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# NEWS OF NEW BRITAIN BOROUGH

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## Pop-Up Park Returned to the Borough!

Tom Price • *Nature Preserve Committee*

For the third year in a row, New Britain Borough's Bird Town Committee created a Pop-Up Park at the Town Center to celebrate PARK(ing) Day, an annual global event to transform urban parking lots and metered parking spaces into temporary green spaces and community parks. This year's Pop-Up Park was held from 12:00 PM on Friday, September 20th until Sunday afternoon, September 22nd. As featured in previous years, there was entertainment, and informative talks were held throughout each day, as well as live music at night. Food was also available to purchase from businesses in the Town Center, and coupons for discounted items and services were distributed to visitors of Pop-Up Park as well.



used to create the park were native species that benefit birds, pollinators, and other wildlife, and there was a native plant sale on Sunday afternoon. This year's Pop-Up Park was designed to model a suburban property that meets the requirements to be registered in PA Audubon's Bird Habitat Network and in the National Wildlife Federation's Wildlife Habitat Certification Program. Visitors to the Pop-Up Park were able to register their qualifying properties in both of these programs.

Over the past three years, the Pop-Up Park has become a great place for community members to congregate, and remains a fun and much-anticipated annual event. We hope you were able to stop by the Pop-Up Park this year, and we're already looking forward to next year's event! 🌿

As in previous years, all the trees, shrubs, and other plants

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## Open House in the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve

Tom Price • *Nature Preserve Committee*

The habitat restoration work of the Borough's Nature Preserve Committee over the past several years has earned it local and state recognition. In 2017, the committee was awarded the Land Ethics Award by Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, and in 2019 it was the recipient of the PA Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. Recognizing that many Borough residents have never been to the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve, the Committee would like to invite the public to come visit the Preserve on **Saturday, October 5th**, to see and hear about the many improvements made throughout the Preserve recent years. This Open House will begin with an 8:00 AM bird walk conducted by members of our Bird Town Committee. Then every half hour between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM, members of the Nature Preserve Committee will lead tours through the Preserve. For those visitors who may have difficulty walking the Preserve's trails, we hope to have motorized transportation available.



As the date of the Open House approaches, more information will be made available on the Borough's website and Facebook page. You can also find more information at New Britain Borough's Farmers'



Market which runs weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 7:00 PM through the end of October on the grounds of the New Britain Baptist Church located at 22 E. Butler Pike. Come out, join your neighbors, and see all the events your Borough has to offer! 🌿



## Catching Up With Council

Robyne Kelemen ❖ Borough Council President



This column discusses notable items from recent Borough Council meetings. I thought it would be beneficial to highlight a few of the items covered and decisions made that may be of particular interest to residents and local businesses. Would you like to learn more? Join us for the Borough Council meetings at 7:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, or contact the Borough Administration office for more information.

**May:** The five commission members of the newly created Human Relations Commission for the Borough were appointed at the May council meeting. The Commission was created in February, when Council approved Ordinance #394 on Human Relations to expand protections for housing and employment beyond state guidelines, as well as to establish a Human Relations Commission. A “thank you” goes out to the five volunteers who have taken on this new responsibility.

Resolution 2019-08, Health in All Policies was approved by a majority of council at the May meeting. The resolution emphasizes that New Britain Borough will take into consideration in decision-making the benefits of providing choices in transportation planning (such as good walkability) that can ultimately contribute to residents’ health and well-being. This resolution is related to a competitive \$10,000 grant that the Borough received in January from the PA WalkWorks program. The Borough is using these grant monies toward our Comprehensive Plan update.

Discussed at the regular May council meeting, and subsequently approved at a special council meeting on May 28th, was the lease for New Britain Borough Farmers’ Market. The Farmers’ Market leases its use of grounds from the New Britain Baptist Church, which serves as a convenient site for the market, which began its weekly operation on Wednesday, May 29th. The Borough does not pay out-of-pocket for the lease, as the costs are provided from fees that the vendors pay to attend. It has been great to see the growing size of the market, and variety of goods offered to shoppers each week. It has also been great to see the walkability of our new trails in the area put into practice by those walking to and from the market. The Farmers’ Market is an excellent community resource that our Parks and Recreation volunteers have put great effort into starting up this year.

