

At least a tree with each new build

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(11th in a series of posts about 548 N. New St.)

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Gadfly,

As you will notice, there is not a tree or any other living thing in front of the building [548 N. New]. Also if you look at [the developer's] property on Union (Black Box, 124 W. Union), there is nothing but a weed here and there.

I listened recently to a speaker from PHS (PA Horticulture Society) speak about the importance of trees to a city. I wish I could remember the statistics, but the de-forestation of PA is a real concern. Bethlehem likes to put up signs about being Tree City USA but does nothing, requires nothing of builders, to support the citizens who have trees on their property. There is nothing to encourage a person to plant a tree.

I think this should be mandatory on any new building that there be some sort of greenery and at least a tree with each new build.

Kate

And the Union building is not a “bungalow,” which is defined as “a one-storied house with a low-pitched roof.” Just sayin’.

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