

A good source of information from the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce

The Bethlehem Gadfly [coronavirus](#) April 2, 2020

 *Latest in a series of posts on the coronavirus* 

Gadfly has always found this “What’s Going on in Bethlehem” newsletter by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce very helpful, especially now. Gadfly suggests **subscribing**.

See, for instance, the list of informational web sites in the first block.

Week of April 2, 2020



In light of the economic impact our local merchants face due to COVID-19 we are sharing the many ways you can still support local businesses and bring Bethlehem to you!

Here are some informational websites to stay in the loop about what’s happening in Bethlehem:

[Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Heart of Bethlehem Facebook](#)

[Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Facebook](#)

[Visit Bethlehem Facebook](#)

[Southside Arts District Facebook](#)

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We are also encouraging those who can to shop local online and order take out from

your favorite local restaurants!



Virtual Events



Southside Arts District

Happening on First Fridays

Each First Friday Bethlehem's SouthSide Arts District comes to life, celebrating art, music, their unique shops and delicious restaurants. And this Friday is no different. The Arts District invites you to join them on Facebook at 4pm with the SouthSide's Downtown Manager, Missy Hartney to learn which restaurants and bars are offering curbside pickup and how to shop local during this time. "We want to give people a sense of normalcy, and we couldn't think of a better way to do that, than by celebrating on a Friday night. Get take out, go home safely and enjoy live local music on Facebook," said Hartney. "Supporting local businesses is crucial right now. When the dust settles and we are all back to work and school, we want these businesses to still be here. These are our neighbors that run these shops and restaurants. If we don't support them now, we won't have them when we make it to the other side, so if you have plans to treat yourself with takeout please support local!"

In addition to local restaurant specials, at 7PM local musicians will take over the SouthSide's Facebook Page offering viewers live entertainment for their Friday night. Kendal Conrad, local American Country singer-songwriter, kicks off the evening at 7pm, followed by Carlos Barata, Soulful Alternative singer-songwriter, and at 8pm Classic Rock singer-songwriter Ralph Pagano. Viewers who like and share each performance with the hashtag #facebookfirstfriday will get the chance to win a \$100 gift card to the

SouthSide retailer or restaurant of their choice. The more performances they share, the more chances to win! The winner will be announced Friday evening on the SouthSide's Facebook page!

For more information on all the local shops and restaurants still in operation in the SouthSide please visit: <https://southsideartsdistrict.com/support-local-merchants/>

Special thank you to our First Friday Sponsors – ArtsQuest, The Bethlehem Parking Authority and Lehigh University for making First Friday possible!



Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites

Free Sundays at Home Starting April 5, 2020

Every Sunday from 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Just because the Kemerer Museum is closed doesn't mean you have to miss out on the fun of Free Sundays! Every Sunday, Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites will send a newsletter to keep the kids entertained at home. Enjoy a variety of multi-media resources to help kids delve into design!

For more information, visit our website

<https://historicbethlehem.org/programs/free-sundays-at-home/>



The Bach Choir at Bethlehem Presents:

Bach at Noon In Your Home!

April 14, 2020 from 12 PM – 1 PM

You're invited to an ONLINE watch party where we'll present our January Bach at Noon concert in its entirety. The concert includes Greg Funfgeld's informal, enlightening insights into the music, performed by members of The Bach Choir and Bach Festival Orchestra.

You can access the concert on The Bach Choir's YouTube Channel or Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BethlehemBach

Bethlehem Area Public Library

For many of us, there is no greater feeling than browsing bookshelves at your local library—running your finger along the spines, feeling the inspiration, searching for your next great read among your fellow seekers. But we can't get to the library these days—so we're going online!

Of course offering electronic resources is nothing new to the modern public library, but the current required social distancing is inspiring new heights in remote resource offering. The Bethlehem Area Public Library is just as committed as ever to serving the community. We're offering free online services, programs and resources—ways to learn, to grow, to inform and discover, and to stay connected.

That includes offering new and favorite programs online!

To access these programs, visit
<https://www.bapl.org/events/categories/virtual-events/>



Bethlehem Parking Authority News:

Mayor Bob Donchez announced today that the free parking being offered in the New Street Parking Garage at 324 S New Street and the North Street Parking Garage at 85 W North Street has been extended until 4/13/2020. As a reminder, vehicles will have 24 hours to exit after noon on 4/13/2020 or they will be charged the full duration of their stay.

Additionally, the following parking enforcement

changes have been extended until 4/13/2020:

- Booting of vehicles will be suspended until further notice.
- Suspending of citation late fees for penalties starting 3/1/2020 until 4/13/2020.
- Street cleaning enforcement suspended until further notice.
- Citations are being issued for public safety violations only. Examples of public safety issues include, but not limited to:
 - Double parking
 - Handicapped zones/Handicapped parking spaces
 - Fire hydrants
 - Blocking crosswalks
 - Prohibited Zones
 - Loading Zones
 - Blocked driveways

In addition to that, selected meter parking is free for 15 minutes if you are picking up curb side orders in Bethlehem. Meter bags will be marked and there will be a maximum of two pick up parking spaces per city block.

Please monitor the City's website at www.bethlehem-pa.gov and social media for additional information including closures of City facilities, postponement of public meetings and updates on COVID-19.





INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR EVENT:

If you are interested in submitting your event for inclusion in the “What’s Going on in Bethlehem?” newsletter, please input event information and a graphic here:

<https://bethlehempa.org/submit-to-newsletter/>

All submissions must be received no later than Wednesday at Noon. Please note that events will be included as space permits and sending an event is not an automatic inclusion.