

# Zoom invitation: Protecting the Chimney Swifts of Bethlehem (Monday, 12/14, 7PM)

The Bethlehem Gadfly Environment, Swifts December 11, 2020

🦋 Latest in a series of posts on the environment 🦋

*Let's boom the Zoom!*



## Protecting Threatened Chimney Swift Populations

video

*“These are the dolphins of the sky. They are magical and happy. And they are just out there cleaning up our skies, removing all these insects that bug the heck out of us.”*

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*Dear Friends of the Swifts,*

*Below, please find the link to a meeting on **Monday, 12/14/20 at 7 pm** to discuss the Chimney Swifts of Bethlehem.*

**Update:** The Masonic Lodge is scheduled for demolition in the next 3 months. The developer has agreed to build a chimney swift tower on the property to replace the Masonic Lodge chimney **with the help of the community**. Scott Burnet, Chairperson of the Habitat Committee of the LV Audubon Society and chimney swift expert, has been in conversation with the developer about the dimensions, construction and location of the chimney swift tower. The developer has consulted with his structural engineer. The plan is to build a 30' high 5' square tower out of masonry. Scott Burnet concurs that a tower built out of masonry is better and longer lasting than one built out of wood. The cost is estimated at \$20,000.

*Goals of our meeting:*

*Educate all of us about this threatened species—Scott Burnet*

*Share possible fundraising strategies for the construction of a Chimney Swift Tower at the Masonic Lodge redevelopment site*

- 1. Individuals*
- 2. Foundations*
- 3. Grants*

*Discuss visions, goals, and strategies for a Bethlehem city-wide effort to Save the Swifts*

*Jennie Gilrain*

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*Topic: Save the Swifts*

*Time: Dec 14, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and  
Canada)Join Zoom Meeting*

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