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Message from the Mayor – James Donovan

To All New Britain Borough Residents,

I have done this a few times now and each time I keep searching for the best way to get people interested in what is happening here in New Britain Borough and our surrounding communities. I have tried to thank all those residents who give freely of their time and physical efforts, and I will continue to ask for more from all of you. The primary reason being, like virtually every other municipality and government organization, the costs associated with keeping our community running efficiently continue to rise every year. It is mostly through the efforts of all the volunteers that events such as the 4th of July Parade, the upcoming Annual New Britain Borough Car Show, or places such as the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve or the Covered Bridge Park continue to exist.



Take a moment and think about the time and effort that every volunteer from the Chalfont Fire Department and EMS as well as Doylestown Fire Department and Bucks County EMS put in to training and responding to the emergencies that happen almost every day in and around our community. They all have families and jobs. Commitments that must be met, but they find a way to give back and the benefits from that ripple down to the taxes each and every resident pays. Now think for another moment what would happen if those weren't volunteers, but paid firefighters and EMS workers.

Now take another moment and think about what goes in to running the Covered Bridge Summer Camp each year. Can you honestly say that you, your children or someone you know didn't take advantage of the incredible program offered by the New Britain Civic Association. Keep in mind this is an independent group with no ties to our local government that own and operate Covered Bridge Park solely through the efforts of a small but dedicated group of volunteers. Now think for another moment what would happen if there were no more volunteers to help keep the Park open, clean and available to enjoy.

Now I truly understand the time required to be with your family, work, activities with children and what little time is left over. I was there and I am there right now. So, I understand and know that what I am asking for could take anywhere from just a little bit of your time to a lot, but I'm going to ask anyway because it has to start somewhere, and we need your help. If you are uncertain what you can do or how much time you can give, just reach out to the Borough office or contact me directly. You would be surprised how much help just an hour here or there could mean to the next Pop-up Park, Planning Commission or Zoning Hearing Board. The importance of all these groups can't be understated and the impact they have on our homes, infrastructure and future could very well depend on you taking the time to volunteer. Thanks to all the volunteers.

One last comment. Another presidential election will soon be upon us. Please get out and vote.

James D. Donovan

New Britain Borough Mayor

It is that time of year, Election Season! Political Campaign Signs.... Know your Rights

Written by: Michael Italia, Barry Isett Associates, Zoning Officer

Many residents choose to display their support for a candidate or party by placing political campaign signs on their lawn. Most signs require zoning permits, however one of the exceptions to zoning permits are political campaign signs.

When displaying your political campaign signs this fall, please be sure to keep in mind the Zoning Ordinance regulations:

- Political campaign signs cannot exceed four (4) square feet in area.
- Political campaign signs shall be displayed by the owner of the property, or by the party or candidate with permission from the property owner. If someone places a sign on your property without your permission, you have the right to remove the sign.
- Political campaign signs cannot be displayed more than 30 days prior to the election and 20 days following the election. This year, political signs can be displayed October 9, 2024, through November 28, 2024.
- Political campaign signs shall not be located in a position to limit sight distances along any roadway or driveway. This ensures the safety of all residents and visitors to the Borough.
- And remember, don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 8th!





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Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve



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2024

Thank you to these
dedicated volunteers
who have served on the
Nature Preserve Committee
over the past fifty years!



Peter LaMontagne



Dave Horne



Mimi Volker



Sue Minetti



Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve 50th Anniversary Celebration!

**Saturday, September 21
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(At the Preserve on Mathews Ave.)**



Come celebrate with us!



**Food trucks!
Music!
Preserve Tours!
Environmental Education!
Family Fun!**





Chalfont Fire Co./Santa Claus - Community Ride December 14, 2024. (Rain/Snow Date - December 21)

Engine 74

10:00 AM Chalfont Post Office and Chalfont Greene
10:10 AM Westview Avenue
10:30 AM Lindenfield Pkwy
(Patrick, Michael, Zachary, Jasen)
10:55 AM Hellberg/Hillcrest/Valley View/Marian Rd.
11:15 AM Peace Valley/Holland/Langhorne/Marian C.
11:25 AM Kathryn/Teresa/Mallard
11:35 AM Woodmont/Tower Hill/Farber
11:40 AM Peggy & Ashmont/Buxmont Way
11:50 AM Gertrude/Richard
11:55 AM Walden Way
12:00 PM Dorothy/Anna
12:10 PM Glen & Marshall
12:10 PM Castlewood & Woodview
12:20 PM Birchwood & Birchwood Circle
12:30 PM Lynwood & Birchwood