**June:** At the June council meeting, the design plan for the Keeley Avenue sidewalk/trail was presented by Borough Engineer Mark Hintenlang. The plan was approved for bidding, with completion by the end of 2019 anticipated. This portion of the trail will include connecting the Borough administration building and Burkart Hall into our trail/sidewalk system.

Also at the meeting, council voted to approve participation in Bucks County’s Corrections Community Service Program. Council will pre-approve any projects for which Borough administration would request community service participants. Returning to public session after an executive session on Public Safety, a motion was approved to have the Borough Manager make inquiry to Doylestown Township and New Britain Township regarding their interest in providing police services to the Borough. This is part of the ongoing initiative to examine our police service in the Borough, as police costs constitute the major expense in our annual budget.

**July:** In July, council approved the Borough administration building to connect into public water. Burkart Hall was already connected into public water in 2017. The timing for the change from well-water was based on repairs that would have been needed to the filtration equipment currently in place, making the change an economically viable choice, and a good long-term improvement for the Borough facility.

Also at this month’s meeting, the results of the annual Borough financial audit were presented by Treasurer Dawn Tremmel. No major deficiencies were found.

In addition, quotes were reviewed and approved related to Borough “branding” and beautification. Green wrapping plus a Borough seal for a traffic control signal box at Tamenend and Butler Avenues was approved. Also reviewed was the design and a quote for one of the two planned Borough gateway signs, which ultimately will be placed on Butler Avenue at the north and south Borough boundaries. The gateway signs have been a major ongoing effort of the Community and Business Committee who should be applauded for their ongoing efforts at making New Britain Borough stand out through attractive and informative signage and other features attractive to residents, businesses, and visitors.

Recently adopted Borough laws, including the ordinances described in this column, may be found at the Borough website at the following address, <http://www.ecode360.com/laws/NE3059>. All current Borough ordinances may also be found by navigating from that web page. ❖



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## Recent Community Events

Dawn Tremmel ❖ Editor

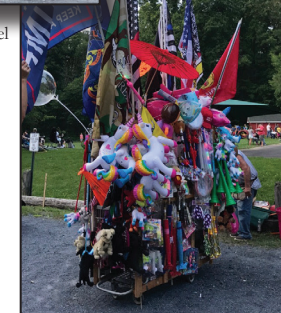
### COMMUNITY DAY AT COVERED BRIDGE PARK

The second annual Covered Bridge Park Community Day was a huge success this year! Hundreds of residents were on hand to enjoy the park’s amenities, congregate with neighbors & friends, and partake in the offerings from various food trucks and local vendors. The event culminated at dusk with a spectacular fireworks show. Special thanks to the Chalfont-New Britain Business Alliance and New Britain Civic Association for sponsoring the event, as well as all the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes to help make the day safe and fun! ❖



Image credits: Dawn Tremmel

Kids of all ages had fun at this year’s Community Day at Covered Bridge Park on Saturday, June 1st. There was good food and fun for everyone!



### TRI-MUNICIPAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

The annual Tri-Municipal Independence Day Parade was also a big success this year! It was wonderful to see so many residents come out to celebrate our country’s independence. There was sunshine, fun (and candy!), for all ages. Special thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes to help make this celebration safe and enjoyable! ❖



Image credits: Dawn Tremmel

Many thanks to everyone involved. Your support and participation is greatly appreciated!

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## Moments with the Mayor

David Holewinski ❖ Mayor



Summer is fading into the past, and the colors of fall will soon be showing their splendor. The days are growing shorter, and the heat of summer is giving way to the cool days and chilly nights of fall. There has been activity seen in the development at "The Gatherings," construction is in full motion, and soon we'll be welcoming new residents to our Borough.

In case you missed the news, we will have an organic supermarket and café as the anchor of "The Gatherings." Organnons Natural Market is the next step in moving toward our goal of developing the University Village, a destination for people to flock to rather than just pass through our Borough.

This is an exciting period in the history of New Britain Borough, a transformation from the old to the new, but keeping the charm and community spirit alive & well at the same time. There are plans to develop new community events while retaining those events that have become a part of New Britain: Covered Bridge Park Community Day, the Tri-Municipal Fourth of July Parade, Pop-Up Park, Duck Derby, and of course the Annual Tree Lighting. We have a great future ahead of us, and we hope you, our residents, will continue to support and embrace these changes.

