



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

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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July 15th, 2025

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**

- Cemetery No Admittance sign after 9pm (signs at entrance/exit for police enforcement)
- Crosswalks painting for Broad and Wood Streets (Contact PennDOT?)
- Storm Water Drainage w/ 301 Liberty St. and 125 Arch St. (Contact PennDOT?)
- Nuisance Ordinance: 824 Short St. Roof Collapse – Code/Building Inspection (Status?)
- Penn St. Bridge Project – availability of bids? (Status from engineering report?)
- Concrete Pad for Porta Johns in Gumtown Park (being poured tomorrow)

- **Playground/Park Project**

- Standard Operating Procedures & Policies submitted to solicitor for review (Status?)
- Draft employment agreement for event manager – draft ready for review/approval
 - park@NewBethlehemBoro.com email for scheduling and general inquiries
- See attached report for status update (recruiting additional committee members)
- Met w/ 'potential' committee member Rhonda Toth. Scheduled apt w/ Lindsay Deibler.

- **Phone System**

- Phone System – installed/implemented successfully (insights report)

- **Ordinance Update Committee**

- Parks and Recreation (Rules, Regulations), Nuisances, Dangerous Structures (Blight)
 - Ordinance Update Committee met/reviewed & emailed to Solicitor for review

- **Met w/ Clarion County Tourism Group**

- Met with Hind Karns, Joesph Brooker, and Loren Grayson to discuss local tourism with Redbank Valley Chamber for the Peanut Butter Festival and New Bethlehem area
 - CCEDC Public Workshop – July 16th @ NB Presbyterian Church @ 6pm

- **Events Attended/Supported**

- Alcola Park History, Customer App Day, Freedom Festival, Men's Prayer Breakfast

- **Community**

- RV CHURCH ASSOC. Food Pantry needs boxes of cereal donated | 814.367.3331
- CLARION COUNTY FAIR – July 20th thru July 26th, 2025 @ Redbank Municipal Park
- CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Peanut Butter Festival Sept. 19th, 20th, 21st k
- RVCC: [FB.com/RVCommunityCenter](https://www.facebook.com/RVCommunityCenter) for events | Family Disney Night Aug. 1st 6-9pm
- HISTORY SOCIETY: [FB.com/RVHistory](https://www.facebook.com/RVHistory) | Underground Railroad Program Aug. 11th

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Hiring FT and PT – will be advertising soon; police academy candidate unfortunately quit school
 - If full staff can be reached, School Resource Officer & Service Area opportunities.
- TikTok Door Kicking Challenge – PSA published – residents advised to report criminal activity.
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- Selling Gun Bash & Sportsman Tickets @ EB Riverfest, Clarion County Fair, Community Days
- Selling Beef Sticks (Barbecue, Teriyaki, & original flavors) | Placemat & Fundraising Letter
- Upcoming Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | Jeep Alliance Fundraiser May 2026
- Monthly meetings the second Monday of each month rotating between communities.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | Turkey Bingo @ Nov 21st | Big Buck details coming soon!
- Pistols Purses Cash Bingo Event @ Aug. 16th @ 4pm | Riverside Grocery Shopping Spree
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- Flushing Fire Hydrants 7/15 to 7/17 | Water Measurement (executive session) | NB Waterline Replacement scheduled for Spring 2026 | RVMA welcomed Don Heeter as newest representative.
- 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,

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