1:30 PM Church/Chestnut
1:40 PM Patriot Drive
1:55 PM Forest Park Dr & Indian Creek
2:00 PM W. Fairwood
2:10 PM E. Fairwood
2:20 PM Mystic View Circle
2:25 PM Mystic View/Ridings
2:35 PM Brookdale & Sunnybrook
2:50 PM Tamenend/Mohawk/Iroquois/Pawnee
3:00 PM Lenape/Francis Meyers/Sioux
3:10 PM Pheasant Run/Cherokee/Pueblo/Ute
3:25 PM Towne Center Shopping Ctr
3:55 PM Carousel Point
4:00 PM Unami & Stefan Place
4:15 PM Green Valley Way & Michaels Ct.
4:25 PM GoldenEye & Teal
4:35 PM Willow Wood Drive
5:00 PM Little Farms with Ladder 74

Ladder 74

10:00 AM Airy Ave & Lexington & Meadow
10:20 AM Circle Drive
10:30 AM E. Boulder Drive/W. Boulder Drive
10:45 AM Stonyhill Dr. & Overlook Dr.
10:55 AM Holly Drive & Sugarbush/White Tail
11:10 AM Brittany Drive/Cornwall/Dolly/Devon
11:25 AM Hampshire (Shire/Brion/Wiltshire)
11:35 AM Cornwall/Surrey
11:45 AM Wilson Ave at Hopkins Circle
11:50 AM Pennsylvania/Virginia
12:00 PM Taft/Roosevelt/New Jersey
12:10 PM E. Cornwall/Bates/North
12:20 PM Naomi/Farview



1:30 PM Citdal, Tartan, Krista (Highlands)
1:45 PM Highlands Drive at (Palace/Piper/Inverness/
2:00 PM Apple Cross/Lock Alsh/Prince Wm)
2:10 PM Glenbrook Way
2:20 PM New Britain Walk
2:50 PM Woodside & Clearview
3:00 PM Blackburn Drive
3:05 PM Madigan Way
3:15 PM Forest & Park
3:25 PM Lenape/Landing Way/Orchard Way
3:35 PM Clematis/Hibiscus/Moyer
3:45 PM Cardinal/Blue Jay
4:00 PM Oak/Fairview/Hillside
4:10 PM Meadowbrook/Deer Path/Skyline
4:20 PM Cassandra/Hickory/Skyline
4:30 PM Chalfont Village Shopping Ctr (Skyline/202)
5:00 PM New Britain Village Square Shopping Plaza
5:00 PM Little Farms with Engine 34

(*All times are approximate and may be affected by
fire calls*)

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Friends of New Britain Parks, Inc.

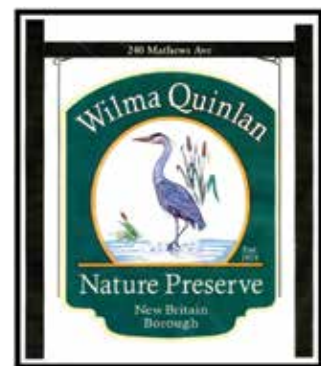
Written by: Tess LaMontagne, Friends of New Britain Parks, Inc.


Thank you to all of the Bird Town Volunteers who planned and implemented the landscaping of our Borough Office and Burkhart Hall, and to a generous donor who raised the funds needed by growing and selling native plants.

Another donor, in conjunction with matching funds from their employer was able to fully fund the new main entrance sign for the Nature Preserve. The new sign was designed by the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve Committee.

Please remember that the Friends of New Britain Parks INC is a federal charity, and money given it qualifies for a charitable donation, and employer's matching funds. Seniors receiving yearly Required Minimum Distributions from their retirement accounts can use the donation to lower their tax bill even if they can no longer itemize (consult your tax advisor for details).

Again, thank you for your donation



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New Britain Borough Participating in National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge Program



<https://www.nwf.org/MayorsMonarchPledge>

Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge™ program, cities, municipalities, and other communities across North America are committing to create healthy, sustainable habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators while educating residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community.

More than 1,500 pledges have been taken by mayors and heads of local governments to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose populations have declined precipitously in the last 20 years.

New Britain Borough was certified as a NWF Community Wildlife Habitat in 2022 and participation in this initiative is part of our commitment to create wildlife-friendly habitat throughout our community. This particular program focuses on creating vibrant, high-quality habitat for the monarch butterfly and other pollinators.

While participation in the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program is a new initiative of the Borough's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), it is a natural extension of the work our community has long been engaged in. It furthers the long-time commitment to provide habitat for pollinators made by our Nature Preserve Committee, Bird Town Committee, Parks & Rec Committee, and Shade Tree Commission through the planting of native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials in our public spaces, including Miriam's Meadow in the Nature Preserve, the pollinator beds in Orchard Park's Community Garden, and the native plantings at our Borough buildings.

