

THE SUMMER IN REVIEW



Summer 16 was a fun and exciting summer in the City of Bethlehem. Our playground program was held at 6 playgrounds scattered around the City. Our partnership with BASD also continued to provide free lunches to all playground attendees. Our playground program is always free for the kids to attend! In addition to the playgrounds, our Annual Day Camp held 4 sessions of programs at the Earl E Schaffer Ice Rink. The summer was culminated with the Float your Boat Cardboard boat race held at Memorial Pool. All the playgrounds and Day Camp built and raced boats and then enjoyed the day at Memorial Pool. A special thanks to the Bethlehem Police Department, Bethlehem Fire Department, Bethlehem Area Public Library, Cops N Kids Reading Room, Wildlands Conservancy and Girl Scouts of the Lehigh Valley for providing supplemental programming at the camp and playgrounds.

Bethlehem Adventure Camp continued this summer with its 9th rendition. Wrapping up the 9th year of the program, Adventure Camp is a collaboration between the City of Bethlehem Recreation Department, Wildlands Conservancy and Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. Activities include canoeing, standup paddle boarding, rock climbing, hiking, biking, archery, white water rafting. The camp also received financial support from Wegmans of Bethlehem and Weis Markets on Crawford Dr.

Movies in the Park continued in the City parks with 7 movie nights. Some movies featured this year were Up, Jurassic World, Minions, and Inside Out. Free popcorn was given out before every movie and Cops N Kids Reading room was also at every movie donating books.

We also held another Bubble Soccer event at Clearview Park. We had six teams sign up and roll around for 3+ hours. City Councilman Michael G. Colón took part in the fun.

Wildlands Conservancy brought their Summer Camp back to Monocacy Park this summer. A total of 100 kids participated over the 6 weeks the program was held. Activities included stream studies, tubing, building solar powered ovens, building shelters, wildlife presentations, and more! Wildlands Conservancy is based in Emmaus and is the premier non-profit landtrust of the Lehigh Valley with programs running throughout the year. The City of Bethlehem is grateful to have a strong relationship with them and we look forward to partnering with them again next summer.

If you visited any of the pools this summer, you may have noticed that each pool had a shelf of books available for kids to take home. We ran a Book Drive before and during the summer to help curb the summer learning slide kids experience during the summer months. This was in conjunction with the Lehigh Valley Summer Learning Coalition. Over 3,000 books were collected and 2,000 were given out at the pools. The remaining books were donated to the Cops N Kids Reading Room.



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With winter almost here and summer behind us, it is almost time to start making ice for the 2016-2017 season. Our first public session will be Friday, November 11th. Whether being the social hotspot for tweens on a Friday and Saturday night or a place to learn how to figure skate, or play Ice Hockey, the Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Rink offers it all! We are currently taking signups for our skating school. The first session starts November 19th. Classes are 30 minutes and there are 4 classes per session. Please visit our website for more information about session dates, times and cost, at www.bethlehem-pa.gov/parks

Our afternoon public sessions are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 1-5pm. Thursday, Saturday, & Sunday 1-4pm. Evening sessions are Friday & Saturday 7:30-9:30pm.

The Municipal Ice Rink is a perfect place to host a birthday party. There are two private rooms available for rentals during the public sessions. Time between public sessions is also available for private rentals to teams, clubs, and community/corporate groups. Reservations can be made for the Rink or Party Room, subject to availability.

Be sure to check out The Rink for special events, ice hockey games, shows, competitions, and more. Season Passes are available in the Recreation Office at City Hall. For more information please call the office at 610-865-7081.

Adult Recreation

Registrations are currently being accepted for our adult winter basketball league. If you have a team interested in participating, please contact the office at 610-865-7081 for more information.



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The Bethlehem Golf Club is open as long as the weather is nice. Keep a lookout for our special cold weather pricing coming soon.

Our proshop is always open and has the latest golf equipment. Gift certificates for greens fees and lessons are also available.

For more information about our upcoming events, to book a tee time, or to schedule a lesson at our indoor swing room, call the Clubhouse at 610-691-9393.

