



**Borough of
New Bethlehem**
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November 19th, 2024

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Public Requests/Concerns**
 - Positive comments how nice Gumtown Park is looking, thanks to Public Works Dpt.
 - Thanks to Roger, Chris, Josh, Chief Malnofsky, Ray Guntrum, Carl Bish, etc.
 - RV Intermediate School requested American Flags for Veterans Program
 - Ray Guntrum & I donated ten (10) flags to the fifth-grade class
- **Playground/Park Project**
 - Physical Address for Gumtown Park is 240 Water Street; mailing is 210 Lafayette Street
 - Updating Google Search; developing Facebook page, and webpage on Boro site
 - Internal planning meetings can be accounted for at future Borough work sessions.
 - For 2025; electrical upgrades, security cameras, & seeking grants/funding for playground.
 - Schedule meeting w/ Chamber; develop intergovernmental agreement.
 - Investigate and apply for grant(s) specific to playground development / upgrades.
 - DRAFT General Park Rules submitted for Mr. Menchyk's review; SOPs in-progress
- **Letter of Support for PHFA (Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency) Grant**
 - Submitted letter of support for local business owner to improve housing/rental properties.
- **Wreaths Across America**
 - Ray Ishman visited Chamber meeting; provided order forms to support veterans' wreaths.
 - Forms available at Local Banks, Tom's Riverside, Library, TechReady Professionals and Online: RedbankValley.org/Wreaths-Across-America
- **Ordinance Update Committee**
 - Ordinance 889 – Rental Registration drafting updates (Adopt or Table for Revisions?)
 - Short-term rentals e.g., AirBnB, Vrbo, in R1 Residential District as conditional use
 - Ordinance 774 – Signs drafting updates (Advertise for Public Review?)
 - Digital/Electronic signage in Commercial District and R2 District
- **Events Attended/Supported**
 - Shop, Look & Listen, SCPA Police Banquet, FFA High School Veterans Day, RV Historical Society WWII Program, General Election Day, Men's Prayer Breakfast
- **Community**
 - RVCA Community Thanksgiving: Nov. 24th 7pm at St. Charles Catholic Church
 - Kessa's Blessings Turkey Trot: November 28th @ 8am @ Trailhead in New Bethlehem
 - RV Chamber Christmas Parade & Snack w/ Santa: Saturday, December 7th at 6:30pm
 - Community Festival of Carols: December 1st 7pm at Oakland Church of God

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REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter and/or Councilman Bryan Ruth*
- Hired State Constable Robert 'Bob' Cornman as Code/Ordinance Enforcement Officer
- New police car put into service | 2025: TRACS Electronic Ticketing System, K-9 Dog
- Meetings set the 4th Thursday of each month at the Windstream/Alltel Building @ 7pm

POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Don Heeter*
- Police Banquet well-attended | Upgrading Toughbook Laptops | Brady's Cup Jan. 11th @ 4pm
- 2025: Shop w/ a Cop, Joe's Pizza, Subway, and Marianna's Sub Ticket Fundraisers
- Upcoming Events: [FB.com/SCPoliceAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/SCPoliceAssociation) |
- Monthly at Rimersburg Community Center @ 7pm

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

- *Report provided by Councilman Scott Barrett and/or Councilman Brian Fox*
- [FB.com/NewBethlehemFire](https://www.facebook.com/NewBethlehemFire) | Turkey Bingo: Nov. 22nd & 25th 5pm | Big Buck Tickets available
- Pistol, Purses & Cash Bingo: February 1st, 2025, | Grinchmas Craft/Vendor Show Dec. 14th 9a-3p.
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 7pm @ New Bethlehem Fire Hall

RVMA REPORT

- *Report provided by President Lisa Kerle*
- Met w/ Mahoning Twp. Sewage Authority for Negotiations | Improved notification Procedures.
- 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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