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## The 2020 Census Will Soon Begin

Dawn Tremmel • Newsletter Editor

The 2020 Census will soon be underway, and your response matters. The census results shape many aspects of our local community from health clinics & fire departments, to schools, roads and highways. Census results help determine how billions of dollars of federal funding flow into states and local communities each year. Census results also help to determine how many seats in Congress each state gets. The Census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution in Article 1, Section 2. The U.S. has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

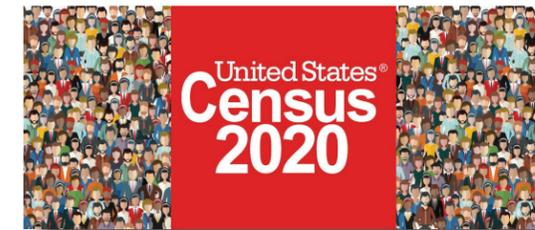


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When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous. They are used only to produce statistics. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. That protection is under Title 13 of the U.S. Code.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding: online, by phone, and by mail. In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. If you live in the U.S., your participation is

required. The 2020 Census is easy. You will answer a simple questionnaire about yourself and everyone who is living with you on April 1, 2020.

The Census Bureau will never ask you for your Social Security number, money, or donations. The Census will never contact you on behalf of

a political party. The Census will never ask you for your bank or credit card account numbers. If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email or phone and asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate. Please note that official Census documents will be mailed to you from Jeffersonville, Indiana.

What happens to your answers? Your personal information is kept confidential. Additionally, there is no citizenship question on the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau is bound by federal law to protect your information, and your data is used only for statistical purposes. Your responses are compiled with information from other homes to produce statistics, which never identify your home or any person in your home.

Text PACOUNTS to 898211 on your mobile phone to receive text message updates about the 2020 Census in either English or Spanish. Standard data rates may apply. You can also visit, <https://www.pa.gov/census/>, for more information. ☞

## New Britain Borough Officials

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## Change to Borough's Open Burn Ordinance

Please be advised of the change to New Britain Borough's Open Burn Ordinance #401 that was voted on in February by borough council. In the interest of space, abbreviated highlights are listed here, but you are encouraged to go to the borough's website, [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com), and navigate to the "Government > Recent Ordinances" tabs to view the full ordinance.

- No outdoor fires before 9:00 AM or after 12:00 midnight of the same day, and the base of fire shall not exceed 66 inches in width, or be stacked higher than 20 inches above the base.
- Outdoor fires must be attended at all times until completely extinguished, and a rake and garden hose are required to be maintained within 10 feet of the fire. No fire can be set or maintained within 15 feet of any building.
- No person shall ignite, or maintain any open fire for the destruction of solid waste, recyclables, and/or leaf waste (leaves, shrub trimmings, and vegetative like matter). The burning of garbage, rubber, leather, plastics, paper, cardboard, paints, grease, oil, and other petroleum products is strictly prohibited under any conditions.
- No outside fire shall be burned that causes smoke to interfere with normal visibility outside the property, and which in any degree causes damage to the property of others, or interferes with the welfare and comfort of others in the community. ☞

# Catching Up With Council

Robyne Kelemen ❖ *Borough Council Vice President*

Peter LaMontagne ❖ *Borough Council President*



Robyne Kelemen, Council Vice President

Robyne Kelemen, served as Council President (2016-2019), and is currently serving as Council Vice President.

With the start of 2020, and the arrival of new incoming council members Steven Ascher and Eric VanDerSluis, New Britain Borough Council reorganized for the upcoming year and selected Peter LaMontagne as President, and Robyne Kelemen as Vice President. Robyne

thanks everyone for their support while serving as President, and looks forward to contributing further as Vice President. Congratulations to Peter LaMontagne in his new role. New Britain Borough councilmembers, elected officials, and staff would like to thank Bob Binkley and Jeff Gilmore for their years of dedicated service to New Britain Borough.

In this column, Robyne Kelemen discusses notable New Britain Borough Council activities from the last half of 2019, and Peter LaMontagne presents some exciting plans for 2020. The public is always welcome to attend council meetings held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are also available on Facebook Live, and are recorded.