This program encourages the creation of pollinator-friendly habitat in both public and private spaces, and our EAC urges Borough residents to do this on their own properties. And if you'd like to learn more about the plight of the monarch butterfly and other pollinators, and what you can do to help them, please see the resources listed on the EAC page on the Borough's website.

Your Volunteer Firefighters Need Your Help!

In these times of turmoil, with pandemics, international conflicts and ugly politics, we all need to find the peace and joy that come from helping others in times of great need. For over 100 years and still today, Doylestown Fire Company #1, your volunteer fire service, has been a family of neighbors that deliver on this mission. Helping others, whether fighting fires or responding to rescue calls, we honor this straightforward calling... to preserve the lives and property of New Britain Borough residents. It's not an easy task but one that is well-worth the commitment.



While we will never compromise on this mission, we recognize the ongoing need to secure the help of other like-minded people interested in joining our ranks in fulfilling this promise. We also, going forward, will need to seek your help in supporting the rising costs of operating our firetrucks, equipment and facilities that make our volunteer work possible.

If you have an interest in discovering the satisfaction that comes with helping others in times of need, right here in the community, please contact us to learn more. We're very good at doing this work. The joy and satisfaction we experience in protecting others is indescribable.

To learn more and explore YOUR possibilities contact us at:

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4th of July Tri-Municipality Parade

New Britain Township - Chalfont Borough - New Britain Borough

To all those who took the time to participate
in the 2024 Parade ...

THANK YOU!



Borough Considering Ban on Single-Use Plastic

Written by: Maureen Loh (Borough Council Member)

New Britain Borough is considering whether to join other nearby communities in banning single-use plastic. An ordinance proposed by the Borough's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), would ban single-use plastic bags, and possibly make the distribution of plastic straws and utensils by request only. This draft ordinance is similar to recently passed ordinances in both Doylestown Borough and Doylestown Township. These communities are among thirty localities in Pennsylvania that have banned some form of single-use plastic.

Single-use plastic is one of the worst contributors to plastic pollution in our local and global water supplies. The micro plastics shed from single-use plastic can be found in our animals, soil, food and even in our own bodies. While we recognize that the proposed ordinance isn't a cure to the problem, it is a first step towards addressing the problem.

At the Borough Council meetings in June and July, the proposed ordinance was introduced and discussed, and the draft ordinance can be found on the Borough website in the Council packet for the June meeting. Several Borough residents in attendance at those meetings voiced both support for, and opposition to, the proposed ban. Borough residents will have additional opportunities to address the issue before Council votes on the proposal this fall – likely at its October 9 and November 13 meetings. We encourage you to attend those Council meetings to express your opinions on, or ask questions about, this issue.



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News From New Britain Borough's Street Tree Commission

Written by: Peter LaMontagne, Borough Council President

New Britain Borough is dedicated to becoming a walkable community. To this end, we have obtained well over a million dollars in grant funding to build sidewalks and bike and hike paths which enable people to walk and ride bikes for exercise and to reduce dependence on automobiles.

We established a Street Tree Commission to develop and care for street trees along sidewalks and trails. Among the goals of the commission are:

- Conserve and protect the existing trees.
- Ensure that planned developments include suitable trees and shrubs to meet the borough's development requirements.
- Plant suitable trees along sidewalks and Bike and Hike trails to provide shade, buffer traffic noise, and reduce pollution.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) and Tree Tenders Program teaches people how to plant and care for trees. The Borough's Street Tree Commission is partnering with the PHS to encourage homeowners to plant trees along the sidewalks and B&H trails.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society uses horticulture to advance the health and well-being of the Greater Philadelphia region. PHS uses horticulture to increase four building blocks of health and well-being: access to fresh food, healthy living environments, deep social connections, and economic opportunities.

Under this program interested Borough Residents can take a short course in tree planting and tree care through. Ideally, it's in person training in Philadelphia, but if that's not possible for you, they also offer a virtual training program. The next training program will be in the Fall of 2024.

With completion of the training, you will join three other Borough Tree Tenders, and become one of over 6,000 volunteers who have gone through the program. Tree Tenders living in our Borough work to encourage and help residents choose suitable trees and to plant them along the sidewalks. We planted 14 trees last fall, and this spring we'll plant 20 more. It works like this:

We chose a section of the Borough, in this case Keeley Avenue, Butler Avenue to Lenape Drive. We assist you in selecting trees for your lot. They must be planted within 10 feet of the sidewalk, on your house-side. You select the trees you would like to have from a provided list. The trees are sorted by their ultimate size. Small trees reach 20 to 30 feet when mature, medium trees 30-50 feet are suitable, and the biggest trees reach 60-70 feet. We'll look at your location and help you decide what size is suitable.

