

Achievements 2016/ Mayor's Office

Met with Local, State, and Federal officials to discuss City issues and projects.

New 25M office building on Southside Bethlehem with St. Luke's/Lehigh University as anchors.

Improved the City's Bond Rating two steps from BBB to A.

Satellite office for CareerLink in the Hispanic Center.

Completed overlay on Main Street, between Church Street and New Street, repaired/replaced sidewalks, installed underground wiring and installed music speakers.

Unveiled/updated City webpage in English and Spanish.

Instituted an administrative gift policy to be followed by all Department Heads and City Employees.

Met with Sen Browne/Boscola regarding Bethlehem's 911 Center, Casino host fees, and CRIZ legislation.

Initiated Vision Zero – Nationwide vision to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe travel for all.

Amended Parks Ordinance and implemented a new policy for Saucon Park/Monocacy Park, including increased police patrols on weekends at the parks.

Initiated a new Anti-Graffiti Policy.

Initiated a free Bike Share Program for City residents.

Held monthly open door days, second Monday of each month.

Held 3 Dare to Care community walks, and town meetings

Distributed over 1800 fire/smoke detectors through nine Dare to Care community walks.

Strong code enforcement/oversight through community walks.

Annual visit to block watch groups and community organizations.

Implemented a zoned hauling waste management plan for South Bethlehem.

Worked with Business Administrator and Financial Advisory Committee to develop an updated 5 year financial plan.

Met with the DBA, LVEDC, LVPC, LVIP, LV Chamber, LV Partnership to discuss the City's focus as it relates to the business community.

Partnered with Lehigh University – Moravian College and the Friends of the Bethlehem Police Mounted Unit to purchase new mounts (Asa & Gray) for the Bethlehem Mounted Unit

K-9 Blaze (anonymous)

K-9 Rico Dr. Caesar DePaco and Mrs. Deanna Padovani-DePaco

Met regularly with Colleges, Hospitals, Non-Profits to aid their mission and have them advance the City's mission.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg Campus Expansion: a 6-story, \$60 million obstetrics and rehabilitation unit that will create jobs and provide additional medical services to the residents of Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley.

Ribbon Cuttings for new businesses: Ecopax, AM Lux Clothing, Tailgaters Pub & Grill, McCarthy's Red Stag Pub, Bonn Place Brewing Co., Peoples Kitchen, Buddy V's Ristorante, Emeril's Fish House, George's Light Lunch, Domaci Furniture, Lustig's Hot Dogs.

Investments/development in Bethlehem – Greenway Commons Development, Silk Mill, Armory Development, Benner, St. Luke's/Lehigh University Development, Wilbur Mansion Project, Chelsea Commons, Kirkland Village expansion, Ecopax, and REEB Millwork.

Listed by Huffington Post as one of the 10 most Beautiful U.S. towns to visit in the Fall.

Partnered with the Chamber in celebrating the City's 275th Anniversary.

Promoted the pothole and graffiti hotlines.

Participated in Community forums on heroin; race relations.

Put into service a new, \$1.25 million aerial ladder fire truck to serve Bethlehem.

New Walmart Super Center on RT 412.

New Policy on blighted properties.

New parking garage in South Bethlehem – \$17.7M.

Supported efforts to end Homelessness for Veterans.

City received recognition from National League of cities for completion of Health & Wellness goals for Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Countries.

Supported new facility for the City's Mounted Unit.

Wells Fargo – \$70,000 contribution for a new Southside Park, Lopes International Park at 4th and Hayes Street.

Supported Promise Neighborhoods of Lehigh Valley to locate in two areas of Bethlehem – Southside and Marvine Development.

Opening of the new St. Luke's/Moravian College facility for sports medicine & physical therapy.

New Trailer for the Mounted Unit with donations from Wells Fargo Bank and the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office.

\$20,000 contribution from TD Bank – TD Green Streets – planting 100 trees in area parks.

\$20M expansion Ecopax in LVIP VII – 170 jobs

Implemented Ban the Box

24/7 Wall Street listed Bethlehem as one of the best cities to live in.

Supported Mayor's Against Illegal Guns

Proclamations – Autism Awareness, Pediatric Cancer Foundation, Earth Day, Arbor Day, Small Business Saturday, National Gun Violence Awareness Day, National Day of Prayer, Extra Mile, National Kids to Parks Day.

Donation from Jason Shiffer, Esq. for Police Bike Unit

Bethlehem named best place to retire in the Northeast by Money Magazine