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New Britain Borough's WQNP Committee Receives Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection announced on March 15th that New Britain Borough's Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve Committee is one of this year's recipients of the 2019 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence, the highest statewide honor bestowed to individuals, organizations, businesses, and local governments for environmental performance and innovation. New Britain Borough was the only borough to earn this prestigious award this year.

The projects of this year's 18 award winners were evaluated by DEP "for their degree of environmental protection, innovation, partnership efforts, economic impact, consideration of climate change, sustainability and the results achieved." In his congratulations to this year's award recipients, Governor Tom Wolf said, "Prioritizing and protecting our environment is fundamental to maintaining Pennsylvania's natural resources and preserving our commonwealth for future generations. I'm so pleased to present awards to these deserving Pennsylvanians, and I thank them for their contributions."

The Nature Preserve Committee received the Governor's Award for its "Ecological Restoration of the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve." Over the past several years, the all-volunteer committee of Borough residents has engaged in intensive efforts at habitat restoration in the Preserve by removing invasive plant species, and planting hundreds of native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers in their place. It has also addressed erosion issues, made trail improvements, and installed new benches, signage, and nesting boxes throughout the Preserve.

This is the second year in a row that the Nature Preserve Committee has been recognized for its stewardship efforts. In 2018, the Committee was the recipient of the Land Ethics Award given out by Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve.

The Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve is owned by New Britain Borough and was established in 1971, after Councilwoman Wilma Quinlan and a handful of like-minded residents raised the funds needed to purchase the 24-acre Sidebotham Tract, the largest piece of undeveloped land remaining in the Borough. The intent of the purchase was to preserve open space, conserve natural habitat for wildlife, and create a place for Borough residents to enjoy passive recreation.

Through several land donations and purchases, the Nature Preserve has expanded to 32 acres today. It is managed and maintained by the 12-member Nature Preserve Committee with the help of many other work-day volunteers, who together are continuing the conservation work of Wilma Quinlan and others, who had the foresight almost fifty years ago to, in Mrs. Quinlan's words, "secure for our grandchildren and their children, open lands and open space."

The Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve is a 32+ acre natural area located along the Neshaminy Creek that is owned and maintained by New Britain Borough. The woods and fields of the Preserve are set aside for habitat preservation and passive recreation. The Preserve's numerous trails are intended for nature study, wildlife observation, and birding. The Preserve includes "Miriam's Meadow" a 2.7 acre wildflower meadow on the former property of Miriam Groner, donated to New Britain Borough in 2005. The main entrance to the Nature Preserve is located on Mathews Avenue which must be accessed using Sand Road off of Butler Avenue. Another entrance exists near Miriam's Meadow on Landis Mill Road, although parking for that entrance is limited. ☞



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Catching Up With Council

Robyne Kelemen ❖ 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.

January: In January, Borough Council approved a surveyor to begin work mapping out new sidewalks to be added on Butler Ave, which are being funded via state grant and developer contributions. Council also held discussions on how to best participate in the County mosquito control program. After reviewing the safety profiles of several treatment options, Council reached a satisfactory compromise that protects both the environment and public health. Council also approved a design and cost to install a “gateway” sign near Bristol Road and Butler Avenue to welcome residents to the Borough, which should be installed by the summer. Finally, Council changed the alarm system at Burkart Hall, which will better protect it, and save taxpayer money.

February: In February, Council approved an Ordinance to expand protections for housing and employment beyond state guidelines, as has been done in many municipalities recently, as well as to establish a Human Relations Commission to help mediate any discrimination claims. Council also welcomed several new Borough volunteers and said goodbye to the Borough’s Assistant to the Manager, Alex Nagy, who accepted a job with Solebury Township. The Borough also updated its fee schedule and property maintenance code regulations that month.