The cost of the trees last Spring was \$60 per tree. This price is subsidized by other's donations to PHS. The trees aren't little sticks, they are 8 to 12 feet tall. You can see the ones we planted last fall along North Tamenend Ave. You'll recognize them by the two stakes which stabilizes the trees through mid-summer. Applications for the Fall Planting will open later this summer. Contact New Britain Borough to be put on the list for notification of the program.

A couple of weeks before the delivery of the trees, we'll have PA One Call come out and mark the underground water, gas and electric lines in your yard (obviously you don't want to lose the tree if the utilities have to be dug up at some point). Other than that, you choose where you want to plant them.

A few days before planting, Fran Dougherty, of Dougherty Landscaping, donated the time, equipment and labor to drill 36" diameter holes. Later, Trained Tree Tenders, with the help of the Boy Scouts of Troop 36, will do some hand digging and enlarge the hole as necessary and assure that the tree is planted at the proper depth. We prune roots that are crossed, spread the roots out radially, and enlarge the hole as necessary. Lastly, we back-fill and tamp the hole, pound two stakes (which we supply) into the ground to brace the tree and tidy up the area. The homeowner removes the grass we dug up and provides water to start the tree on its way into its new home. That's it! Other than weekly watering the tree from early spring through the fall leaf drop for the first two years, you're done.

We live in the neighborhood, so if you have any questions, we will be glad to stop by. Please contact Peter LaMontagne at lamontagnep@newbritainboro.com or 267-252-3283.

Dead Deer/Animal - Contact the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission

Road-killed deer should be reported directly to the Pennsylvania Game Commission region office that serves the county where the animal is located. A variety of entities handle road-killed deer removal throughout the state and the region office can clarify the proper authorities to notify based on the location of the animal.

If you need help with a dead deer, please call the Pennsylvania Gaming Commission at 1-833-PGC-WILD or 1-833-PGC HUNT or 1-833-742-9453 or 1-833-742-4868. It will usually take them 72 hours for them to resolve the situation.

Please, do not call the Borough Office regarding any dead animal... thank you.

<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/InformationResources/AboutUs/ContactInformation/Pages/default.aspx>

RECENT ORDINANCES: Adopted by New Britain Borough

#426 – Prohibiting Dog and Cat Retail Sales (Puppy Mills)

The ordinance amends Chapter 108 Animals of the Borough's code of ordinances by adding a new article prohibiting certain retail sales of cats and dogs in the Borough. The ordinance contains definitions related to the new article. The ordinance prohibits the sale of dogs and cats by "retail pet stores", a defined term under the ordinance. The ordinance permits retail pet stores to provide space to an "animal shelter" or "animal rescue organization" to display dogs or cats for adoption. The ordinance does not prohibit sale of dogs and cats from the premises on which they were bred and reared. The ordinance contains provisions for violations and penalties. The ordinance contains a severability clause, repeals prior inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances, and contains an effective date.

#428 – Residential Resale Occupancy Permits

The ordinance creates a new Chapter 336 Residential Resale Occupancy Permits to the Borough's code of ordinances, creating a program requiring occupancy permits upon sale of residential properties. The ordinance contains definitions applicable to the program. The ordinance requires an occupancy permit for re-sale of a residential dwelling unit in the Borough and provides for applications and fees for the permit. The ordinance sets the specific inspection criteria to be used in connection with the program. The ordinance provides for inspections prior to issuance of an occupancy permit, and provides for issuance of an occupancy permit, or a temporary occupancy permit or a temporary access permit if violations or substantial violations of the inspection criteria under the program are found (with definitions for the terms substantial violation, temporary access permit, and temporary occupancy permit set forth in the ordinance). The ordinance sets a time period for compliance for properties found not to be in compliance. The ordinance provides for violations and penalties. The ordinance contains a severability clause, repeals prior inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances, and contains an effective date.

#429 – Residential Rental Property Registration and Inspection

The ordinance amends Chapter 333 Rental Property Registration of the Borough's code of ordinances by renaming the Chapter "Residential Rental Property Registration and Inspection" and creating two articles under the Chapter. The first article contains the rental property registration requirements already in place in the Borough. The second article creates a residential rental property inspection program for the Borough. This includes findings related to the program, definitions, the requirement for residential rental property permits and inspections, along with associated fees, exemptions from the inspection program, authorization for inspections under the program, issuance of search warrants under the program, reinspection during the life of the rental permit, and provisions for violations, penalties, and appeals. The program contemplates yearly rental permits and inspections. The ordinance contains a severability clause, repeals prior inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances, and contains an effective date.

Autumn Reminders For Borough Residents

Written by: Michael Italia, Barry Isett Associates, Zoning Officer & Fire Marshal

This is the time of year to enjoy backyard fires.

A reminder... fires must be contained inside of a commercially made fire pit, or within blocks.

