



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

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
  - Snow plowing / sidewalk safety concern on Broad St. (Snow cleared, citation issued)
  - Ordinance 883 requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hrs. after snow ends for safety
  - Penn St. Bridge Project – Bids to be opened in Dec. meeting; planning/design completed
- **American Legion Items**
  - Valley Advantages and VFW co-leading effort; Chamber to assist w/ promotion/awareness
- **Business Support**
  - Contacted 'Valley Dairy Restaurant' to consider Evermoore's location (open to options)
  - Confirmed contact information for Property Management Firm for old Rite Aid Property
    - Forwarded several 'opportunities' and interested parties for consideration
- **Playground/Park Project (ongoing)**
  - Greenways Grant - 250K w/ 15% match – Applications from Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – PA Dept. Community & Economic Development Grant (for Parks & Recreation)
    - Grant requirements & documentation to be ready to review in January 2026
- **Ordinance Update Committee (ongoing)**
  - Parks and Recreation (Rules, Regulations), Nuisances, Dangerous Structures (Blight)
    - Need to draft press release to provide public explanation
- **Letters of Support**
  - One (1) letter of support to Property Management Firm for old Rite Aid property
- **Financial Assistance Directory**
  - Handful of families contacted my office seeking financial assistance w/ utilities, bills, etc.
  - Tri-County Income-Utility Assistance Directory: [RedbankValley.org/assistance-directory](https://redbankvalley.org/assistance-directory)
- **Events Attended/Supported**
  - Big Buck Contest & Gun Raffle, Christmas Parade, Snack w/ Santa, Charity of Trees, RV High School Choir/Band Concerts, RVCA Choir Cantata, Men's Prayer Breakfast, etc.
- **Community**
  - RV CHURCH ASSOC: [FB.com/nbrvca](https://fb.com/nbrvca) Church Christmas Eve & Candlelight Services
  - RV LIBRARY: Multiple workshops, fun family events (*See their FB page*)
  - RV CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://fb.com/RVChamber) | Weekly Email/Social Media Blast

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**REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- NB had 54 calls last month, 538 calls this year, 598 calls last year | Ride-alongs popular (5 kids)
- TRACS system moving forward; equipment install scheduled for Q1 of 2026 (digital tickets).
- Meetings set the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

**POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT**

- Mariannas Hoagies/Pizza (\$10) Fundraiser | Dine-to-Donate Applebee's Fundraiser (15%) 1/18/26
- Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | Soup for Safety Fundraiser | Jeep Alliance Event May 26
- Monthly meetings second Monday of each month. Rimersburg odd months. NB even months.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pew/Bangs and Cash Bingo 2/7/26 @ 5pm
- Updating Bylaws starting Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to improve recruitment/retention | Elections went well
- Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

**RVMA REPORT**

- Meeting this Thursday 12/18 | NB Waterline Replacement Spring 2026 | Employee wage raises.
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices – [FB.com/RVMAOnline](https://www.facebook.com/RVMAOnline)
- Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

**NOTE: RVMA and SCCRPD representatives will be needed Q1 of 2026 – can be appointed by Council**

Respectfully,

*Gordon V. Barrows*

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