



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

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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May 19th, 2026

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - RV Chamber requests dirt pile in Gumtown park evened out for PB Festival vendors
 - Multiple residents concerned with dangerous structures/blighted properties (on-going)
- **Visit(s) to Redbank Valley High School**
 - Presented/taught Dr. Joe Harmon's local government/civics classes about being Mayor
 - Participated in Mr. Blane Gold's 'Search for Work Day' on behalf of Police Dept.
- **Business/Community Support**
 - Veterans Banners being hung today. Shared special thanks to VFW & Valley Advantages!
 - American Legion recognized my efforts to support local veterans; humbled to be of service
 - Promoting RV Chamber Fireworks – 10-12K for Freedom Festival & PBF Fireworks show
- **Playground/Park Project (ongoing)**
 - Greenways Grant – 'Second' round of funding – Application window from May 31st to October 31st, 2026 – PA Dept. Community & Economic Dev. Grant (Parks & Rec.)
 - Grant requires Borough own the property or have it under sales agreement
 - Conducted first meeting last Tuesday; went well, discussed funding alternatives
 - Draft damage deposits / rental polices & procedure for upcoming events/activities
- **Ordinance Update Committee (ongoing)**
 - Attended committee meeting with Councilman Griffin; emailed Councilman Bell
 - Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Catering/Event Venue) If approved, advertise.
 - Dangerous Structures / Building Inspection Ordinance/Amendments (Rimersburg Model)
 - Written Decorum Policy & Demolition Ordinance; suggested by Solicitor Menchyk
 - President Barrett suggested training/playbooks for new council members (*in-progress*)
- **Letters/Writing**
 - Drafted letter for Broadwood Towers Residents regarding parking concern
 - Drafted letter for Moose Lodge w/ Councilwoman Johnson's grant list
 - Drafted Decorum Resolution for the public; review/approval for advertising by Council
- **Community**
 - RV CHURCH ASSOC: [FB.com/nbrvca](https://www.facebook.com/nbrvca) Community Lenten/Easter Services (*See FB page*)
 - RV LIBRARY & RV COM CENTER: workshops, family-fun events (*See both FB pages*)
 - RV CHAMBER: [FB.com/RVChamber](https://www.facebook.com/RVChamber) | Community Yard Sales June 5th & 6th (*8am-4pm*)

New Bethlehem Borough fosters business, community, and personal growth within the borough while maintaining the small town appeal and family friendly environment that makes New Bethlehem a great place to work, live and raise a family.



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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- **Hiring Admin Assistant – details on website** | TRACS digital ticketing system (in-progress)
- Expansion/growth in neighboring communities/schools | Drone Unit & K9 Unit (in-progress)
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- July 3rd: SCPA & RV Chamber working in conjunction: Cops & Bobbers Fishing Derby (8am to 1pm) & **Freedom Festival** (4pm/afternoon till dusk/fireworks) @ Gumtown Park
- Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) | Summer Grill Ticket w/ Meat/Freezer (Available!)
- Monthly meetings @ 7pm second Monday of each month. Odd Months @ Rimersburg Community Building. Even Months @ NB Windstream/Alltel Building.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | Updating bylaws/polices/procedures w/ Attorney (in-progress)
- Establishing professional emails (in-progress) | **Boot Drive Fundraiser Friday, May 22nd**
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- **Hiring Admin Assistant – details on website** | Waterline Replacement Project Q2/Q3
- Alerts/Notices: Water Main Breaks, Emergencies, Boil Water notices – [FB.com/RVMAOnline](https://www.facebook.com/RVMAOnline)
- Meetings 3rd Thursday of even months @ 7pm @ Windstream Building 212 Lafayette St.

Respectfully,

Gordon V. Barrows

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The Honorable Mayor of New Bethlehem Pennsylvania



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