March: After months of research and deliberation, Borough Council approved an Ordinance in March to establish a single hauler trash program in the Borough to save taxpayer money on road maintenance, and resident costs for trash service. The Borough also passed an Ordinance that allows multiple towing companies to work for the Borough and establishes a registration program. Council approved a Resolution needed for PennDOT to implement traffic and safety improvements at the intersection of Butler and Tamenend Ave, which will include striping adjustments to make turning onto each street easier. A majority of Borough Council agreed to support a grant application by the New Britain Civic Association for a Master Park Plan for Covered Bridge Park that would also include Orchard Park. If the grant is awarded, this

plan will allow for Civic and the Borough to collect public input and make strategic improvements to both parks. In addition, it would allow the Borough to charge developers a fee to support parks and open space. And in regards to open space, the Borough passed a Resolution to conclude acquisition of the Miller properties, which will add more than three acres to the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve, as well as create an income stream for the Preserve from the rental of Mr. Miller’s house.

April: In April, Borough Council discussed the Zoning Hearing Board application of 84 Lumber to change its use from selling wood to making roof trusses, and found no objection to the change. Similar to the past few months, Council added another couple of Borough volunteers, which are the lifeblood of our success. Borough Council also approved the purchase of pens and magnets to distribute at our booth at Delaware Valley University’s A Day. Having a booth at A Day allows the Borough to increase its exposure, which hopefully leads to greater interest in people visiting New Britain Borough, moving here, or starting a business here. Council also approved a consulting proposal from Mr. Michael Starner, who will assist Borough Council in its efforts to improve the esthetics of Butler Ave and the reliability of electric service by undergrounding or relocating utility poles. Council also held discussion about the success of our Historic Preservation Committee’s “Doan Gang” event, which was attended by nearly two hundred people. In a similar vein, Council also discussed a proposal to start a New Britain Farmer’s Market, which will likely be held on the grounds of the New Britain Baptist Church on Wednesday evenings. Both discussions highlight the desire for community events and activities in the Borough, which Council is working to provide for residents 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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Getting To Know Members of Council

Thomas Price ❖ Councilmember



Q: Tom, how long have you been a Borough resident?

A: We moved into our house in January 1994, so it’s been 25 years already, which is hard to believe.

Q: Are you married? Do you have any children and/or pets?

A: Beth and I have been married for 27 years. We have two sons, Jake, 24 and Michael, 21. Jake graduated from Penn State in 2017 and is now serving as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. Michael is currently a junior at

Penn State, majoring in Environmental Economics. We have a 10-year-old English Lab named Rufus. 🐾



Q: What is your profession?

A: I taught Social Studies in the Central Bucks School District for 35 years. All but eight of those years were spent at C.B. West, where Beth and I met. I retired from teaching in 2013.

Q: How long have you been on Borough Council and why did you decide to run?

A: This is my fourth year on Council. I was first elected to a two-year term in 2015 and then re-elected to a four-year term in 2017. Having taught Civics for many years, I was always interested in government and had developed strong feelings about the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. Participation in local government is especially important, I believe. When I first ran for Borough Council, I was already serving on several Borough committees; Nature Preserve, Bird Town, and Parks & Recreation, as well as the Planning Commission. I was also attending Council meetings on a regular basis. Serving as a member of Council seemed like the best way to get even more involved in decisions impacting the Borough.

Q: Do you volunteer with any other organization(s) in addition to your Borough Council duties?

A: Before I was elected to Council, I was volunteering as a Teacher-Naturalist at the Bucks County Audubon Society. I still occasionally serve as a Forces of Nature volunteer with Natural Lands and I’m currently going through the training to become a Penn State Extension Master Watershed Steward. It looks like I’ve also been recently drafted to help with the landscaping at my church.

Q: What Borough projects are you passionate about?

A: Passion is the right word to describe my feelings about the ecological restoration we’ve been doing in the Nature Preserve. The Preserve is a major asset of the Borough, but it now requires a major commitment and effort to restore

it as healthy habitat and a place that Borough residents will want to visit. I’m also excited about the development and improvements we expect to occur in the University Village area of the Borough over the next few years.

Q: What would you like people to know about you? Do you have any special hobbies, talents, or skills?

A: My hobbies are mostly related to nature and the outdoors. I’ve been interested in birds since I was a kid and have been an avid gardener and landscaper my entire adult life. I like to kayak, and Beth and I enjoy hiking and biking together. When our sons were younger we did a lot of camping as a family.