- Open burning in yards is PROHIBITED.
- Open fires should be attended at all times and until the fire is completely extinguished.
- No outdoor fires shall be ignited prior to 9:00 a.m. on any day, and they must be extinguished by 12:00 a.m. midnight of the same day.

The updated regulations for burning can be found at: <https://www.ecode360.com/15538278>

Leaves will be beginning to fall from trees... as a reminder:

- Leaf Burning is PROHIBITED in New Britain Borough.
- Tree limbs and branches are still allowed to be burned (in a fire pit), but leaves are not.
- All leaves must be disposed of either by compost, recycling, or through the normal trash disposal in yard waste bags.



Wreaths Across America

**Support National Wreaths Across America Day
Saturday, December 14th, 2024**

The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee is proud to sponsor Wreaths Across America again this year at the New Britain Baptist Church cemetery. Wreaths Across America is a nationwide program to remember and honor our fallen heroes

How can you be a part of National Wreaths Across America Day in New Britain Borough?

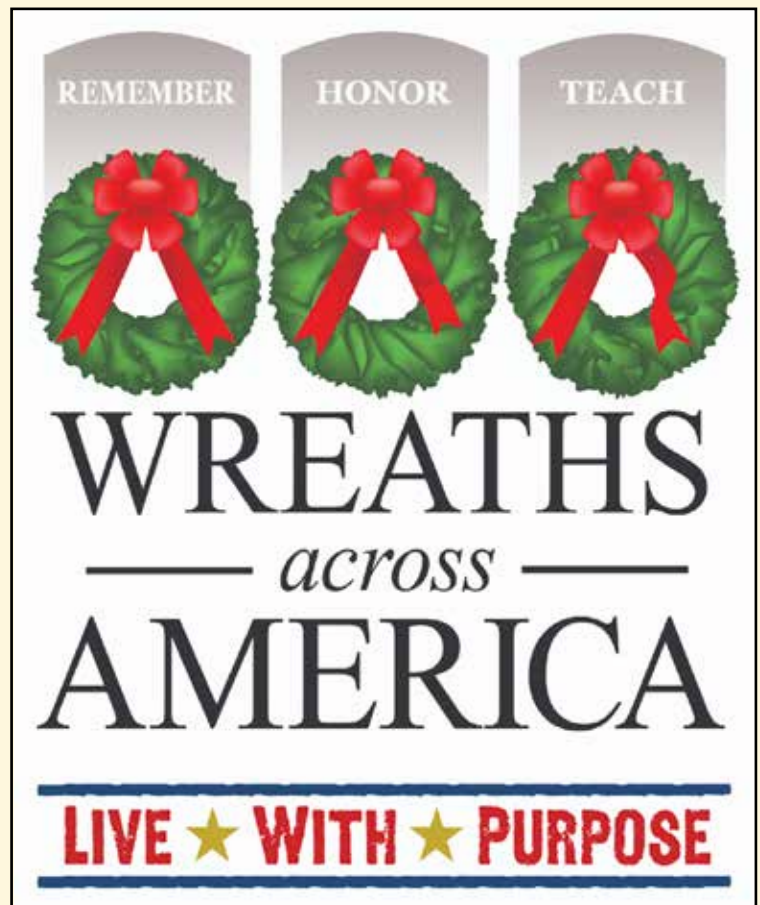
You can help by sponsoring wreaths to honor the veterans buried in our historic New Britain Baptist Church cemetery. Each wreath is only \$17.00. Visit wreathsasscrossamerica.org to sponsor a wreath for our location (PA0067 - Wreaths for New Britain Baptist Church) or a check made payable to "Wreaths Across America" can be mailed to:

**New Britain Borough Administration Office
45 Keeley Ave. New Britain, PA 18901**

***Donations need to be received by Friday, November 15th, 2024**

**Join us on Saturday, December 14th, 2024,
at the New Britain Baptist Church cemetery!**

We will gather to honor veterans buried in the historic cemetery by placing wreaths on their graves. The ceremony starts promptly at noon (please arrive by 11:45 AM) at the Walter Harvey Memorial on the grounds of the New Britain Baptist Church. Come join us to remember our veterans and the sacrifices they made for our freedom.



Volunteers Needed!

Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve

New Britain Borough

Fall Workdays



Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sept. 7

Sept. 14

Oct. 12

Oct. 26

Please help us maintain and steward this Preserve!

