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## bin Laden's death has political repercussions

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By NATE JASTRZEMSKI  
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Though a relatively small action and significant more as a symbolic stroke than a strategic victory, the death of terrorist maestro Osama bin Laden May 1 nonetheless purports massive consequences.

Debate has erupted nationally and internationally regarding the strike's legality, the expected severity of Al Qaeda backlash and the affect on U.S. rela-

tions with Middle Eastern states.

Several local professors from Northampton Community College, Moravian College and Lehigh University have added their perspectives to the international clamor.

One significant aspect of bin Laden's death on a strategic level of national defense is that it likely had very little, if any effect on Al Qaeda operations.

"His killing is unlikely to have an impact on the

operational abilities of al-Qaeda cells," said Lehigh associate sociology professor Ziad Munson. "He has not been involved in that level of planning for some time now as far as we know."

NCC's Vasiliki Anastakos, associate professor of political science, agreed, saying terrorist operations won't be harmed in the long run and his death may serve as a rallying cry for recruitment or retaliation.

Simply put, Al Qaeda's See **BIN LADEN** on Page A2



Gary Olson, Moravian College political science department chair.

By BERNIE O'HARE  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

West Side Moravian Church was the venue for a Bethlehem Planning Commission review of a proposed new zoning ordinance May 4. Despite the presence of engineers, lawyers and politicians in this hallowed atmosphere, there were no thunderbolts. Everyone survived.

From her pulpit, Planning Director Darlene Heller provided 26 people with a detailed review of the city's latest revisions to a proposed new zoning ordinance draft, its first in 40 years. This latest draft is now on the city's website, and public comments are still being accepted.

Once an ordinance is recommended by city planners, it will go to city council.

Lauding as a "user friendly" ordinance, Heller said it provides for more appropriate, yet flexible, urban development. It maintains existing, healthy neighborhoods. Finally, it makes provisions for environmentally sensitive lands.

Here are some of the major changes:

- It will be easier to reuse the old corner stores, vacant in many neighborhoods of many cities, with more flexible parking requirements.
- A "work force hous-

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### TELLING BETHLEHEM'S STORY

## Heritage Trail ready for visitors

By DANA GRUBB  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

Visiting historic sites throughout Bethlehem will become a much more enjoyable and complete experience as the Historic Bethlehem Partnership announced May 2 the opening of its 80-stop Heritage Trail, a 10.9-mile-long tour that traverses the city's north side, Southside and west side.

Residents and visitors to Bethlehem will now be able to rent digital recorders and iPods at the Historic Bethlehem Visitors Center at 505 Main St. for \$12, or purchase them at the same cost as a download from the HBP website (www.historicbethlehem.org for MP3 Players and smart phones).

The trail is divided into six themes: Moravian Founders, Monocacy Valley, Westward Expansion, Victorian Bethlehem, Farm-lands to Industry and Steel.



PRESS PHOTO BY DANA GRUBB

Historic Bethlehem Visitors Center manager Elaine Hardenstine demonstrates the use of a handheld digital recorder to Kate Yaglowski of Bethlehem and her children, Suzannah and Evan, and Comfort Suites Bethlehem sales director David Urban. More photos on page A2.

The Heritage Trail's blue signs will locate each point of interest to aid tour-takers, and allow them to start and stop at any point. Signs #1 through #27 have already been installed by the City of Bethlehem and HBP Executive Director

Charlene Donchez Mowers said the rest will be installed very shortly.

"Bethlehem has a story," said Mayor John Callahan, who called the Monocacy Creek Colonial Quarter "one of America's first business parks."

Raubaut, according to Donchez Mowers, who said Raubaut was looking for something different and outside the normal HBP range of programming. The project has been underway for three years.

Callahan credited city staff who have been instrumental in helping to lay out the trail.

Residents and tourists will not only be able to visit the more traditional Moravian and Bethlehem Steel historic sites, they'll also be able to learn more about National Register properties such as the National Guard Armory at Second and Prospect avenues and various churches and mansions.