Q: What topic could you spend hours talking about?

A: People who know me know how I’m going to answer this. Soon after I retired, I read Bringing Nature Home by Doug Tallamy. It’s about how we can sustain wildlife in our own yards with native plants. This book completely changed how I think about gardening and landscaping and put me on a post-retirement path that I might not have taken if I hadn’t read it. Consequently, I could probably talk about native plants and their importance to birds and other wildlife for hours – if I could find someone to listen for that long.

Q: What’s the most amazing place in nature you’ve ever been?

A: Hard question. We took a family trip to Costa Rica that was amazing, but we also took camping trips to some national parks, such as Acadia, the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, and Glacier, that I’d revisit again and again, if I could.

Q: If you could have dinner with anyone from history, who would it be and what would you ask them?

A: I’ve always thought it would be interesting to have dinner with any of our Founding Fathers. Washington and Jefferson are my favorites. Franklin would be fun. I’d also like to talk to anyone, maybe a Native American, who could really describe for me what this continent was like before it was settled.

Q: If you could be a bird or an animal, what would you choose to be and why?

A: Probably a bird, because I think it would be awesome to be able to fly. Not just any bird, though. I’d want to be a large hawk or eagle. I’ve always liked raptors because they can soar high in the sky and it’s obviously better to be at the top of the food chain.



Q: If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three personal things would you have to have with you?

A: A good pair of binoculars; I’m never bored if I have those with me. Family photos would be nice. And if my family can’t be with me, I’d at least like to have my dog. I never feel alone when Rufus is around. 🐾

The History of Burkart Hall

Excerpts from Donna von Lipsey, "Borough Treasures," Newsletter, Vol. 22 #3
& Louise Parmelee Burkart, "New Britain Borough, Bicentennial Issue"



Library & Literary Society Building (now Burkart Hall)
Exact Date and Photographer unknown

In light of the recent improvements at Burkart Hall, it's fitting to reflect on the rich history of this wonderful building and how it has served the Borough in many different ways through the years. It was originally constructed for New Britain's "Literary Society" on land purchased from Charles J. Conard and dedicated at a ceremony on September 13, 1913. The event was attended by a crowd of about 300 people. A list of Honorary Members who contributed to the building fund contains some familiar names: W. Atlee Burpee, Fannie Chapman, and Henry Mercer. In 1913 there was no TV and radio was not common in households until 1920. Therefore, the Literary Society and the dedicated building became the hub of the community. Programs hosted there consisted of concerts, plays, travelogues, dances, and even holiday bazaars.

It was decided that the Literary Society would create a library. It was off to a good start with 65 books generously donated from Worcester, MA. Other donations poured in, and when 500 books were amassed, The Pennsylvania State Library was contacted. Upon request for information, Mr. Bliss of the Harrisburg Library was sent to survey the situation and informed the Literary Society that with their ample supply of books, they could form a library and urged that it be a "free" library. The trustees appointed Mrs. Alfred Mathews as the first Librarian and in March 1916, Miss Anna McDonald from the Pennsylvania State Library came to help organize the library and put a single-card system into place. The library also grew due to assistance from permanent and traveling loans of books from Harrisburg and by 1926 the number of books grew to 3,200. Through the years, donated books came from local residents, and suprisingly from cities as far away as Philadelphia, New York, and Connecticut.

By 1969, the countryside had given way to "suburbia," and not only radio, but TV, had also become ubiquitous. The Literary Society disbanded, and the property was deeded to the Borough. The lower level of the building became the former New Britain Borough Police Department, and Borough Council continues to meet upstairs as they have since the Borough incorporated in 1928.

For more historical points of interest, please visit the Borough's website, www.newbritainboro.com

Celebrating Arbor Day!

Dawn Tremmel ♦ Editor



Mayor Holewinski, Marge Eberz, and Jackie D'Agostino

In commemoration of Arbor Day, on Friday, April 26th, New Britain Borough planted a dogwood tree on the grounds of the administration building at 45 Keeley Avenue. Mayor Holewinski read a proclamation, and the Chair of the Shade Tree Commission, Jackie D'Agostino, and Shade Tree Commission Secretary, Marg Eberz, assisted in the ceremony. Special thanks to Dougherty Landscaping for generously donating the lovely dogwood tree. The Borough would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Shade Tree Commission for their hard work on important projects that help to make New Britain Borough a beautiful place to live!