We have seen more paving of our streets this year, and the "islands" along Butler Avenue will take on a new look with plantings this fall. We also have a new welcome sign at the west end of the Borough and another new welcome sign is planned for the east end as well. The New Britain Inn is currently under renovation to add a gathering space for small parties and for celebrating events. We also now have a "Farmers Market" behind the New Britain Baptist Church every Wednesday, if you haven't been there, you are missing some great farm fresh fruits and vegetables as well as baked goods, honey, jams, meats, and more. Try a slice of fresh oven-baked pizza, it is delicious.

As we approach the holiday season, remember those less fortunate, and share your bounty with them by donating to a charitable cause, stopping in and visiting the elderly, and helping those in need as best you can. Please also remember, those who have retired from working haven't retired from life; help them enjoy their elder years in big or little gestures of kindness and understanding.

I hope to see many of you at some of our events this fall and winter, as well as at our next Council Meeting and around the Borough. I hope that the fall/winter season brings health, happiness and new & exciting events to you and your families. ~

## Borough Farmers' Market

Andrea Antell ❖ Parks & Recreation Committee

Have you been to the Borough Farmers' Market? If you've seen the signs but haven't checked out New Britain Borough's Farmers' Market, you still have time to make visiting the new weekly market on Wednesdays from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM part of your late summer and early fall routine. The Borough Farmers' Market started as an initiative by Borough Committees to provide a place for neighbors to shop and purchase locally made or grown items.



We are thrilled by the community turnout that has helped us grow and expand the items offered. The market has baked goods, vegetables, fruits, meat, native plants, fresh flowers, honey, jams, wool products, nut butters, a gourmet pizza truck, live entertainment, and water ice!

The Farmers' Market will continue through October 30th. With the support of the community, this event will continue every summer. The vendors are encouraged by the enthusiasm that New Britain residents have shown for this event. We thank New Britain Baptist Church for allowing us to use their lovely location at the corner of Woodland Drive and Tamenend Avenue. Check out New Britain Borough Farmers' Market on Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates on market happenings and we hope to see you there! ~



## Volunteers Needed



The time and talents of our generous Borough volunteers do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. The Borough wouldn't be the wonderful place it is today without their help. Please consider giving a little of your time and talents to help continue doing great work in our community.

Currently, there are openings on the Nature Preserve Committee, the Parks & Recreation Committee, the Facilities Committee, and the Public Safety Committee. Each of these committees is highlighted on the Borough's website. If you decide to volunteer, you can visit our website's "Forms, Fees and Permits" page to download a "Volunteer Appreciation Form" which can be emailed, dropped off, faxed, or mailed into the administration office located at 45 Keeley Avenue.

If you have any questions, please call the Borough's main number at 215-348-4586, or please visit [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com) for more information. ~



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## Work Days in Nature Preserve

Tom Price • Nature Preserve Committee

We're fortunate to have the award-winning Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve in the Borough. The Preserve is managed and maintained by an all-volunteer committee, but we need additional hands at times. There are trails to maintain, trees and shrubs to plant, weeds to pull, and invasive plants to remove. We've scheduled four work days in the Preserve this fall, and we could really use your help! The remaining dates for these work days are **September 28th, October 12th, and November 9th** – all Saturdays from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM. These work days are fun and rewarding service opportunities, and a chance to give back to the community.

If you can't come to one of the scheduled work days, but would like to be notified of additional opportunities to do service work in the Preserve throughout the year, please send your name and email address to [pricet@newbritainboro.com](mailto:pricet@newbritainboro.com). We would like to build a list of residents ("Friends of the Nature Preserve") who might be available for this purpose. Thank you, in advance, for your support. ~

## Grand Reopening

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**Grand Re-Opening Sale**

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REVOLVE FITNESS in New Britain Town Center will be moving across the parking lot from their current location to a newly designed, custom constructed space by October 1st. Revolve Fitness is a full service facility offering group fitness, personal training, sauna, and tanning.

The Grand Reopening Celebration is planned for **Saturday, October 19th**, which will include a day filled with fun, food, and fitness!! Mark your calendar to come share in the excitement, and sign up for only \$5.