J.P. Jordan, production manager at Touchstone Theatre, provided the narration voice.

The project was the brain-storm of public programming chair Dave

## Resident asks to ban bath salts sales

By MARK RECCEK  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

It was an emotionally moving 10 minutes for Michele Gubish, of Hellertown, and council and audience members during the borough's May 2 council meeting.

Gubish, whose son David was recently hospitalized for 18 days in April for consuming bath salts, pleaded with council members to ban the sale of the product, during the section of the meeting reserved for public comments.

Gubish told borough council her son legally purchased the synthetic drug from Lukoil in Hellertown and nearly lost his life as a result of ingesting the product.

"He's made some dumb decisions and the worst decision he's made is to purchase synthetic drugs named bath salts," she said, with tears rolling down her cheeks. "He spent a week on a ventilator. His kidneys and his liver shut down. I have never seen anyone cry yellow tears, but he did."

"We have to do all we can do locally," she stressed to council. "It is a synthetic drug and it's deadly."

After Gubish's comments, borough council members concurred that proactive steps must be taken to ban the sale of the product or at least, regulate its sale.

"I feel strongly we need to take a stand as council," said Council member Gail Nolf. "We

### HELLERTOWN



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK RECCEK

Hellertown resident Michele Gubish addresses audience and council members during the borough's May 2 meeting. Gubish, whose son David, nearly lost his life due to ingesting synthetic bath salts, pleaded with council to ban the product's sale.

are the lowest level of government in the state. We need to take ownership as a borough."

Nolf recommended council collectively draft a letter to U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent and consider adopting an ordinance banning the sale of bath salts and similarly situated synthetic drugs, such as K2.

K2 is a synthetic marijuana type drug that possesses methamphetamine-like qualities.

Borough solicitor Michael Corriere explained to council that it has traditionally been the responsibility of the state to regulate the sale of drugs and drug-related offenses.

"The power we have is in the borough code," Corriere explained. "The state has always regulated and prohibited the sale of drugs. It is the purview of the state and not the municipality."

Council President Philip Weber inquired of Corriere if council could ask individual merchants within the borough to refrain from selling synthetic related drugs.

"You can ask business owners to do anything, voluntarily," Corriere said. "Can we legally require that they not sell it? No."

Council member John Bates said that on a recent trip to a local merchant in the borough, he was the only one in a line numbering six who did not purchase the synthetic

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What do you think of President Obama's decision not to release photos of bin Laden's corpse?



"I think for the sake of world peace, it's the smartest decision, given that the worst thing they would want to do right now is incite terrorism."

**Mike Garrison**  
Emmaus



"I think it's very wise. If he was still alive I'm sure he'd say, 'You guys didn't kill me,' so I don't think we need the proof. Show something that will unify and not divide us."

**Natalie Ching**  
Emmaus



"By showing it in certain places would show respect, yet in other places it shows disgust and disrespect. For example, if we show it in Allentown and Bethlehem, where we have diverse cultures, will people who look different feel safe? I'm also concerned for the safety of my children, who travel and live all over the world."

**Joy Miller**  
Salisbury Township



"As far as photographic evidence is concerned, that shouldn't be what the American people necessarily need. It shouldn't be about the photos. It should be about the closure of September 11 nearly a decade ago. That should be good enough."

**Liam Huczko**  
Hampton, N.J.



"I am not pleased. I believe that there could be much more value to showing them since there is so much doubt. Once they released information about the operation, they should have released the pictures. I think the president is trying to be politically correct."

**Chris Boes**  
Slatington



"What photos? I am skeptical of what our government is telling us right now. I don't believe it was true. I think the operation was timed based on politics. He should show the photos if he has them, because I need to see it to believe it. This is reality."

