm. The rain date is Monday, October 29th at 7:00pm. Anyone interested in participating may register by contacting the Recreation office or going to the City of Bethlehem’s website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov and completing the Registration Form. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 25th. Participants will be notified by e-mail as to where they should report.

The parade forms at 15th Ave. and Broad St., continues down Broad to Main St., and then heads south on Main to Lehigh and Spring Sts. Cash prizes are awarded in the following categories- Marching Groups, Scouting, Floats, Schools, Special



Community Involvement

Keeping our park system beautiful is a full time job and is made possible by the dedication of our Parks employees and the continuing help from the community. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available to help spruce up parks in your area.

Every year the Lehigh Lacrosse Team volunteers for a project in one of Bethlehem’s Parks. This year, the team tackled South Mountain Park to help haul out fallen tree limbs, logs, and branches that have fallen during recent storms. The team uses this opportunity as a team building activity and as a way to give back to the community.

Another project completed this past summer was a mural at Yosko Park. HALA (Hispanic American League of Artists) provided the support to help complete the mural. They involved the local kids from the neighborhood, who designed the mural with some even pictured in the mural.

Bethlehem Skateplaza Phase 2

If you have driven on Daly Avenue in South Bethlehem then you have passed by the Bethlehem Skateplaza. You may be wondering why all the heavy machinery is onsite. The new addition to the 'Za', as the users call it, is going to almost double its size making the park the most active and heavily used parks on the South Side. All that construction will catapult the Bethlehem Skateplaza into a new realm of skate and BMX venues as one of the biggest, baddest, skateplaza's on the East Coast.

During the Ground Breaking, Mayor Callahan drove home the fact that the Skateplaza is a place that people of all ages, races, and demographics, can co-exist in a positive environment. The projected finish date of Phase 2 construction is this fall. Sponsorships are still available and the Buy-A-Brick program is going strong. You can now purchase a brick to help support the free to use Plaza online at www.bethlehem-pa.gov/skateplaza

Do you have a teenager that needs community service and is interested in skateboarding or BMX? If so, we are currently looking for high school students that would like to join the "Skateplaza Crew". Call our office for more details at 610-865-7081.

Adult Basketball

Registrations for adult winter basketball league are currently being accepted. Please contact the office at 610-865-7081 for more information.



Downtown Bethlehem Association

Harvest Festival

On Saturday, October 13th, take a stroll down Main Street Bethlehem for Harvest Festival. The event is 11am to 9pm and will offer beer sampling, an open air produce market, great food, fine arts and crafts vendors, live music, children's activities, and much more. Stop by the Sun Inn Courtyard at noon to witness the 2nd Annual Harvest Festival Pie Eating Contest! Visit the Main Street stage from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and hear local musicians! At 1:00 p.m., the concert moves to the Sun Inn Courtyard Biergarten where the Trouble City Allstars, Don Cunningham & his Cabinet, and a headliner sure to please the crowds will be playing until 8 p.m.

Beginning at 1 p.m. the Bethlehem Harvest Festival will expand into the Sun Inn Courtyard where there will be live music, great food, beer and wine!

Visit www.bethlehemharvestfestival.com or call 610-751-4979 for updates on musicians, artists and more!



Doggie Day

Bethlehem's Main Street is going to the dogs on Sunday October 21, 2012! The Downtown Bethlehem Association (DBA), a council of the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, is proud to present Doggie Day in Bethlehem, for the fourth year! The event will take place from noon to 3 p.m. and will again feature the "Mutt Strutt" Doggie Halloween Parade. Parade registration begins at 11 a.m. in the Sun Inn Courtyard, behind the Historic Sun Inn. The parade will begin promptly at 12:30pm. The suggested registration fee is \$10 and proceeds will be shared with Animals in Distress and the Center for Animal Health and Welfare. All registrants will receive a special 'doggie' bag and raffle ticket to win TONS of prizes!



Christmas City Village

November 25th, 2012 11:00am to December 24th, 2012 8:00pm

Christmas City Village is an open-air Christmas market, nestled in the heart of the north side downtown Historic Shopping District. Fashioned after the traditional German Weihnachtsmarkt (pronounced vy-naukts-markt), the Christmas City Village will feature 20 wooden huts, where vendors will sell a variety of holiday crafts and gifts.



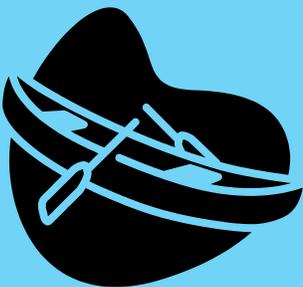
For More information about these events, please call the Downtown Bethlehem Association at 610-751-4979



Bike and Boat Trip

In a partnership with Wildlands Conservancy, the Recreation Dept. is offering a Bike and Boat Trip on Saturday, October 27th, from 10am—2pm for City youth ages 12-15. Pick up and Drop off is on Sand Island West. SPACE IS LIMITED!