Lauriena Borstein owner/operator of Doylestown Fitness Center, which has been a cornerstone of the community for over 30 years, acquired Revolve Fitness in early June. She, along with her management team, are bringing their firm commitment to excellent customer service, along with a safe and effective workout environment to Revolve Fitness. The New Britain community will also have the benefit of support and instruction by their exceptional trainers and instructors.

So please join us on **October 19th** at our new location in Town Center and feel free to check out our website for more information, [www.revolveathletics.com](http://www.revolveathletics.com), or call us at 267-454-7425. ~



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## Welcome Bucks Dental Health and Esthetics

New Business ❖ New Britain Borough

Bucks Dental Health and Esthetics was founded by Hai Qing, DMD, Ph.D., FACP and his wife Mei in 2018. It is located at 108a West Butler Ave, New Britain, right across from the Post office.

Dr. Qing is internationally renowned and one of the few Board-certified Prosthodontists in the greater Philly area, which means besides providing general dentistry including dental hygiene, fillings, crowns, and emergency dentistry, he also specializes in Prosthodontics, Geriatric Dentistry, and Cosmetic Dentistry including dental implants, bonding, veneers, whitening and Invisalign straightening, TMD treatment, Dental Phobia, and dental complications management.

Dr. Qing's philosophy is "high-quality dental care through preventative services and long-term patient relationships." Therefore, the office sets its specialist fee low with additional discounts available to senior residents (65+), residents without dental insurance, veterans, and students.

The office's mission is practicing at the highest ethical, caring and technical standards with dedication to the patient's life-long oral health, esthetics, and general wellbeing. Although Dr. Qing has strong credentials, and can provide the most advanced dental treatment, he takes pride in his low-cost dental preventive care.

Dr. Qing began practicing dentistry in 2003 and resides with his wife Mei and their two children; Claire (5), and Peter (2). He pledges to provide the finest quality dentistry to Bucks County residents so that they can live with a healthy, and long-lasting beautiful smile.

Dr. Qing's credentials:

- Adjunct Clinical Faculty at UPenn School of Dental Medicine.
- Assistant professor and former Director of Clinical Fixed Prosthodontics at Temple University School of Dentistry.
- Prosthodontics specialty training, University of Rochester Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Rochester, NY.
- Doctorate in Dental Medicine from Temple University School of Dentistry.

For more information, please visit [www.prosthodontistqing.com](http://www.prosthodontistqing.com)



## DUCK DERBY!

Please join the Civic Association on September 28th at Covered Bridge Park from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the annual Duck Derby fund raiser. There will be food, prizes, vendors and family fun. Visit [www.newbritaincivic.org](http://www.newbritaincivic.org) for more information or to purchase a duck. Ducks can also be purchased at the Borough office.



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## Turning Our Thoughts to Fall and Winter

Mike Italia ❖ Building Inspector/ Zoning Officer

Fall greetings from the Zoning/Code Department. With the summer growing season wrapping up, we would like to remind all residents and businesses that overgrowth into the public right-of-way, which includes streets and sidewalks, needs to be trimmed back. Overgrowth onto streets needs to be trimmed up to create a 16 ft. clearance on roadways, and sidewalks should have a 8 ft. walking clearance. This helps our crews when they are plowing the streets in the winter, and also creates a safer walking environment for everyone.

When disposing of yard waste, be sure to use paper leaf bags for trimmings and leaves because this helps the trash hauler sort those items out. Sticks and branches should be trimmed down and tied in bundles for the trash; Advanced Disposal will allow 4 bundles per pick up. Mowed grass should never be blown into the street where it will clog storm drains.

Now is the time to get your heater and chimney serviced. More fires and carbon monoxide incidents occur because of blocked chimneys or malfunctioning heaters. It's best to have a certified HVAC company inspect these annually. Keeping your appliances running in optimal shape may also save you a few dollars in utility costs each year.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and have a fantastic fall season.



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## A Message From Our Borough Engineer

Mark Hintenlang ❖ Borough Engineer & Roadmaster

### \*\*RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE/SAFETY\*\*

For traffic visibility purposes, and for safe pedestrian walking, please make sure that all vegetation is trimmed 8' high over sidewalks, around street signs, and at driveway and street intersections. Level or replace sidewalk, curbing, or driveway aprons which have settled, creating tripping hazards. Mailbox faces must be positioned 6" to 8" back from the face of curb/edge of road such that they are not affected by plows this winter (the top of your mailbox should be 42" to 46" above the lawn surface). Please ensure your mailbox post is solid, and secured firmly into place.