**Mayra Fernandez**  
Allentown

TELLING BETHLEHEM'S STORY



PRESS PHOTOS BY DANA GRUBB



ABOVE: Blue signs, such as this one at the Tannery in the colonial industrial quarter, will mark each point of interest and provide the best vantage point for observation. LEFT: HBP executive director Charlene Donchez Mowers explained that the Heritage Trail's 80 stops were located throughout six areas in the city and that people taking the tour can walk, jog, hike, bike or drive it.

DEATH

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small teams work far too independently to suffer from the loss of a figurehead.

Repercussions abound in the political scene, however.

Assistant Professor of political science at Lehigh Nandini Deo said the discovery of bin Laden in Pakistan suggests a split in the military-intelligence establishment. "Some very senior military officials surely knew he was there and protected him," she said, "while other generals and their regiments lost men in battles against Pakistani extremists.

"In Afghanistan, this will heighten anxieties about a precipitous American withdrawal from the region. With the primary focus of anti-terror activities eliminated, the fear will be that Americans

will pull out faster and more completely than previously anticipated." Deo said, adding it could destabilize an allied government.

"There will likely be some minor diplomatic uneasiness about the fact that the U.S. conducted its operation within the borders of a sovereign nation," Munson said. "Remember that John McCain pledged NOT to undertake this kind of raid precisely because of concerns over the sovereignty of Pakistan, in the last presidential campaign." Munson said this will make fighting international terrorism more difficult because of the very complicated nature of Pakistani politics.

Anastasakos added the action may have increased a perception the U.S. is to be feared.

"In parts of the world where the U.S. is already perceived as an aggressive superpower (many

parts of the Muslim world may feel this way), this will serve as yet another example of a long history of U.S. aggression and something that simply continues the cycle of violence."

Moravian Political Science Dept. Chair Gary Olson, in an editorial published by the Morning Call, reinforced Anastasakos' opinion. "Killing bin Laden won't undo the hatred for the U.S. because he and al-Qaida were responses to U.S. occupations around the Arab world and beyond. Recall that terrorism is a tactic, and U.S. policy, not bin Laden, was the recruiting magnet for terrorism.

"This will continue until the policy changes or the empire collapses. The Pentagon report from 2004 still applies: 'Muslims do not 'hate our freedom' but rather they hate our policies.'"

SALES

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drug, K2.

Bates further said that today's teens are using spice, potpourri, incense and fertilizer for hallucinogen purposes.

"I think we need to do something, I agree," Bates said. "I'm just not sure what direction. We need to cover it all."

Police Chief Robert Shupp recommended broadening the current criminal code, permitting additional penalties and arrests for synthetic drug

offenses.

"We have to address synthetic drugs in a broader, global sense so that we don't get shot out of the back end," Nolf added.

Council agreed to draft a letter to Dent and tasked Corriere with researching a possible borough ordinance restricting and banning the sale of bath salts and other synthetic drugs.

In other business, Shupp suggested that council look into kenneling stray dogs within the borough. According to Shupp, by holding stray

dogs rather than taking the dogs to the SPCA, it would save the borough roughly \$2,000 a year.

Hellertown veterinarian Susan Ackermann informed council that under the Pa. Dog Law, an individual or municipality must have a license to kennel an animal.

Council asked Corriere to research the state Dog Law and report back with his findings on temporarily kenneling stray dogs.

The next borough council meeting will be held May 16 at 7 p.m. in the Hellertown municipal building.

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In accordance with Pennsylvania Statutes 25 P.S. § 2726, notice is hereby given to the electorate of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania of polling place changes before the May 17th, 2011 Municipal Primary.

**Permanent Changes:**

- Allentown 13-2 from Lincoln School-1402 Walnut St to Episcopal House-1440 Walnut St
- Lower Macungie 8 from Annex Build-6488 Albutis Rd to Macungie Ambulance Corp-5550 N Walnut St
- Upper Macungie 4 from The Velodrome-1151 Mosser Rd to St Paul's Lutheran Church-8227 Hamilton Blvd

The Lehigh County Board of Elections will convene a meeting on Friday, May 20, 2011, 9:00 A.M. in the Election Bureau Office, Government Center - Room 40, 17 South 7th Street, Allentown for the following purposes:

- To commence the official canvassing of votes from the May 17, 2011 Municipal Primary.
- To examine each provisional ballot envelope from the May 17, 2011 Municipal Primary to determine if the individuals who voted a Provisional Ballot were qualified to vote at the election district where the vote was cast.
- General purposes.

