

# Best Main Street

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Throughout the several week contest, the Downtown Business Association (“DBA”) worked hard to spread the word. They created a QR code that made it easy to vote, published many email newsletters, produced social media content, printed post-cards, and used good old-fashioned word of mouth to encourage participation. Kimberly O’Neill of Knobs ‘N Knockers and a Board Member of the Downtown Bethlehem Association said, “Bethlehem is a really special place. We’re thrilled to have our business on such a vibrant Main Street and to be part of such a fantastic community. One of the most special things about our location is that you don’t necessarily have to drive a long way to get here, but when you arrive, you feel like you’re on a getaway.”

How the competition worked  
A panel of USA Today travel experts selected the top 20 finalists. Then it was up to the public to vote for the top ten.

## Top 10 Main Streets in America

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania  
Emporia, Kansas  
Ogden, Utah  
Howell, Michigan  
Grapevine, Texas

Virginia City, Nevada  
McMinnville, Oregon  
Paso Robles, California  
Winchester, Virginia  
Safety Harbor, Florida



**BANGOR 150<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION PARADE**  
**BANGOR THROUGH THE YEARS**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025 AT 2:00 P.M.**



### PARADE PARTICIPANTS

The parade route will start on Lower South Main Street near Pennico Park and continue up South Main Street onto Broadway and end at Fourth Street and Broadway. Line ups start at 1:00 P.M. There will be parade volunteers to assist with line ups.

You will be notified two days before the parade to inform you what division you have been assigned and who is in front and in back of your group, float, individuals or band.

In-person registration is at **Bray’s Newstand**, 36 Broadway, Bangor or **Miller’s Paint Store**, 100 Erdman Avenue, Bangor. For online registration go to **bangorborough.org** and click on **150th Anniversary Celebration**.

The deadline for registration is on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. Registration is free. No late registrations please. There will also be no candy throwing.

Division line ups are as follows:

- Division 1 will line up at the PCI parking lot.
- Division 2 at BioSpectra parking lot near the viaduct.
- Division 3 on South Main Street in front of the Bangor Borough garage.

For participants registering online, please make a sign measuring 6”x 8” with your assigned parade number. The judges will be seated in front of Jones monument on South Main Street, so please place your sign on the right side of your float or group.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 484-375-9824.

Thank you.

Keith Heard  
Parade Co-Chairman



## Bangor Area School District Kindergarten Registration Press Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**January 1, 2025**

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WELCOME CLASS OF 2038!

The Bangor Area School District (BASD) is excited to welcome the Class of 2038! The kindergarten team at Five Points Elementary School is looking forward to working with our new kindergarten class for the 2025-2026 School Year. A child is eligible for kindergarten if he/she

- is at least the age of five (5) years by August 25, 2025.
- resides within the boundaries of BASD.
- successfully completes the district’s kindergarten screening process.

Kindergarten registration is online. Online kindergarten registration is available for parents and/or guardians through the district website ([www.bangorslaters.com](http://www.bangorslaters.com)). Once packets are received and confirmed complete, BASD will contact parents/guardians to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment in June of 2025. Completed packets must be received no later than May 16, 2025, to guarantee a screening appointment in June. A completed registration includes:

- Parent/Guardian Photo Identification
- Proof of child’s birth date (must be at least five (5) years by August 25, 2025)
- Two (2) proofs of residency
- Immunizations
- Physical Exam Record
- Dental Exam Record

To schedule a screening appointment, the completed online registration and mandatory documents must be submitted and approved by the registration secretary. Kindergarten screenings for the 2025-2026 School Year will occur in June of 2025. All screenings are by appointment only. An adult must accompany the child for their screening appointment. Our kindergarten staff is eager to meet and work with your child!

For more information, please contact:  
Dr. Joseph Kondisko, Director of Student Services  
Bangor Area School District  
123 Five Points Richmond Road  
Bangor, PA 18013  
610-588-2163

## PEN ARGYL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS

The Pen Argyl Area School District is offering a property tax rebate program.

You may qualify if:

1. You have owned and occupied your home during the period for which you are claiming a rebate. Rebates are granted for your primary residence only; and
2. (a) You or your spouse (if living with you) were 65 years or older as of December 31, 2024; or  
(b) You were a widow or widower during all or part of 2024 and were 50 years old or older as of December 31, 2024; or  
(c) You were permanently disabled during all or part of 2024, and you were unable to work because of your medically determined physical or mental disability which is expected to continue indefinitely; and
3. Your total annual income, including the income of a spouse residing with you, was \$45,000 or less in 2024. (**IMPORTANT:** only report 50% of your Railroad Retirement benefits and 50% of Federal Social Security Act benefits); and
4. 2024/25 Pen Argyl School District Real Estate Taxes were paid in full.
5. Only one member of your household may file a claim.
6. Delinquent taxes **DO NOT QUALIFY**.

**The deadline for filing an application is June 30, 2025**

Applications are available at the Pen Argyl Area School District Office, or call the District Office at (610) 863-3191 option 7.