For information contact pricet@newbritainboro.com

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

**Join the
New Britain Borough
Civic Association
at their Annual
Tree Lighting
Ceremony**

**Wednesday,
December 4th, 2024
Festivities Start
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Located at
Covered Bridge Park**

**Bring an
Unwrapped Toy
for Toys for Tots**



For more information, please contact New Britain Civic Association at 215-345-8750 or David Holewinski at davidholewinski@comcast.net

Special Events/Car Show Committee

Written by: Loren Frasco, Borough Council Member

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 4th annual New Britain Borough Car Show on November 2, 2024. The show will be held at Lenape Valley Church. Last year's show proved to be one of the best shows of the season according to many exhibitors and spectators. Plans include having music, food trucks, and a visit from the Philly Phanatic! Sponsorship opportunities and car registration are already under way. If you are interested in helping on the day of show be sure to attend an events committee meeting. The events committee meets the third Thursday of each month.

See our Flier & Registration Form in this Newsletter.

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LIVE MUSIC BY ROB CREIDLER OF THE MANGO MEN
PROCEEDS TO THE COVERED BRIDGE SUMMER CAMP
CARS 1989 & OLDER JUDGED BY THE ROAD ANGELS

2024 REGISTRATION AND LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

NEW BRITAIN BOROUGH 4TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

DATE & TIME: Saturday, November 2ND, 2024 (Rain Date 11/09) 10:00AM -- 3:00PM

LOCATION: Lenape Valley Church - 321 West Butler Ave - New Britain, PA 18901

\$15.00 Pre-Registration Fee -- \$20.00 Day of Show

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: New Britain Borough

MAIL CHECKS TO: 45 Keeley Avenue, New Britain, PA 18901

LIABILITY WAIVER

In consideration of my entry in the New Britain Borough Annual Car Show, I hereby waive, release, and discharge any and all claims for damages, injury, and property damage which I or my successors may have, or which may hereafter occur to me as a result of my participation in this event. This release is intended to discharge in advance the promoters, sponsors, and all municipalities and public entities (and their respective agents, employees, volunteers) from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in this event. I understand the risks involved in participating in such an event. I hereby agree to assume those risks and to release and hold harmless all of the persons and/or entities above mentioned.

APPLICANT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CAR INFORMATION

Make: _____

Model: _____

Color: _____ Year: _____

If you have any questions regarding this event, please reach out to aschers@newbritainboro.com

Pet Waste, Know Where it Goes - Take simple steps to reduce stormwater pollution!

Written by: Karen MacNair, Gilmore & Associates, Borough Engineer

Pet waste that is left behind is more than a nightmare for our shoes. There's another important reason to scoop the poop that isn't as well known: preventing pollution in our creeks! It might not seem like a stormwater problem, but pet waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality, and even human health.

Pet waste doesn't just decompose. When pet waste is left on the ground, rainwater or melting snow breaks it down and washes it into storm drains or directly into Cooks Run, Pine Run, or Neshaminy Creek. This contaminated water contains disease-causing bacteria, which is unsafe for everyone, and causes larger environmental issues. Pet waste increases algae blooms and excessive aquatic plant growth, which can rob the water of vital oxygen needed for fish and other animals to live.

How can you help?

- Carry a bag with you on every walk with your dog, and you'll have the equipment to remove your dog's waste. Then throw it in a trash can, and you're done! Even if you're using biodegradable bags, throw it in a trash can – when the bag breaks down, the waste is left behind, thus defeating the purpose of bagging the waste if not thrown in the trash. If you prefer not to use bags, you can use gloves, newspaper, or even a scooper to pick it up and flush unbagged pet waste down the toilet.
- It's also a good idea to pick up pet waste at home. Picking it up sooner rather than later will prevent it being carried off by rain or snow melting. Some diseases can be transmitted from pet waste to humans through contact with the soil. Children playing outside and adults who garden are most at risk.
- For dog, cats, and other pets that are meat eaters, it's important to properly dispose of the waste. Wastes from meat eaters should not be placed in a compost pile because the parasites, bacteria, and viruses are not readily destroyed during the composting process and can be passed on to humans.
- Never throw pet waste into a storm drain.

It's important thing to keep in mind that the public storm sewer system does not get treated - anything that enters the Borough's storm sewer system eventually reaches Cooks Run, Pine Run, or Neshaminy Creek. In addition to picking up pet waste, some easy things you can do every day to help protect water quality include:

- Mulch lawn clippings back into the lawn to provide natural fertilizer
- Reduce the use of fertilizers and pesticides on lawns and gardens
- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains
- Store and dispose of any hazardous products properly
- Place litter in trash receptacle



If you notice water flowing in the public storm sewer system during times of dry weather, this is a potential sign of a problem. Please report any concerns to New Britain Borough at: 215-348-4586.

For more information, you can check out the Borough's Stormwater Management webpage:
<https://www.newbritainboro.com/information/storm-water-awareness/>

Help Needed from Local Gardeners and Native Plant Enthusiasts!

Written by: Tom Price, Borough Council Vice-President

We are extremely proud of the native gardens and plantings that we've installed throughout the Borough's public spaces in recent years, but we are in desperate need of additional volunteers to help take care of them. Our current volunteers are simply overwhelmed!