Election Board of Lehigh County  
By: Timothy A. Benyo  
Chief Clerk

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ing initiative," designed to encourage more affordable housing, will permit an increased density for developments with more than 20 units in certain areas.

- Solar panels will be permitted by right.

- Buildings making use of green technology can be slightly larger.

- "Shared parking," in which a church or neighbor could agree to allow parking, will be permitted.

- "Cluster development" will be allowed in rural residential areas in exchange for pockets of open space.

- In the city's "downtown" areas, a building height of 150 feet is permitted, but if it's within 60 feet of a residential area, that height is reduced to 75. Along Broad Street, a building height of 60 feet is permitted, but if it's within 50 feet of someone's home, the height is restricted to 45 feet.

Heller continues to recommend rezoning a portion of Easton Avenue, between West Boulevard and Rodgers Street, to "limited commercial." When Bethlehem's Planning Bureau first tried that in 2005, 13 nearby residents complained about "the Stefko-ization" (a reference to the commercial development along Stefko Boulevard) of Easton Avenue. Every member of city council echoed those reservations, and the rezoning idea died.

Bethlehem resident Dana Grubb reminded Heller of that concern, but Heller responded that the type of development allowed along Easton Avenue would be more limited.

Grubb also complained about billboards, which will be permitted along Routes 22, 378, I-78 and 412. He referred to what he called the LED "monstrosity" on the Hill-to-Hill Bridge.

"I know a number of people whose living rooms and bedrooms have been impacted by the intensity of the light," he noted, and warned that there are many apartments and residential areas near Route 378.

One unidentified resident agreed, saying that the LED billboard makes his living room look "like a lightning storm."

Heller stated there will be a separation distance from residential zones.

Bethlehem zoning activist and city council candidate Al Bernotas warned that, because of the deletion of certain definitions, large trucks could be parked in residential areas. He suggested that the ordinance still needs work.

Planners agreed, and Chairman Jim Fiorentino asked Heller to review Bernotas' concerns. Planners will continue their review at their May 12 meeting.

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A lady in Scotland became greatly concerned about her sinful state. She was so troubled one night she couldn't sleep. She paced the floor. Then she sat down and wrote in her diary: "Next week I will get saved." Two days later she became violently ill and then delirious. Before she died her mind cleared long enough for those around to hear her mutter: "I am **one week too late!** I am lost!"

A young lady in New York attended a revival meeting with her parents. A Christian aunt became greatly burdened for her. During the altar call she went to her niece and urged her to get right with God. The niece refused. Later that evening they started home and were involved in an accident. The young lady, thrown violently against a telephone pole, was instantly killed. She was **one hour too late!**

God says, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). I urge you to go to [www.naog.ws/theway.htm](http://www.naog.ws/theway.htm) and read how Jesus is The Only Way to heaven. Then pray and accept Him as your Savior. Don't delay. Proverbs 27:1 warns, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." You may not have another month, week, or hour in which to receive Jesus! Do it **Now** before it's **Too Late!**

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# 'Your voices are very important'

## 'Forum to Promote the General Welfare' highlights need for social service and educational programs

By MARK RECCEK  
Special to the Bethlehem Press

The third floor conference room of NCC's South Side Fowler Center was packed with more than 100 concerned Lehigh Valley citizens attending the Community Action committee of the Lehigh Valley's "Forum to Promote the General Welfare" April 28.

The forum allowed Valley residents the opportunity to share with State representatives Steve Samuelson, Robert Freeman, Joseph Brennan and Douglas Reichley their concerns with Gov. Corbett's proposed budget cuts to social service and educational sources.

