

“Not funny any more” (35)

The Bethlehem Gadfly Martin Tower, Serious Issues May 7, 2019

(35th in a series on Martin Tower)

Martin Tower demolition May 19

www.martintowerbethlehem.com

Informational meeting

Thursday, May 9, 6PM

Nitschmann Middle School

“It is amazing to me that so many people are reacting to this implosion
as entertainment or spectacle rather than a health risk.”

Barbara Diamond

John Marquette is a retired librarian/archivist, author, historian, and a resident of Bethlehem. His current project is focused on the restoration of the interior of the Archibald Johnston Mansion in Housenick Park.

Gadfly:

There's been no comment from the medical practice of Bethlehem Eye Associates, where I had my cataract procedure exams and follow ups

performed. Again, right cross the street from the tower. How will they ensure the building is sealed against the particulates? And how about the St. Luke's cardiovascular building across the street, or the neonatal practice? I've joked about the tower complex being Bethlehem's "Little Chernobyl," but that when the property was in a state of advanced abandonment, not covered in mixed-component post-demolition particulate matter. Not funny anymore.

John

Gadfly has learned that reps from the Air Quality Program, Northeast Regional Office, and the Bureau of District Mining Operations will be present Thursday.

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