

BETHLEHEM PARKS & RECREATION FALL NEWSLETTER



TRICK OR TREAT IT IS ALMOST HALLOWEEN!

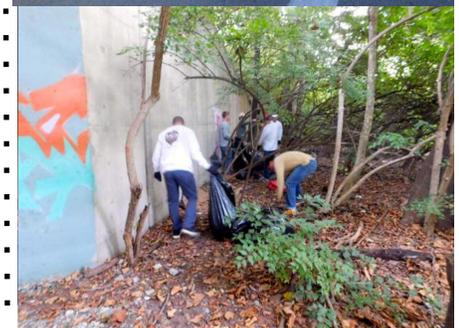
The 94th annual Halloween Parade will be held Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm. The rain date is Sunday, November 1st at 2:00pm. Anyone interested in participating may register by contacting the Recreation office or going to the City of Bethlehem's website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov/parks and completing the registration form. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 20th. 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 and Individuals. All entries must be decorated in a Halloween theme!



Helping Hands

Lehigh Lacrosse once again was a great help this year as we scheduled a team clean up down on Sand Island. This team building experience benefits both the team and the local community. A special thanks to Coach Cassese, the team, and Lehigh University for all your help!



TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat night is Friday, October 30th from 6-8pm.

Rain Date is Saturday, October 31st.

Be Safe!

THE SUMMER IN REVIEW

We held many fun events this summer which included a new program that featured weekly activities at the pools. Some of these programs included: fitness days, arts & crafts, bingo, bubble soccer, and wildlife presentations.

Our summer playground program was held at 8 playgrounds. Our partnership with BASD also continued to provide free lunches to all playground attendees.

Bethlehem Adventure Camp continued this summer with its 8th rendition. Wrapping up the 8th year of the program, Adventure Camp is a collaboration between the City of Bethlehem Recreation Department, Wildlands Conservancy and Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. Activities include canoeing, standup paddle boarding, rock climbing, hiking, biking, archery, white water rafting, and fishing. The camp also received financial support from Wegmans of Bethlehem and Weis Markets on Crawford Drive.

Movies in the Park continued in the City parks with 6 movie nights. Some movies featured this year were Annie, Big Hero Six, and the Goonies. A special thanks to the Cops N' Kids Reading room for donating books and to the Bethlehem Fire Department and the Bethlehem Health Department for their help with the Planes: Fire and Rescue Movie at Clearview Park.

In June, Bubble Soccer bounced its way into Bethlehem. six teams rolled around for three plus hours in downtown Bethlehem. Former Mayor John Callahan and his team of Freedom High School graduates and students brought home the title.

In August we had local youth from Yosko Park help a group from HALA (Hispanic American League of Artists) paint a colorful mural behind the basketball courts. The project took a week and the kids enjoyed taking part in the beautification of the park.

Wildlands Conservancy conducted its first ever summer camp at Monocacy Park this summer. A total of 87 kids participated in 3 one week daycamps. Activities included stream studies, tubing, building solar powered ovens, wildlife presentations, and more! Wildlands Conservancy is based in Emmaus and is the premier non-profit landtrust of the Lehigh Valley with programs running throughout the year. The City of Bethlehem is grateful to have a strong relationship with them and we look forward to partnering with them again next summer.



PARK PROJECTS

City Seeks Donations to Return Soldier to Eternal Post

The City of Bethlehem is seeking donations to repair damages to the Captain Jonathan K. Taylor Civil War Monument located in the City's Rose Garden. A weakening of the soldier's base was causing the soldier to progressively lean backwards. It was decided to remove the soldier from his base before he fell off in order to avoid further damage to the monument valued in 1994 at \$250,000. Repairs to the base and soldier are estimated at \$20,000. The City needs your help to raise these funds. Please consider making a tax deductible donation* to the "Cpt. JK Taylor Civil War Monument" fund. For more information, please call the Department of Parks & Public Property 610-865-7081.



Donations are to be sent to:
City of Bethlehem
Parks & Public Property
10 E. Church St.
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Johnston Park to Get New Pedestrian Bridge over the Monocacy Creek

The City of Bethlehem recently acquired a pair of 58' wrought iron, "pratt-type" bridge trusses that were built in the region in 1881. It is the City's goal to repurpose the pair of trusses as a pedestrian foot bridge over the Monocacy Creek in the City's Johnston Park. The repurposed bridge will replace an existing bridge that is not up to current ADA standards and is reaching the end of its useful life.



Historic Stone Walls Repaired in Saucon and Johnston Parks

In 2011, Hurricane Irene severely damaged two historic stone walls located in two city parks. A wall located in Saucon Park along the Saucon Creek and a wall located in Johnston Park along the Monocacy Creek were both damaged by flood waters from the heavy rains of Hurricane Irene. With the funding assistance from PEMA and FEMA, the stone walls are currently being repaired. The walls were originally built in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration which put unemployed people to work during the Great Depression.



Skateplaza 'Steels' the Show

The 'Za will be getting a new steel shade canopy installed this fall over the 10-stair obstacle/main stage area. Funding for the project is provided by Northampton County Open Space grant funds and city capital funds. When the action takes a break, the Skateplaza's Main Stage will serve as a community gathering place. From church groups to local community outreach programs, the Main Stage will serve members of the community from all walks of life throughout the entire year serving as a focal point for concerts, competitions, community gatherings and also providing a place for visitors of Bethlehem to watch the action unfold.



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With winter almost here and summer behind us, it is almost time to start making ice for the 2015-2016 season. Our first public session will be Friday, November 13th. Whether being the social hotspot for tweens on a Friday and Saturday night or a place to learn how to figure skate, or play Ice Hockey, the Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Rink offers it all! We are currently taking signups for our skating school. The first session starts November 21st. Classes are 30 minutes and there are 4 classes per session. Please visit our website for more information about session dates, times and cost, 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 1-4pm. Evening sessions are Friday & Saturday 7:30-9:30pm.

Check the Rink for special events, 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.

Adult Recreation

Registrations are currently being accepted for our adult winter basketball league. If you have a team interested in participating, please contact the office at 610-865-7081 for more information.

We will be hosting a second round of bubble soccer on November 14th from 10am-2pm at the Celtic Highland games field at Main St and Lehigh St. Teams are encouraged to preregister as we can only accommodate a certain amount of players. Call the office for more details



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Office Staff - Bamboi Coyle & Judy Stiles



The Bethlehem Golf Club is open as long as the weather is nice. Keep a lookout for our special cold weather pricing coming soon.

Our proshop is always open and has the latest golf equipment. Gift certificates for greens fees and lessons are also available.

For more information about our upcoming events, to book a tee time, or to schedule a lesson at our indoor swing room, call the Clubhouse at 610-691-9393.