Allentown resident and mother of five Milagros Canales Ramos expressed her dismay over proposed budget cuts and the effects that these cuts may have on local programs, like Allentown's Weed and Seed program.

Ramos said the Weed and Seed program has been instrumental in providing her family with educational instruction and a sense of meaning and purpose in life. Without such programs, she said, individuals like her would lose a valuable community-based safety net.



PRESS PHOTO BY MARK RECCEK

Attorney Edward J. White, of Allentown is a lifelong Republican who opposes Governor Corbett's budget and emphasizes that education should be a number one priority.

"They are comforting and they help you," Ramos said. "We need these programs, we need that safety zone and that level of comfort. If there are no programs like this, where are our kids going to go? This is not what America is about."

Tiffany Alvin, a resident of Safe Harbor in Easton and an employee of Giant Food Stores, praised Safe Harbor for the resources the organization has provided to her.

"Safe Harbor is the only family I have had," Alvin said. "If Safe Harbor closes, I would end up homeless again and on the streets. Without them, I don't know where I would be."

Also speaking to the panel of local officials was attorney Edward J. White, of Allentown. White, who is a lifelong Republican, said he vehemently opposes Corbett's proposed budget cuts to education.

White, who is a graduate of Parkland HS, Lehigh University and Villanova University School of Law, said the same educational opportunities should be provided to all children, regardless of geographic location.

"Education is global, national, statewide and local," White said. "We need to make sure the ghetto kids and rich kids all have the same opportunities."

Jeffrey Poch, an inmate of Northampton County prison, thanked the Easton Weed and Seed program for helping him get his life back on track. "I have a son and I did not know how to be a parent to him," Poch said. "The parenting class I took helped me to be a father. These programs have improved the quality of my life and those around me."

Roger Hudak, chairman of the Mayor's South Side Task Force, told the panel of elected officials that the governor's cuts to education will deeply impact after school programs throughout the Bethlehem area. These programs, Hudak said, are staffed by volunteer

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review of every department within County government to identify functions that can be privatized (as was done with the Organic Recycling Center) and programs that can be deferred or eliminated. This approach has led to \$14 million in spending cuts and to the elimination of 75 positions in county government in the budgets presented to the Board of Commissioners during my tenure. In addition, I've stood up to the public employee union bosses and made it clear we want to negotiate contracts that ensure compensation for county employees is in line with that of private sector taxpayers who largely fund county government."

David Najarian R  
Why are you running?  
Last year marks the sec-

ond time in recent memory that the County Commissioners, governed by a majority of Republicans, allowed a double digit tax increase to pass by default. Each time, a less onerous alternative, one with a smaller tax increase, was offered. Each time, the less onerous alternative failed. I'm running with Scott Ott, Lisa Scheller, Vic Mazziotti, because this is our only chance at changing things and these are the people to do it. The fact that we have a team in an open primary shows how things are changing. This is our party's last chance to do what it says.

Biggest issue? Increasing taxes are symptoms of greater problems. This recession began in 2008. Yet here we are in 2011 facing an inevitable but otherwise avoidable County wide tax increase.

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# Zoners nix daycare near school

By BERNIE O'HARE

Special to the Bethlehem Press

Bethlehem's Zoning Hearing Board unanimously shot down opening a child day care across the street from Lincoln ES at its April 27 meeting. Owner Armstrong Millien asked for a special exception that would allow him to convert the first floor of his 1909 Renwick St. home to care for up to 12 grade-school aged children between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays, but zoners were concerned about the small size of his Cape Cod, as well as traffic.

Millien had told zoners that his child care would exist only for students at Lincoln ES, across the street from his home. He added that parents would drop children off in his driveway.

"What do you do when four parents show up at the same time?" asked neighbor Dean Kantz, who also argued that Millien's home is "too compact" for 12 children.

Another neighbor, Christine D'Annibale, indicated that Renwick Street is used as a thruway between Easton Avenue and Stefko Boulevard and traffic on school mornings is "out of control."