### \*Progress in Second Half 2019\*

In the summer months of July through September, you may have seen road crews busy on various borough streets. New Britain Borough fully repaved a number of roads, and resurfaced others in 2019. Almost \$600,000 was spent in this effort, and future road work will continue in coming years. Borough Council voted in the past year to accelerate the pace of local road improvement projects in response to public needs and interest. These efforts were accelerated in part through obtaining a credit line. Ultimately, state funding pays for a large portion of this work through PA Liquid Fuels taxes.

October brought us to the end of the successful first year of the New Britain Farmers' Market. The Community and Business Committee, and the Parks and Recreation Committee plan to continue to bring us interesting and valuable community events and activities in the coming year, including the return of the Farmers' Market. Also in October, the borough approved its Active Transportation Plan, which was completed thanks to funding from the PA State WalkWorks Program. The plan shares recommendations for future enhancements of our pedestrian networks.

Financial activities were high on the borough's year-end agenda. To fund the borough's portion of the new Central Bucks Regional Police headquarters, council approved taking

out a 20-year fixed rate loan for \$1.5 million. The borough budget was advertised and subsequently approved in December. The first borough tax increase since 2014 was approved, a three mil increase dedicated to repayment of the loan for the police building. This borough real estate tax increase amounts to about \$70 per year for the median taxpayer. Our administrative staff has continued to hold the line on spending in all other areas, with continued cost savings, and there has been no tax increase dedicated to these areas.

### \*Upcoming Plans for 2020\*

What a great year 2020 will be! The borough is going to be focused on completing existing projects. The landscaping of islands "A" and "B" on Butler Avenue will be completed. This project involved removing dying ash trees, and invasive pear trees which were old and in decline. The Borough's Shade Tree Commission did a professional job developing a new landscape design, which included both trees and shrubs. The borough spent \$10,000 of its funds mostly for tree removal. The cost of replanting, about \$18,000, was covered by a \$10,000 grant from PECO, plus Friends of New Britain Parks raised \$3,000, and the borough is still waiting on news regarding pending approval of a Bucks County Beautiful grant of \$5,000.



Peter LaMontagne, Council President

Speaking of Friends of New Britain Parks (FoNBP), this organization also raised \$2,000 to landscape borough office grounds, and raised \$10,000 for trees. FoNBP allows anyone to give a tax-exempt charitable donation to the borough dedicated to just about any of a broad range of purposes. FoNBP is developing a number of smaller beautification projects in the borough. For example, through FoNBP, it is now possible to dedicate trees and benches to the memory of a loved one. The borough is excited for the enhancements that the new beautification projects will bring. Please see the article and donation form on page six of this newsletter regarding Friends of New Britain Parks.

Recent improvements to Orchard Park (adjacent to Covered Bridge Park) are essentially complete. These include a substantial walking bridge, handicapped parking, and benches and picnic tables. Thanks to a DCNR Small Communities Grant, lots of time volunteered by Dougherty Landscaping, and borough staff management of the project, no borough funds were used.

New sidewalks and bike/hike trail are being installed in the Borough. A contract was awarded for bike/hike trail along Sioux Road from Tamenend Avenue to Keeley Avenue, and

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## Volunteers Needed!



The time and talents of our generous borough volunteers do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. New Britain 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 Bird Town Committee, Planning Commission, Community and Business Committee, Shade Tree Commission, and Financial Advisory Committee. And as always, the Historic Preservation Committee welcomes new members at any time. Each of these committees is highlighted on the borough's website, [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com). If you decide to volunteer, you can visit the website's "Forms, Fees and Permits" page to download a "Volunteer Appreciation Form" which can be emailed, dropped off, faxed, or mailed to the administration office located at 45 Keeley Avenue.

If you have any questions, please call the borough's main number, 215-348-4586, or visit the borough's website for more information. ☺



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## Work Days in Nature

Tom Price • *Nature Preserve Committee*

New Britain Borough is fortunate to have in its borders the award-winning Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve, and little gem, Orchard Park. These preserved spaces are in need of volunteers for four spring work days, and we could really use your help! One work day is scheduled at Orchard Park on **March 28th**, with a rain/snow date on April 4th. The work days in the Nature Preserve are scheduled for **April 25th, May 16th, and May 30th** – all workdays are on 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 Wilma Quinlan Nature 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 to help. Thank you! ☺



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borough, residential or commercial, is encouraged to apply. Please visit the borough's website to download a form, pick one up in the borough office, or call 215-348-4586 to have one emailed or mailed to you. When

forms are completed, please return them to the borough office by email, mail, fax, or drop them off in person. **PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY PAYMENT.** The fee is being paid for by a charitable donation. There is NO COST to you. When the borough submits the application on your behalf, we will use the donated funds to cover your fee. No taxpayer funds are being used for this project.

