

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 16, 2026

- 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. General Registration – Terrace Lobby
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Workshop – *I’ve Been Elected Mayor, Now What?*
Ron Harris, Mayor of Carroll Valley Borough and Jim Nowalk, Mayor of
Whitehall Borough - Lafayette Room
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Committee Meetings - Balcony
- 7:00 p.m. Welcome and Dinner Buffet (included) – Grand Ballroom
- Welcome* - The Honorable J. William Reynolds, Mayor of the City of Bethlehem
- Jessica O’Donnell Gower – Representatives of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of
Commerce

Friday, July 17, 2027

- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Included) – Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting – Grand Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. *A Legislative Update* – The Honorable Nick Miller, Senator for the 14th
Senatorial District and Minority Chair of the Communications and Technology
Committee
- 9:45 a.m. *Recent Legal Developments Affecting Mayors and Municipalities*
Stephen L. Korbel, Esquire, Babst Calland, Attorneys at Law
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:00 a.m. *Disaster Resilience* – David (Randy) Padfield, Director, Pennsylvania
Emergency Management Agency
- 11:45 a.m. *Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania: What It Is, Where It Happens, and
How Local Governments Can Help Fight It* - Shea M. Rhodes, Esquire,
Director and Co-Founder Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial
Sexual Exploitation; Heather Castellino, Chief Deputy Attorney General,
Human Trafficking Section
- 12:45 p.m. Lunch on Your Own
- 2:00 p.m. Gathering for Bus to Tour the Amrize Whitehall Cement Plant – Hotel Lobby
- 2:30 p.m. *Tour of the Amrize Whitehall Cement Plant*

- 4:15 p.m. *Tour of the Atlas Museum in Northampton Borough*
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet (Included) – Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 p.m. *New Practices for Responding to Persons in Crisis – A Team Approach*
Jon Chillinsky, Regional Director, BHH, Resources for Human Development

Saturday, July 18, 2026

- 7:00 –8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Included) – Grand Ballroom
- 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting – Grand Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. *Preparing a “State of the Municipality” Report*
Edward D. Hozza, Jr., Former Mayor of Whitehall Township and Former
Manager of Lehigh County
- 9:45 a.m. *Opening a Mayor’s Digital Office* - The Honorable Yaniv Aronson, Mayor of
Conshohocken Borough and First Lady Sarah Aronson
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:00 a.m. *Youth and Young Adult Civic Engagement in a Complicated World*
Maria McKenna, Professor at the University of Notre Dame
- 11:45 a.m. *Is Local Government the Antidote to Polarization?* – Lauren Hall, Associate
Dean, Rochester Institute of Technology
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 2:00 p.m. *Mayors’ Sharing Session*
- 3:00 p.m. The many sights in and around the City of Bethlehem are yours to see
on your own.
- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception – Balconies
- 6:45 p.m. Group Photo
- 7:00 p.m. Banquet (included) and “Mayor of the Year” Award – Grand Ballroom

Sunday, July 19, 2026

- 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet (included) and Farewell -
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Meeting of the Executive Board – Northampton Room

Reno Virgili Hospitality Suite located in the University Room, 3rd Floor