Historic Preservation Committee needs your help!

How would you like to help preserve Borough history? If you have any old copies of newsletters (prior to 2016), the HPC kindly requests that you consider donating them to the Borough for both archival and display purposes. Please drop off your copies in the Borough's office at 45 Keeley Avenue.

Tax Collector's Hours



The Borough's Tax Collector, Nicole Percetti, will be in the Borough's administration office located at 45 Keeley Road on **Wednesday, August 21st, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM** to accept school property tax payments. You can stop by that day and Nicole will process your payment in person. Please remember, you always have the option to mail in your payment. Be sure to refer to your tax bill for mailing instructions and due dates. If you want a receipt returned to you, upon mailing, please include your full billing statement, and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions, Nicole Percetti can be reached at **215-822-2930** or by email: newbritaintax@gmail.com Nicole is at her main office in New Britain Township, located at 207 Park Avenue, weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



When Do I Need a Permit?

www.newbritainboro.com

The Borough's website is a great resource for permit and zoning questions. Go to www.newbritainboro.com and near the top of our 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 at our 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.

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.

Moments with the Mayor

David Holewinski ♦ Mayor



Spring is in full bloom, and summer is almost upon us. We should be thinking about what plantings we are going to do this year. It's nice to see the days growing longer, and the weather beginning to warm our life. Spring is exciting, new growth is happening, the lawns are turning green, and we know that our neighbors will be out and about more as we approach summer. Soon the children will

be spending more time outside in the neighborhoods, the bike and hike paths will be busy with people, and in general, there will be more activity in the Borough. There are picnics to enjoy, walks to take, evenings to just relax outdoors, and enjoy life in New Britain Borough.

In the Borough, we can now see progress at the former Knoell property and "The Gatherings at University Village" are set to open in the fall of this year. Other projects are being proposed along the Butler Avenue corridor, and we'll most likely see some new construction starting later this year. There is a new Dunkin Donuts shop just across the railroad tracks in Chalfont and Owowcow has opened its ice cream shop in the old Chalfont firehouse as well. The walkability of New Britain Borough continues to grow, and soon we'll be able to walk from the Chalfont Borough line to Del Val University, where we can already connect to trails that lead into Doylestown.

The Civic Association is celebrating New Britain Day on June 1st at Covered Bridge Park. There will be "Food Trucks and Fireworks" this year, along with a fishing derby and farmer's market in the morning, family activities and entertainment throughout the afternoon, capped off with fireworks at dusk. There will be a "try to dunk" tank which will feature some of our Councilmembers and yes, your Mayor will be there for you to try and dunk.

The Civic Association's Summer Recreation Program at Covered Bridge Park begins on June 24th and we all know that program has been a hit with the parents and kids for decades. There is a new walking bridge connecting Covered Bridge Park to Orchard Park, and there will also be an ADA parking area plus an ADA walkway from the parking lot at Covered Bridge Park to the new bridge. The Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve is a great location to visit and commune with nature. There are new plantings, improved trails, and the Preserve has been recognized as a first class Nature Preserve through the efforts of many dedicated volunteers.

We have a beautiful Borough! Everyone is invited to take advantage of what we have to offer and enjoy this spring and summer. Don't forget the June 1st "Food Trucks and Fireworks" as well as the 4th of July Parade, and I hope to see you around the Borough.



The “Doan” Event Was a Success!

Dawn Tremmel ❖ Editor



Guest speaker, Carl LaVO (pictured at the podium above), a retired news editor and author of five books, including his newest, *Bucks County Adventures*, who is also a weekly local history columnist for the Bucks County Courier Times and The Intelligencer newspapers, gave a wonderfully informative presentation about Plumstead’s own, “Doan Gang.”

