



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
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MAYOR'S REPORT

• **Public Requests/Concerns**

- Nuisance Ordinance on Washington St. New Bethlehem (Letter from Police)
- Cemetery No Admittance sign after 9pm for Police Enforcement (Status?)
- Crosswalks painting for Broad and Wood Streets (Completed)
- Storm Water Drainage w/ 301 Liberty St. and 125 Arch St. (Status?)
- Nuisance Ordinance: 824 Short St. Roof Collapse – Code/Building Inspection (Status?)
- Penn St. Bridge Project – open bids? (Add sidewalk per Councilman Sheffer?)
- Concrete Pad for Porta Johns in Gumtown Park (Completed)

• **Playground/Park Project**

- Standard Operating Procedures & Policies submitted to solicitor for review (Status?)
- President Heeter spoke w/ Millissa Bauer, advised Greenways Grant for playground.
 - 250K w/ 15% match – Applications from Feb 1st to May 31st – PA Dept. Community & Economic Development Grant (for Parks & Recreation)
 - Next Playground meeting, Wed., Sept. 10th @ 7pm (Alltel/Windstream Building)

• **Ordinance Update Committee**

- Parks and Recreation (Rules, Regulations), Nuisances, Dangerous Structures (Blight)
 - Remove 150-day notice from multiple ordinances.
 - Reduce remediation time from 30 days to 5 or 10 days.
 - Resolve burning ordinance (reimplement original rules or revise completely?)

• **PennDOT & Chief**

- Chief needs authorization to pursue grant for traffic signal upgrade for Fire, Police & EMS
 - Chief presenting details this evening; support from PennDOT

• **Letters of Support**

- Letter for business owner applying for PHARE grant for apartments & blight cleanup.
- Letter for CCEDC to support façade grant to beautify businesses on Broadstreet in NB

• **Events Attended/Supported**

- CCEDC Tourism Meeting, Underground Railroad History, Men's Prayer Breakfast, etc.

• **Community**

- REDBANK PARK: Poker Run, Saturday, Aug. 6th
- REDBANK REN: Big Dog Show (Art/Charity Event) Sept 19-21st w/ PB Festival
- CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Peanut Butter Festival Sept. 19th, 20th, 21st

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Meeting w/ New Superintendent over next few weeks | New wiring infrastructure & Telephones
- Hired another PT officer; actively hiring more PT & FT officers | Budget meeting 8/20 @ 7pm
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- Selling Gun Bash & Sportsman Tickets @ Riverside in New Bethlehem & Rimersburg
- 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!
- Poker Run and Home Football Games – covered by Fire Police | Side-by-side has pump/hose.
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- NB Waterline Replacement scheduled for Spring 2026 | Water Letters | Next meeting 8/21 @ 7pm
- 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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