



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
Incorporated February 12, 1853

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May 20th, 2025

MAYOR'S REPORT

• **Public Requests/Concerns**

- When will Crosswalks be painted on Broad and Wood Streets (children's safety)
- Storm Water Runoff/Drainage Issue with Price's 301 Liberty St. & Brown's 125 Arch St.
- Nuisance Ordinance Inquiry: 824 Short St. Roof Collapse – Code/Building Inspection?
- Penn St. Bridge Project – Q&A for Mr. Thompson – Status Update, Next Steps?

• **Playground/Park Project**

- Standard Operating Procedures & Policies submitted to solicitor for review
 - Public Concern: People smoking at Park Pavilion; No smoking signs?
- Councilman Gold shared draft registration form; being reviewed by solicitor
- Reminder: Council voted 'first come, first serve' until end of 2025 (no reservations)
 - **DRAFT:** Borough Website Park Events Calendar (Approve/Deny requests)
 - List Freedom Festival, Peanut Butter Festival, Hymn Sing, Farmer's Market, etc.?

• **Phone System & Security Cameras**

- Phone System – Green Digital Innovations to complete by end of this week.
 - Voicemail, transcriptions-to-email, voice attendant routing/extensions, etc.
- Security Cameras – Beamer completed, and invoice provided to Secretary McGarrity

• **Ordinance Update Committee**

- Parks and Recreation (Rules, Regulations), Nuisances, Dangerous Structures (Blight)
 - Revisions in-progress; will be sent to Committee for review by end of week

• **Letter(s) of Recommendation**

- Letters for RV High School Teaching candidate and Smucker's candidate
- Letter for student applying for Cornell University Research Internship

• **Events Attended/Supported**

- Mayor Presentation @ Wesleyan Methodist School (Christian Leadership in Local Gov.)
- RV Day of Giving, Garden Planters, National Police Week, Men's Prayer Breakfast

• **Community**

- CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Community Yard Sales June 6th & 7th | Bingo June 16th @ 5:30pm Trinity Hall | Customer Appreciation Day, June 27th 9am to 3pm
- COMMUNITY CENTER: [FB.com/RVCommunityCenter](https://www.facebook.com/RVCommunityCenter) for upcoming events
 - Duck Hunt May 23rd | Daddy/Daughter Dance June 7th 6-9pm @ Leatherwood Hall
- HISTORY SOCIETY: [FB.com/RVHistory](https://www.facebook.com/RVHistory) | June 16th Boats to Build Presentation

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter and/or Councilman Bryan Ruth*
- Next meeting is this Thursday 5/22/25 | Call Chief/Deb for questions about police report
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- *Report provided by Mayor Gordon Barrows*
- Gun Bash Tickets Available | Beef Sticks Fundraiser In-progress | Planning Jeep Fundraiser
- Upcoming Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | Donation received for NB Fishing Event
- Monthly meetings the second Monday of each month rotating between communities.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Scott Barrett and/or Councilman Brian Fox*
- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | Riverside Shopping Spree In-progress | Boot Drive in May
- Special equipment purchase will be revealed to public over next month; great for community!
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- *Report provided by RVMA Rep. Councilman Don Heeter*
- Next meeting Thursday, June 19th @ 7pm | Replacing Railing at Dam | Repairing Beautiful Lookout & Cottage Hill Tanks (holes) | Wastewater Tank Repair | Safety Lights for Employees
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices – [FB.com/RVMAOnline](https://www.facebook.com/RVMAOnline)
- Meetings 3rd Thursday of every other month @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

Respectfully,

Gordon V. Barrows

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