Roughly two hundred people showed up to learn about the Doan family, specifically Levi and Abraham Doan, who became known as the “Doan Boys.” These outlaws from the Revolutionary War period, who specialized in horse thievery and robbing tax collectors, are buried just outside the Friends Meeting House’s cemetery border in nearby Plumsteadville.

In attendance on April 8th were some Doan family members. Donna Carver Broderick, whose father’s side of her family was related to the Doans, was at the event. Also in attendance were Christy Doan Brosius from western Pennsylvania, and Darla Doan McGonagle who traveled all the way from Maryland for this presentation. Both were related to Joseph Doan, Jr. and are pictured below.



Christy Doan Brosius and Darla Doan McGonagle

Carl LaVO had copies of his newest book, *Bucks County Adventures*, available for purchase at the event. Mr. LaVO’s books can also be purchased on Amazon.

Our thanks to Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church for hosting this event and for New Britain Borough’s Historic Preservation Committee, as well as Mr. LaVO, for bringing us this worthwhile presentation and lively discussion that highlighted our community’s place in local history. 🌸



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Turning Our Thoughts to Summer

Mike Italia ❖ Building Inspector/ Zoning Officer

Happy spring from the Code Enforcement Department. The Borough has seen an increase in the removal of older under-ground heating oil storage tanks and having them replaced with above-ground storage tanks. This is very environmentally responsible and should be considered if you haven’t already done so. Most underground tanks last about 30 years and should be pressure tested every so often to ensure they are not leaking. We have seen many tanks fail, which can impose a severe financial impact on your budget for cleanup costs.

A permit is required if you are having your tank removed. We will inspect the ground/hole for any oil residue after its removal. Please ensure that you have a reputable tank removal company perform the work. Once the removal is complete, the Borough and the property owner will receive a closeout report showing the results of soil testing. If you are interested in finding out more about underground oil tanks please visit: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Site-Remediation/Storage-Tank-Cleanup-Program/Pages/Residential-Home-Heating-Oil.aspx>

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Borough’s Code Enforcement Department by calling **215-348-4586**. On behalf of everyone from the code department, we would like to wish you all a wonderful spring and a happy summer season. 🌻



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A Message From Our Borough Engineer...

Mark Hintenlang ❖ Borough Engineer & Roadmaster



CLEAN STREAMS:

Please consider reducing or eliminating lawn fertilizers on your property, and if you have a lawn care service, please let them know of our concerns and also ask them for the reduction or elimination of fertilizing wherever possible. Fertilizers have been found to be a major source of pollution to our local streams (Pine Run Creek, Cooks Run, Neshaminy Creek), not to mention that they result in increased lawn maintenance costs. Furthermore, Pennsylvania has adopted policies forcing local municipalities to be responsible to treat this issues. Fertilizers contain nitrogen, nutrients and phosphorus, etc. which are the main sources of pollution which causes other ill affects such as algae, organics, etc. especially in slow moving water and ponds. 🐟

Sediment is also a major stream pollutant. Again, Pennsylvania is implementing constraints limiting these contaminants which affect stream quality, fish, and micro-organisms. Please ensure any yard disturbances due to construction, gardening, and/or unstable areas are provided with sediment controls to avoid adversely affecting streams/waterway quality. Ensure that grass clippings and leaves are disposed of properly. Direct clippings and leaves back onto your yard and **NOT** into the street where they are carried directly to streams through stormwater drains on your street. 🐟

RECYCLE: 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). Add a rain garden or rain barrel to reduce runoff, enable you to re-use stormwater which reduces your water bill, and provide increased water quality.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Always dispose of hazardous materials properly. Dispose of hazardous materials before they leak or get knocked over. Additional stormwater information is available at: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdsms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf> and at <http://www.newbritainboro.com/> For more information on hazardous waste disposal, please visit Bucks County’s website at: www.buckscounty.org

SWIMMING POOLS: Pool owners are required to discharge water responsibly as per Borough and PA-DEP rules and regulations. The Clean Stream Law prohibits the discharge of chemically contaminated water into streams or storm sewers. Contaminated pool water quickly makes its way into streams directly (untreated) via stormwater drains on Borough streets where aquatic life can then be harmed or killed. Please call Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority @ **215-343-2538** if you have contaminated water that needs to be removed. 🌊