In response to ques-

## BETHLEHEM



PRESS PHOTO BY BERNIE O'HARE

Gus Loupos, Bill Fitzpatrick, Ken Kraft and Ron Lutes deliberate Armstrong Millien's request for a special exception that would allow him to convert the first floor of his 1909 Renwick St. home to care for up to 12 grade-school aged children.

tions from Zoning Hearing Board member Bill Fitzpatrick, Millien stated he'd have garbage removed twice every week, but D'Annibale claimed that Millien burns his garbage. Millien denied that, claiming he only burns his mail and only once every year.

In other matters, zoners unanimously approved a 9-foot-wide driveway for property owned by Don and Heidi Caldwell at 416 Carlton Ave. And they approved an addition to a 1936 home

at 15 E. Wall St., owned by Eric and Valerie Watts.

In all these matters, Bethlehem zoning activist and City Council candidate Al Bernotas claimed he was an "interested" party, and as such, was entitled to receive notices of every decision. While stating that Bernotas should be allowed to speak, solicitor Mickey Thompson expressed concerns about the administrative burden of notifying every person who asks to be notified of decisions.

"A 44 cent stamp com-

ing out of Mickey Thompson's office is too much of an administrative burden?" Bernotas asked.

Zoner Ken Kraft accused Bernotas of "grandstanding."

Chairman Gus Loupos told the audience, "We let people speak and speak and speak. I hope this is not interpreted as not allowing Mr. Bernotas to speak."

Bernotas explained, after the hearing, that he wishes to be notified of every decision so he can monitor them.

Animals are available for adoption at the Center for Animal Health & Welfare no-kill shelter, 1165 Island Park Road, Easton. The shelter is working to end pet overpopulation by running a clinic so animals can be spayed or neutered before they go home. For more information, call 610-252-7722 or visit [www.healthyanimalcenter.org](http://www.healthyanimalcenter.org).



Islay is a bit timid but is friendly and connects with one person quickly. She loves toys and attention but will need a calm home. She can be seen by appointment.



Frita is a friendly young female tiger cat that came to the shelter as a stray in August 2010. Frita is sweet and doesn't mind being held and cuddled. She likes other cats.

## VOLUNTEERS

**THE COCO FOUNDATION**, Bethlehem, will need volunteers for 5K run/walk on May 28, at Sand Island in Bethlehem. Contact Ali Lazaridis, 610-737-8413, [alicat406@msn.com](mailto:alicat406@msn.com).

**KREIDERSVILLE COVERED BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**, Northampton, seeks volunteers to participate in the 10 K Run & 5K Run/Walk June 4. Contact Sue Irons, 610-262-9335, [kcbchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:kcbchallenge@gmail.com).

**THE SALVATION ARMY CHILDREN'S SERVICES**, Allentown, needs volunteers to help with special events. Contact Florence Rhue, 610-821-7706, [Florence.rhue@use.salvation-army.org](mailto:Florence.rhue@use.salvation-army.org).

**LEHIGH COUNTY CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES**, Allentown, is seeking creative, enthusiastic, detail-oriented volunteers to help in planning several large events. Contact Abby Goldfarb, 610-439-8653, [agoldfarb@lehighchurches.org](mailto:agoldfarb@lehighchurches.org).

**GIRLS ON THE RUN OF LEHIGH COUNTY**, Topton, needs adult running buddies for third-eighth grade girls as they complete their first 5K June 2. Contact Samantha Schneck, 610-682-1547, [schnecks@diakon.org](mailto:schnecks@diakon.org).

**THE GRESS MOUNTAIN RANCH**, Orefield, a large/small animal sanctuary, needs your help to take care of the "therapy" animals. Contact: Kathy Gress, 610-398-2122, [gressranch@gmail.com](mailto:gressranch@gmail.com).

**ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL**, Quakertown, is looking for Riverside Gift Shop volunteers to greet customers, operate cash register, process daily receipts, re-stock inventory and daily upkeep of the shop. Contact Mary-Etta Lea, 215-538-4846, [leam@slhn.org](mailto:leam@slhn.org).