### \*\*BE KIND TO THE ENVIRONMENT\*\*

**STREAM PROTECTION:** To limit volume in landfills, dispose of branches, leaf litter, and biodegradable trash by starting a compost pile (not near a stream that may flood). Adding a rain garden or rain barrel to reduce runoff enables you to re-use stormwater, which reduces your water bill, and provides increased water quality. **DO NOT** blow grass clippings into the street.

**RAIN WATER RUNOFF:** Consider reducing runoff to help your downstream neighbors by installing rain barrels on your downspouts, lowered planting beds (rain garden), connecting roof drains to stone pits, etc. These methods provide ground water infiltration.

**POOL WATER DISCHARGE:** Pool owners are required to dispose of pool water properly. Waste water containing chemicals such as chlorine, and muriatic acid, must be neutralized prior to disposal. Filter backwash should also be discharged to a grassy area, and never to a street, pond, stream, or towards your neighbor's property.

**CONSTRUCTION:** Stormwater controls are a requirement, and permits may be required for most additions of impervious surfaces which can affect not only your own property, but your neighbor's property as well. Please contact the Borough office to determine if permits are required for your project by calling 215-348-4586, or by emailing [mark@newbritainboro.com](mailto:mark@newbritainboro.com).

**STORMWATER INFORMATION:** Additional information is available at [www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf](http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf), and [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com).

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## Trash and Recycling News

Dawn Tremmel ❖ Editor

Advanced Disposal is the contracted residential trash hauler for New Britain Borough. Pick-up days are once-weekly on Wednesday mornings, please put your trash & recycling containers out the night before. Each residence can request a second trash container at no additional charge and it can be used for household trash or yard waste. One bulk item per week is included, and you are encouraged to call ahead for bulk item information and to ask questions to prevent any distress on pick-up day. If you have more than one bulk item, you are *required* to call ahead and there will be additional fees. Due to bedbug concerns, mattresses need to be tightly wrapped in plastic before they can be put at the curb or they will not be picked up.

The following items are collected for single-stream recycling: aluminum cans, glass bottles & jars, plastics #1-7, junk mail, phone books, cardboard, and paper boxes. All items must be free of food and containers must be rinsed before placing in bin. The following items are NOT accepted for recycling: window glass, mirrors, plastic grocery bags, styrofoam of any kind, ceramics, pizzaboxes, shredded paper, batteries of any kind, paint, diapers, syringes, blades, scrap metal, and aerosol cans.

**HOLIDAY TRASH SERVICE SCHEDULE:** On any given week, if an observed holiday from the list below falls on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the Borough's trash pick-up day is moved to the Thursday of that week. If an observed holiday falls on a Thursday or Friday of any given week, then the Borough's trash & recycling service is not affected and remains on Wednesday for that week. The following holidays are observed by Advanced Disposal: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (July 4th), Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

For any questions, more information, or to report any issues, please contact Advanced Disposal's Customer Support Dept. at **610-440-3700**, or by emailing: [pennsylvaniacustomercare@advanceddisposal.com](mailto:pennsylvaniacustomercare@advanceddisposal.com), and please be sure to mention that you are a New Britain Borough resident.



**Bucks County** will hold its final 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection on **September 21, 2019** in Upper Bucks County at Strayer Middle School located at 1200 Ronald Reagan Dr. in Quakertown. Electronics are **NOT** accepted at this particular collection. For additional information on disposal options, please visit [www.buckscounty.org/recycling](http://www.buckscounty.org/recycling), or call **215-345-3400**.



Friends of New Britain Parks

Tess LaMontagne ❖ President



Please join your neighbors and contribute either your time or money to make the Borough a great place to live. The Friends of New Britain Parks, a charitable organization, was created for the betterment of Borough owned parks, the Nature Preserve, and other public areas.

Some years ago, Miriam Groner left her home and an endowment to our Nature Preserve. The rental income from her home funds maintenance, improvements, and expansion of the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve. This year, the Nature Preserve used part of its endowment, a grant, and generous gifts in excess of \$110,000 from several Borough residents to purchase land and a rental house. In addition, James Chant donated over two acres of land to the Preserve and just recently, the landscaping at the Borough office received a cash donation.