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: Stormwater control/reduction is an important method to reduce erosion, sediment, and suspended solids in our streams. While the Borough’s ordinances require developers to provide methods to reduce runoff, existing residential lots and businesses can do their part to prevent excessive runoff by providing their own source of stormwater management such as the following:

1. ‘Rain barrels’ are a great way to conserve water and save on your water bill during the dry summer months ahead. Simply place a 55 gallon drum under one or more of your downspouts with a valve and a hose bib at the bottom, then use to water your garden/yard. The rain barrels act as little detention basins that help decrease stream flooding. Decorative wooden wine/ rain barrels are also a great way to spruce up a porch. 🌿

2. ‘Rain gardens’ are also a popular method of decreasing runoff and beautifying your property with landscaping and/or water features. 🌿

3. Planting trees and vegetation effectively benefits sediment reduction by reducing runoff quantity and velocity. The Nature Preserve volunteers planted 123 free trees last year in the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve. Please consider planting native species trees, especially if trees have been or will be removed from your property. Additional information can be obtained by contacting New Britain Borough. 🌳

4. If you notice illegal dumping or drainage activities, please report it immediately to New Britain Borough @ **215-348-4586**.

SIDEWALK SAFETY:

Sidewalks are provided for your safety and to promote pedestrian activity. Please enjoy the sidewalks and use them. For safety reasons, wherever possible, please avoid walking in the street. Properly maintain your sidewalk; please be considerate and trim branches that extend over sidewalk and into the street, and check your sidewalks to ensure there aren’t any uneven joints that could cause injury. 🌿

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Friends of New Britain Parks

Tess LaMontagne ❖ *President*



Earlier this year, Borough Council officially created the “Friends of New Britain Parks” (FoNBP). The FoNBP is a charitable entity serving as a Supporting Organization, which operates exclusively to benefit, or to further the purposes of our public parks, nature preserves (including specifically the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve) and other public recreational facilities and spaces owned by the Borough of New Britain. The New Britain Parks shall include but not be limited to, the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve and Orchard Park.

This corporate charity is charged with:

- (a) raising money from public and private sources for the maintenance of, and improvements to, the New Britain Parks;
- (b) investing and reinvesting all funds entrusted to it;
- (c) taking such actions as it thinks appropriate for an endowment with the funds raised and;
- (d) with prior approval of New Britain Borough Council first obtained, distribute and/or apply the net income and principal in furtherance of the Corporate Purpose and for no other purpose.

The FoNBP has already received notable and generous contributions towards the Miller property purchase. Another generous donation was received for the landscaping around the Borough’s administration office on Keeley Avenue, and most recently, for the purchase of new trees in the Borough.

Currently, FoNBP is reaching out to Borough residents and businesses to request donations for new street trees throughout the Borough as well as for the benefit and improvement of Orchard Park. FoNBP greatly appreciates any donation, big or small, to improve the recreational spaces that are so vital to our community. Your tax deductible contribution can also be made in dedication to, or in honor of, an important person in your life or someone who has been a key to your business’ history or success. You can find more information about FoNBP on the Borough’s website.

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

Parks & Recreation Committee

Andrea Antell ❖ *Parks & Recreation Committee*

The Community Garden is starting off its fifth season at Orchard Park. We are enjoying a great start to the season and are hopeful for a drier, warmer summer. The addition of the trail and new bridge from Covered Bridge Park will improve accessing the garden as well as the piping of water directly into the garden space. There are a few plots available for 2019. Please contact the Borough office if you would like to join the Community Garden.