For more information, please call the Recreation office at 610-865-7081



The Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink

As winter approaches it is time to start thinking Ice Rink. Whether being the social hotspot for tweens on a Friday or Saturday night or a place to stretch your legs, learn how to figure skate, or learn to play Ice Hockey, the Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Rink offers it all! We are currently taking signups for all 4 of sessions skating school lessons. The first session starts the last week of November. For a list of all the classes and start times, please visit our website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov/parks

The Municipal Ice Rink is a perfect place to host a birthday party or event. Reservations can be made for the Rink or Party Room, subject to availability. Our afternoon public sessions are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 1-5pm. Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 1-4 pm. Our evening sessions are Friday & Saturday 7-10pm.

Check the Rink for special event, shows, competitions, and more. Season Passes are available in the Recreation Office at City Hall. For more information please call the office at 610-865-7081

The Charles A. Brown Ice House

Pennsylvania Youth Theatre
November 30th – December 16th, 2012

Eubie is the happiest elf at the North Pole. More than anything else, he longs to be a part of Santa's sleigh team. Instead, he's stuck checking the naughty-or-nice lists. But this Christmas Eve, he notices something strange: in the entire town of Bluesville, not a single person has been nice. So with a pinch of elfish magic, help from his friends, and his unending holiday spirit, Eubie sets off to turn all of those children from naughty to nice in just one day! Based on the beloved holiday song "The Happy Elf" by Grammy Award winner Harry Connick, Jr., *The Happy Elf* is a new holiday classic for the entire family.



The Charles A. Brown Ice House (cont.)

Mock Turtle Marionette Theatre

Mock Turtle Marionette Theater is a puppet theater company dedicated to the creation of enduring childhood experiences through performances and workshops that uphold the integrity of the arts.

October 13 – Lehigh Valley Girl Scouts - The Dancing Granny

December 29— Community Giving Day – Dave Fry, Joe Keppel
Community Partner CACLV

January 19 – Museum of Music

Community Partner: Bethlehem: Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra

January 19 – Lolly Reynolds – Valley Rock Bands ; downstairs of the Ice House

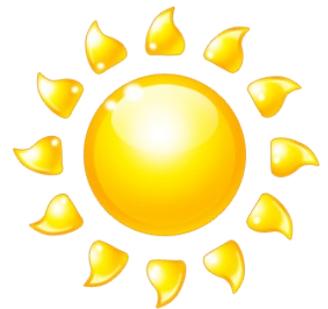
January 26 ‘*Magic Day*’ – Magic, Motion, and Mayhem Joe Keppel Magic

Community Partner – Casa Guadalupe

For more information visit <http://mockturtle.org/>

Summer 2012 Round Up

Another great summer has come and gone and here are some things that you might have enjoyed (or missed). The summer started with the annual “Float your Boat” event down on the Lehigh Canal behind the Ice House. The event is held in May and participants build boats out of cardboard and tape, and set sail down the canal. Boats are judged on fastest, most seaworthy and most creative. It’s a fun-filled event for families to take part in and we hope to see you next year.



In conjunction with the Bethlehem Area School District, we held an NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick event at Frank Banko Field at BASD Stadium in June. We had 32 youth participants, ages 6-15. Six of the participants qualified for the regional event in October.

Our summer park program had a different look this year as well. We partnered with BASD to offer free lunches at the parks for the kids who took part in the playground program. Also, new this year, was an end of year field trip to Dorney Park. Kids were chosen for the field trip based on who had the highest attendance at each park throughout the summer. Hope to see everyone next year.

Bethlehem Adventure Camp also experienced another successful year. Wrapping up the 5th year of the program, Adventure Camp is a collaboration between the City of Bethlehem Recreation Department, Wildlands Conservancy, & Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Space is extremely limited due to transportation and activities include Canoeing, Rock Climbing, Hiking, Biking, and Fishing. Look for the 6th installment of the camp in June 2013.

Movies in the Park continued in the City parks, hosting 6 movie nights throughout the City. Some of these venues were new for 2012, including Bernie Fritz, Higbee, and Payrow Plaza. Check out our website in the spring for the Summer 2013 movie schedule.

Bethlehem Golf Club

Fall 8 Inch Cup Scramble

Saturday, October 27, 2012

4 players per team with a 9am shotgun start. For more information or to sign up, please call the Pro Shop for more details 610-691-9393.



Flightscope Launch Monitor

The leader in 3d Doppler technology is here at Bethlehem Golf Club!

FlightScope's 3D ball tracking devices and golf radars can measure a number of variables related to golf balls.

These include:

- Real time tracking
- Ball speed
- Vertical and horizontal launch angles
- Sidespin
- Backspin

With this data we can now custom fit you for all your equipment and provide you with the best equipment that will be tailored for your game.

Flightscope's 3D motion tracking devices are not just about ball measurement, they can also help with your golf swing analysis by measuring variables related to your golf club, such as:

- Club head speed
- Club vertical attack angle
- Club horizontal attack angle
- Club face angle

For more information on the Flightscope, or to schedule a session, call the pro shop at 610-691-9393 or email Paul Viola at pviola@bethlehem-pa.gov



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