We are looking for more volunteer gardeners and plant enthusiasts to help maintain our tree, shrub, and perennial plantings at Burkart Hall and the Admin Building on Keeley Ave., at the Borough sign on Butler Ave., on the Butler Ave. tree islands, in Orchard Park and the Community Garden, and at the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve.



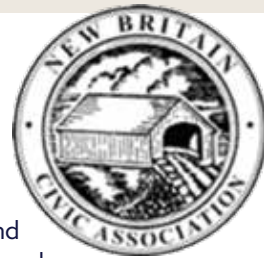
Pollinator bed in community garden



Miriam's Meadow in the Nature Preserve

Specific tasks we need help with include planting, weeding, watering, and mulching. Nothing too strenuous and no more time than you are able to give – so please consider helping out when you can.

Please contact Tom Price at pricet@newbritainboro.com if you are interested in doing this. Even a little bit of your time would do a lot to alleviate the burden on our current volunteers.




The New Britain Civic Association is happy to announce that the play equipment for children with disabilities has been installed and has been a great addition to the only active recreation venue in the borough. We appreciate all those who generously donated to this effort, we still have a \$20,000 plus shortage in donations for this project. Covered Bridge Park on Keeley Avenue, at the Pine Run Covered Bridge, provides not only a location for children and adults alike to indulge in exercise and relaxation but the Association sponsors Covered Bridge Camp in the summer, the Duck Derby and Family Picnic the last Saturday in September, the Annual Tree Lighting and Santa and Mrs. Claus arrival the first Wednesday in December, as well as other events in the spring. The association also offers two College Scholarships in memory of Michael Havener, a past Board member of the Civic Association. The Park is owned and operated by the Civic Association which obtains its financial backing from people like you and area businesses. There is no Federal, State, County or Local Municipality money received by the Civic Association.

As the result of our Master Plan, we continue to improve the park through the efforts of volunteers and donations. We are always looking for volunteers to assist us, feel free to contact us if you want to be part of our future.

The average monthly costs of maintaining the park continue to increase and as stated previously our only source of income is from the public and business donations. We greatly appreciate any and all donations to the park for maintenance and future projects.

Please go to our website www.newbritaincivic.com and become a member, volunteer or donate.

DUCK DERBY



NEW BRITAIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION PICNIC IN THE PARK Annual Fundraiser for the Covered Bridge Park! 2024

JOIN US FOR THE

ANNUAL DUCK DERBY & PICNIC-IN-THE-PARK!

FOOD FUN GAMES RAFFLES

Saturday, September 28, 2024
11am to 3pm
Covered Bridge Park on Keeley Ave.
Rain or Shine

PURCHASE CHANCES FOR YOUR DUCK(S) HERE!

\$5 for one Duck or a flock of 5 Ducks for \$20

Cash prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100

Along with gift certificates for the runners-up.

Twin Girls Awarded 2024 Michael Havener Scholarships

The twin daughters of New Britain residents Stu and Lori Kesilman, Anna and Kate, were both awarded \$500 checks by New Britain Civic Association President, David Holewinski, at Covered Bridge Park. The awards are based on the most qualified seniors from Central Bucks High Schools, Landsdale Catholic and Arch Bishop Wood High Schools. There are two scholarships awarded yearly and the application process begins in March and ends in May annually, all New Britain and surrounding communities' students are encouraged to submit entries.



Congratulations

Mailboxes vs. Snowplows

To minimize the possible damage to a homeowner's mailbox, the Borough provides the following recommendations:

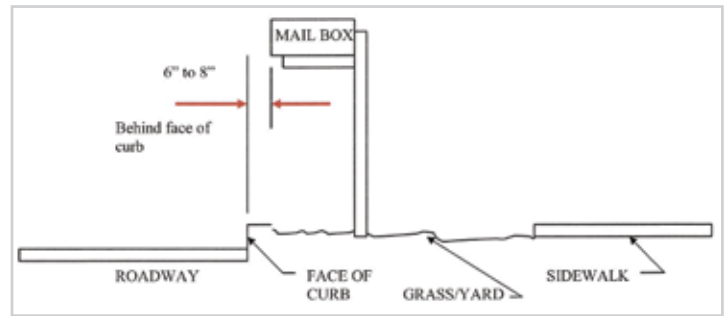
- Locate the mailbox as far from the shoulder of the road as the carrier can reach from a vehicle; In accordance with current postal guidelines, mailboxes are to be installed at least six (6) to eight (8) inches from the front face of the curb or edge of the pavement.
- All mailboxes are to be securely fastened to a sturdy post which is firmly anchored in the ground to resist the impact of plowed snow. Make certain your mailbox has strong support; check it frequently.
- Use reflective tape (6-8 inch) or similar material to assist the snowplow driver during dark hours or driving snowstorms.
- Clear snow from the front of your mailbox and deposit it properly (never shovel snow onto the road)
- The height of the bottom floor of the mailbox should be between 41" and 45" from the road surface. A semi-arch or extended arm-type support is recommended so that the snowplow can sweep under the box, avoiding contact.

