



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
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November 18th, 2025

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Solid waste resident concern on East Washington St. (Issue resolved successfully)
 - Penn St. Bridge Project – Delayed in Aug., Sept., Oct.: open bids in November meeting?
- **American Legion Items**
 - **Wreaths Across America:** \$17/wreath, Deadline Dec 1st | Forms available at S&T Bank, RV Library, and Riverside | Ceremony Dec. 13th @ 1pm at Veterans Park in NB
 - **Veterans Banners:** Valley Advantages, VFW, RV Chamber, and several individuals interested in leading/helping | public meeting to be scheduled early December
- **Playground/Park Project (ongoing)**
 - Greenways Grant - 250K w/ 15% match – Applications from Feb 1st to May 31st, 2026 – PA Dept. Community & Economic Development Grant (for Parks & Recreation)
 - Actively working on preparing the grant requirements and documentation
- **Ordinance Update Committee (ongoing)**
 - Parks and Recreation (Rules, Regulations), Nuisances, Dangerous Structures (Blight)
 - Draft changes submitted for review (update from Solicitor?)
- **Letters of Support**
 - One (1) letter of recommendation for student applying to John Hopkins University
- **Food Pantry Proclamation**
 - Issued emergency proclamation due to government shutdown & lack of SNAP benefits.
 - Declared months of Nov. and Dec. ‘Donate to local Food Pantry months’
 - Published proclamation on website, social media, developed flyer to promote
- **Events Attended/Supported**
 - CCEDC Vision Meeting, RVHS Craft & Vendor Show, Men’s Prayer Breakfast, etc.
- **Community**
 - 15th Annual Kessa’s Blessings Turkey Trot | Nov. 27th @ 8am by Zacks & Valley Flowers
 - RV CHURCH ASSOC: Community Thanksgiving Worship Sun. Nov. 23rd 7pm @ NB First Baptist | Christmas Festival of Carols Worship Sun. Dec. 7th 7pm @ Oakland COG
 - RV LIBRARY: Multiple workshops, fun family events (*See their FB page*)
 - RV CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Christmas Parade, Saturday, Dec 6th @ 6pm

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Successful Banquet Dinner | Fully Staffed 6 officers | Robert Cornman recognized at dinner.
- All Borough advertised ordinance amendments, looking forward to approval/signatures in Dec.
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- Ongoing development of Drone Unit | Dine-to-Donate Applebee's Fundraiser (15%) 1/18/26
- 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 and 24th | Big Buck Dec. 13th @ 8pm
- Updating Bylaws starting Jan 1st, 2026, to improve recruitment/retention | Elections in December
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- New hire doing well | NB Waterline Replacement Spring 2026 | Reviewing employee wage raises.
- 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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