Contact the Volunteer Center to receive a brochure listing agencies in need of volunteers at 610-807-0336 or e-mail: [vc@volunteerlv.org](mailto:vc@volunteerlv.org). Visit our website [www.volunteerlv.org](http://www.volunteerlv.org) for a larger listing of volunteer opportunities.

## Parking Authority sees old lots, new tech

By NATE JASTRZEMSKI

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Bethlehem Parking Authority commissioners are looking forward to increased and streamlined lot income from the installation of new computerized machines that will monitor entire parking lots and make meters and meter-checking obsolete.

Not only that, but some of the lots slated for the machines are the long-unused spaces on East Third Street, conveniently close to the SteelStacks.

Interim Executive Director Robert Curzi said during

the April 27 meeting two machines - made by Metric Parking - have already been purchased by the city. One will be installed at Cutters Bike Shop at Third and Polk streets, while the other will service the two Taylor Street lots next to Loopers bar.

Curzi explained car owners punch in the number of their parking space - like you would on a Juke Box - and get a ticket receipt as proof of the assigned spot. The pay stations accept coin, cash and credit cards, for simplicity of use. Need four hours to enjoy a concert? You won't need to return

every hour to add money.

Curzi said there are 88 spaces in the Taylor Street lots - which will be open for use first. "With these events coming to SteelStacks those lots will be very important."

Commissioners later voted to purchase two more of the machines - at \$11,250 each, for the Riverport lot and another yet to be determined. Curzi said the cost of purchasing the machines would actually be about the same as 88 meters at \$250 apiece.

Commissioners also voted to donate to Musikfest.

Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber member and Bethlehem Initiatives Vice President Lynn Logue had asked in March for a donation toward the \$66,000 it costs to close Main Street for Musikfest. Authority Member Mike Recchiuti and Chairman Joe Hoffmeier discussed briefly the net income parking makes from Bethlehem's annual festival - about \$110,000 - and everyone agreed to give the Chamber \$5,000.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. May 25 at 85 W. North St.

## Group home planned for Delaware Ave.

By MATT HENGEVELD

Special to the Bethlehem Press

The Moravian Development Corporation has plans to launch an assisted living center at 515 Delaware Ave., Fountain Hill. The group home will house five to 16 residents with mental illnesses, who are working toward establishing consistency in their lives.

"This is just a house,"

### FOUNTAIN HILL

said project representative Jan Kreedon, emphasizing that there will be no on-site treatment outside of occasional visits from professionals.

The home's residents are welcome to have visitors during "normal hours" and family support is strongly encouraged. A 24/7 staff will prepare meals and provide

assistance to residents.

Residents will not be allowed to have vehicles or driver's licenses, but staff members will have access to two vans, lodged on-site. The home is not a "lock-down" facility, Kreedon explained, and residents may move out at any point.

The facility is licensed by the county and will be

run jointly by the Moravian Development Corporation and the county.

Representatives of the project confirmed that the facility is a nonprofit, and will be a taxed entity, paying real estate taxes. The Moravian Development Corporation did not request tax relief for this project.

## FORUM

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are staffed by volunteer teachers, who offer students a place to learn and grow after school hours.

"Your voices are very important," said Rep. Steve Samuelson. "The cuts to education are devastating to our future."

Corbett's proposed \$27.3 billion budget would eliminate nearly \$1 billion from basic education funding.

Rep. Robert Freeman, who supports a Marcellus Shale drilling tax, said the state needs to look at other forms of revenue that will not impact the

common taxpayer.

The lone Republican sitting on the panel, Douglas Reichley, said he did not support tax increases, like the other panelists. Reichley added many school districts are suffering economically due to spending previous federal stimulus dollars on non-essentials, such as the hiring of personnel.

"I can't see how anybody with a heartbeat could not sit behind this table and not feel your plight," said Alan Jennings, CACLV executive director.

The state's budget must be passed and signed by June 30.

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