Homeowners who have followed these guidelines in the past, and still experience mailbox damage may want to consider installing a cantilever mailbox support that will "swing" a mailbox out of harm's way.

Being pro-active and taking the necessary measures to winterize your mailbox, making it stable and visible will allow for efficient snow removal operations and the continued convenience of mail delivery to your home.

Efforts to remove snow from roadways curb-to-curb or to the shoulder of the road may result in damage to private property. While every measure is taken to minimize damage, heavy snowfall, and areas where there are no curbs makes it difficult for operators to identify the edge of the roadway surface.

The Borough maintains a list of areas damaged during Winter snow removal operations. Once the weather breaks, the Borough



contractor will place topsoil, grade, and seed damaged areas.

The Borough is only responsible for mailboxes that are hit by the plow blade. This does not include damage that may have resulted from the weight of the snow. The Borough will reimburse residents up to \$50 for the damages if it is determined that the mailbox damage was caused by the direct contact of a snowplow. Repeat damages to the same residential property will be reviewed as per each situation arises. A receipt of mailbox cost must be produced for reimbursement. The Borough will not repair or replace any mailboxes or posts. The repair or replacement will be done by the homeowner.

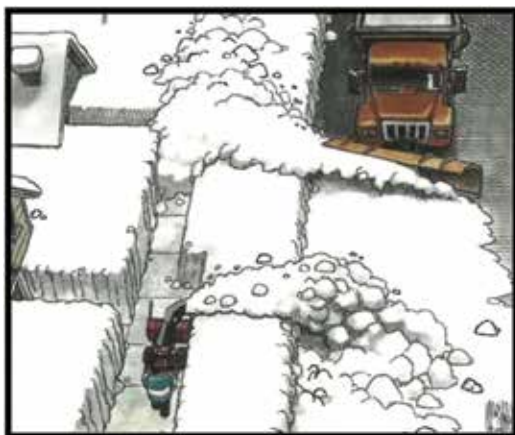
If physical contact by a snowplow is suspected, please contact the Borough in writing via mail or email with your address, information about where your mailbox is on your property, and the date. The Borough will inspect the mailbox and decide based on specific criteria. A mailbox or post will not be considered for reimbursement if the post shows signs of dry rot or is otherwise previously unstable. The owner of the mailbox has forty-eight (48) hours from the end of a snow event to submit a claim for reimbursement.

Snowplow operators make every attempt to exercise care and maintain lower speeds when plowing in areas where mailboxes are curbside. However, sometimes due to heavy snow and slush conditions, higher speeds must be maintained to clear the roadway.

Winter Reminders for Borough Residents

John Wolff, New Britain Borough Manager

Help our snowplow services this Winter Weather Season. Please do not blow your sidewalk and driveway snow into the streets.





NEW BRITAIN BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

9-1-1

Barry Issett (Code & Zoning) 215-622-1616
Bucks County Board of Elections 215-348-6154
Bucks County Visitor's Bureau 215-639-0300
Bucks County Court House 215-348-6000
Bucks County Health Department 215-345-3318
Bucks County Recycling 215-345-3400
Bucks County Voter Registration 215-348-6163
Bucks County Wildlife (Animal Control) 215-752-8725
Central Bucks EMS 215-348-3343 (non-emergency)
Central Bucks Regional Police 215-345-4143 (non-emergency)
Chal-Brit Regional EMS 215-822-1308 (non-emergency)
Chalfont Fire Department 215-822-3434 (non-emergency)
Dart Bus 215-794-5554
Doylestown Fire Department 215-348-2656 (non-emergency)
Doylestown Hospital 215-345-2200 (non-emergency)
Dog Licensing 215-348-6244
Gaming Commission - Southeast Division 610-926-3136 (for dead animals on roads)
New Britain Borough Inspection Scheduling 610-723-7719
New Britain Civic Association 215-345-8750
PennDot 215-345-6060
PA One-Call (BEFORE YOU DIG) 8-1-1
PADEP 800-346-4242
SEPTA (R5 LINE) 215-580-7800
Tax Collector (Nicole Percetti) 215-822-2930
Tax Collector (Keystone) 215-491-1282
Waste Management 800-869-5566

NEW BRITAIN BOROUGH DISTRICT COURT

962 Town Center, New Britain, PA 18901
215-230-7265
Judge Armitage

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215-348-7082



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