The Friends of New Britain Parks' latest project is to fund the replanting of the islands on Butler Avenue between Tamenend and Lenape. To date, early donors have pledged \$1,000, and our organization would greatly appreciate your tax deductible donation to help our Borough purchase and plant trees for the islands by filling out the form below. Donations of \$350 or more will have a plaque made and placed at the base of a tree in honor of the organization or special person in your life that you wish to pay tribute to.

Please contact the Borough office at 215-348-4586, or email friends@newbritainboro.com to request more specific information, or to make your tax deductible donation.

When Do I Need a Permit?

Dawn Tremmel ❖ Editor

The Borough's website is a great resoucre for permit and zoning information. Go to www.newbritainboro.com and near the top of the home page, go to the "Forms, Fees and Permits" tab or go to the "FAQ" tab for questions and answers relating to permits and/or to print permit applications. You can also gather information regarding code specifications for your project on the eCode section of the Borough's website. Start out on the website's home page, and under the "Government" tab choose "Borough Code," and type your keyword into the search bar in the upper right hand corner to begin exploring.

Projects that need permits include, but are not limited to; decks, patios, additions, electrical and/or plumbing projects, and generator installations. NOTE: Always remember to call Pennsylvania One Call by dialing 8-1-1 prior to digging on your property.



Fall/Winter Calendar of Community Events

Sept. 14.....	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....	Nature Preserve Work Day @ Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve ♦ Mathews Ave., New Britain
Parking for Preserve available on Landis Mill Road and/ or Mathews Avenue, New Britain		
Sept. 20-22 ....	12:00 PM on 9/20.....	Pop-Up Park @ New Britain Town Center ♦ 426 Town Center (Giant) in New Britain Borough
Sept. 22.....	8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....	Buffet Breakfast @ Chalfont Fire Co. ♦ 301 N. Main St., Chalfont (ends at 12:00 PM or until sold out)
Sept. 28.....	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....	Nature Preserve Work Day @ Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve ♦ Mathews Ave., New Britain
Sept. 28.....	11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.....	Duck Derby @ Covered Bridge Park ♦ 229 Keeley Ave., New Britain
Oct. 10.....	7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.....	Fire Prevention Open House @ Chalfont Fire Co. ♦ 301 N. Main St., Chalfont
Oct. 12.....	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....	Nature Preserve Work Day @ Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve ♦ Mathews Ave., New Britain
Nov. 9.....	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....	Nature Preserve Work Day @ Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve ♦ Mathews Ave., New Britain
Dec. 4 .....	6:30 PM.....	Borough Holiday Tree Lighting @ New Britain Town Center ♦ 426 Town Center (Giant) in Borough
Caroling begins at 6:30PM & the tree lighting, along with Santa's arrival by Fire Truck is @ 7:00PM.		

Town Center Jewelers Making A Move

Lee & Gloria ❖ Proprietors

Town Center Jewelers Inc. was established in 1987 in New Britain Town Center. It is the longest existing business in the shopping center still under the same ownership and management; husband and wife team of Lee and Gloria. Lee is a bench jeweler and designer, and Gloria handles sales, finances, and office work.

For almost 31 years, Town Center Jewelers has served the community's needs for repairs and custom-made jewelry. Many designs are inspired and made from customer's ideas and Lee's technical expertise.

The other part of our business is renovation and/or restoration of customer's inherited or old jewelry. This service can give a completely different look bringing gems, gold, platinum, and silver back to new life. Repairing jewelry and watches is something we take great pride in. As a joke, our customers often refer to our store as the "Jewelry Hospital." Almost all repairs are done on premises in our machine shop.

Town Center Jewelers provides gemstone education, several free workshops, and free consultations with customers on various aspects of the jewelry trade. Since 2014, we've provided special services to the retirement community of the Village of Neshaminy Falls in North Wales where we've received the title of "Village Jewelers."

In August of 2019, due to renovations at the Town Center shopping center, our business relocated to a new address within the same shopping center, 430 Town Center (just about 20 yards away from the old storefront). We welcome all new & old customers and friends to the new home of Town Center Jewelers Inc.

Sincerely, Lee and Gloria

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