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Musikfest 2024 is Coming in HOT!

Bethlehem's 10-day music festival started Friday August 2nd.

Musikfest is BACK for 10-days of fun, food, and most of all – MUSIC! (with an added bonus – the Steel-Stacks blast furnace lights will be shining bright!)

Musikfest 2024 Free acts, more than 500 of them, are located at 15 of 16 stages across Musikfest. The full schedule can be accessed here, thanks to the Morning Call. Of all of the acts, seven countries are represented: the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Canada.

Musikfest is in its 41st year and looking to make this year better than ever – however it will be hard to top last year's record-setting attendance of 1.3 million people! I hope to see YOU at the 'FEST this year!

One of the more popular items at Musikfest is the annual mug – make sure to get yours! Here's a link to buy the mug ahead of time – you can also purchase one at the 'Fest at one of these locations:

ArtsQuest Center: Box Office or at Palette & Pour

The Bethlehem Visitor's Center: presented by St. Luke's University Health Network

Banana Factory Arts and Education Center: at the front desk

*For all things Musikfest – DOWNLOAD the Musikfest App TODAY!

The Musikfest app features everything Musikfest's one million guests need to know about the festival's 500-plus performances, 325 performers, 40 artists and 30 different food vendors.

PBDA Accepting Applications for Digital Connectivity Technology Program

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) is accepting applications through Monday, August 19, 2024 for the new Digital Connectivity Technology Program.

Through the new program, the PBDA will purchase and distribute \$20 million in laptops for eligible public-facing institutions such as libraries, municipalities, workforce training organizations, not-for-profit organizations, and other community anchor institutions located in areas where affordability has been identified as a barrier to broadband adoption and use who will then make them available to individuals who lack the technology needed to access the internet.

Digital Connectivity Technology ProgramThe PBDA will begin reviewing Digital Connectivity Technology Program applications on August 20 and anticipates announcing the grant awards in November. Projects are expected to begin in early 2025. Grant recipients are required to make digital skills training available through their own program or the free options on the PBDA website, however end users are not required to participate in a training program.

Across Pennsylvania there are currently 286,000 households, businesses, schools, and libraries that either have no access or insufficient access to broadband. The funding for the Digital Connectivity Technology Program was made available through the American Rescue Plan Capital Projects Funding, announced by the PBDA in March of this year.

For a detailed look at the Digital Connectivity Technology Program, please view this helpful program overview and this video presentation.



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Quarry Bites & Brews



Thursday, August 8th
5pm -9pm

Food: Momma's Belly Buster
F & A's Food Truck

Sweets: The Local Scoop

Wine: Clever Girl Winery

Beer: Richmond Farm & Brewery

**Live Music 6pm-9pm by
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