Speaking of vegetables, the Borough is recruiting vendors to start a seasonal weekly **Farmers’ Market** in 2019. We are targeting a weekday evening, probably Wednesday, in a location to be announced shortly. As we make progress with this initiative, more information will be provided. ❧

McCabe and Brady
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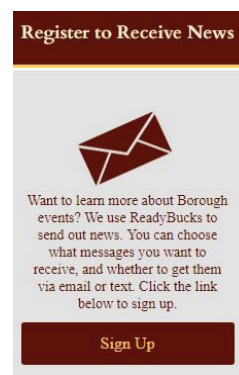
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Stay Informed

If you’d like to be notified about important Borough news and events, please visit our website, **www.newbritainboro.com** and on the right hand side of our homepage, you will find a “Register to Receive News” link where you can sign up to receive notifications about emergencies and other important community news. *Be sure to check off “New Britain Borough” during the registration process. You will receive time-sensitive messages on your cell or home phone, by email, or text message. You pick where and how you want to be notified. Contact **everbridge@buckscounty.org** with any questions.



The Borough also invites you to stay informed by visiting our Facebook page and joining our group. Go to: **https://www.facebook.com/NewBritainBoro/**

Spring Calendar of Community Events

May 18.....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	
June 1.....9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.....	Community Day @ Covered Bridge Park, Fishing and Farmer’s Market ♦ 229 Keeley Avenue
June 1.....1:00 PM to 8:30 PM.....	Community Day @ Covered Bridge Park, Food Trucks and Fireworks! ♦ 229 Keeley Avenue
Children’s activities, bouncy house & slide, whiffle ball games, a celebrity dunk tank, live musical entertainment and more, plus a variety of food trucks, and a dazzling fireworks show after sunset. See flyer insert for details.	
June 2.....11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.....	Chicken BBQ @ Chalfont Fire Co. ♦ 301 N. Main St., Chalfont (Take Out Only)
June 22.....8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.....	Flea Market @ Chalfont Fire Co. ♦ 301 N. Main St., Chalfont
July 4..... 9:30 AM.....	Fourth of July Parade ♦ begins at 426 Town Center (Giant Shopping Center), New Britain Borough
Sept. 7.....9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.....	Turkey Hoagies @ Chalfont Fire Co. ♦ 301 N. Main St., Chalfont (ends at 12:30 PM or until sold out)
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)

Welcome Simpatico Studios!

New Borough Business

Steve Whiskeyman ❖ *Simpatico Studios*

Simpatico Studios, a full-service advertising and marketing agency, recently celebrated its first anniversary in New Britain Borough’s Town Center. Founded in 2011 by partners Jill and Steve Whiskeyman, Simpatico is proud to serve small businesses “around the corner” in Bucks County, as well as larger clients around the world. The agency has committed to operating in New Britain through 2021 and Jill Whiskeyman, CEO says, “New Britain Borough is a wonderful and welcoming place to call home.”

Services: Simpatico Studios offers a blend of creative and strategic marketing services. Its offering spans the traditional (brochures, print ads, PR and market research) and the modern (web design and development, video production, search engine optimization, and social media management). No matter the client or project, the team prides itself on creating and delivering seamless, compelling brand experiences.

In the Community: Simpatico’s founding partners are avid networkers, and have forged partnerships with a wide array of Bucks County businesses through volunteerism and community leadership. Their commitment to client relationships and creative excellence has earned the studio a strong reputation — reflected in 30 five-star reviews on Google and Facebook.

Discounts Available for New Britain Businesses: Have a marketing need? The multidisciplinary team at Simpatico is always up for a new challenge. For the remainder of Q2, Central Bucks entrepreneurs and marketing directors can enjoy 50% off a 90-minute marketing strategy session, which comes complete with continental refreshments and 500 free business cards. As a bonus, the nominal fee is then creditable toward any future work. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. Marketing strategy sessions can be scheduled online at **SimpaticoStudios.com/SmallBizStrategy**, or by phone. ❧

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Parking Lot Completed

Due to a CDBG grant, for the first time in its history, the Borough’s Administration office, located at 45 Keeley Avenue, has a paved driveway! The Borough would like to express its appreciation to the Bird Town Committee, Dougherty Landscaping, and a generous anonymous donor for their efforts to design, purchase plants, and landscape the admin office grounds this coming spring and summer. Looks like we’re off to a great start! ❧



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❧ New Summer Menu ❧
❧ Everything Homemade ❧
❧ Covered Deck Dining ❧
❧ 24 Beers on Tap ❧
❧ Family Friendly ❧

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