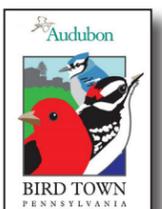
**WHY participate?** Preservation of our collective future. Please check out environmentalist and author, Rachel Carson, who began her love of nature as a child. Although she grew up in a coal town, she was able to see the web of life, and began to realize the importance of caring for our amazing planet. Rachel's book, *Silent Spring*, was her last book, and is a celebrated scientific writing aimed specifically at raising awareness among us, people who may not be scientists, about the balance and imbalance of nature, and the destruction of species. Check out this link for more information on *Silent Spring* and its importance in today's climate crisis: <https://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/23/magazine/how-silent-spring-ignited-the-environmental-movement.html>.

Presently, there are many reasons for people to be aware, and make decisions about what, where, why, when and how we use limited natural resources and human made materials for our daily lives. It is prudent to consider our actions while also considering the consequences of our decisions, and how they impact other people, animals, and the environment.

Conserving habitat and reducing harmful practices, which will otherwise pose future detriment to the biosphere, will help our borough through any impacts of climate change, even before they are realized. "Healthy populations are key to ensuring that species are resilient to the increased stressors that climate change may introduce in the future." Appreciating and preserving the natural areas of our borough, large and small, is our self-insurance policy, without a doubt. Involve children too! Their future depends on it, and who knows, the next Rachel Carson could be right here in New Britain Borough!

**HOW can I help?** When filling out your Certified Wildlife Habitat application, look at your little piece of the planet with fresh eyes, and view familiar sights with a particular purpose. Use the sort of criteria described above to view your surroundings, and feel free to ask anyone in TBTC about conservation and community-based actions for a more sustainable environment for birds and all interdependent animals, plants, and people in our area. We look forward to hearing from you, covering your application fee, and submitting your Certified Wildlife Habitat application for you. Let's all try to do our part in helping to protect our beautiful planet.

**Thank you for participating!**  
-Cristi Charpentier for TBTC ☺



## Moments with the Mayor

David Holewinski ❖ Mayor



New Britain Borough residents saw a lot of change in the borough in 2019. The first island, between Tamenend Avenue and the post office has been planted with new trees and bushes. The borough also has a new “Welcome” sign at its western entrance near the intersection of Butler Avenue and Bristol Road. The Gatherings at University Village is well on its way to being completed, and we have

welcomed two new members onto New Britain Borough Council. The parking lot at the borough administration office has been paved, and it is now safer to walk between the office and Burkart Hall. There is now an ADA compliant walkway from Covered Bridge Park to Orchard Park, including a new bridge over the stream, making it easier for those with disabilities to access Orchard Park.

Now that 2020 is upon us, New Britain has a lot to look forward to this year. The walkway from the borough office to the existing bike and hike path at the corner of Keeley Avenue and Lamp Post Road will be completed this year, and the walkway along Butler Avenue between Lamp Post Road and Del Val University is well into its final planning stages. The borough anticipates a number of project submissions from other developers along Butler Avenue this year as The Gatherings approaches completion.

Involvement in the activities of our committees, commissions, and the community in general should be a goal for 2020 and

beyond. All of the residents of this fine borough need to be more aware of what is going on in our community, and in the communities around us. Everyone is always welcome to attend New Britain Borough Council meetings, as well as to attend commission and committee meetings. Please check the calendar on the borough’s website for time and dates. Everyone worries about what is happening in the federal and state government, but most people forget that what effects them and their families most is what happens in their county and local government.

The borough welcomes fresh ideas; they are needed in order to move forward in planning for the future of the borough. If you are interested in becoming a part of molding the future of New Britain Borough, please call the administration office at 215-348-4586, and let us know of your interest.

New Britain Borough continues to search for high school students interested in becoming Junior Councilmembers. This is an opportunity for youth to be involved in the activities of a local government institution, and gives them an insight into how local government works.

Here’s hoping that 2020 brings you and your family prosperity, peace, and a deep feeling of belonging here in New Britain Borough.

Please stay tuned to the borough’s website, [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com), and Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/NewBritainBoro/>, for updates on activities and information concerning New Britain Borough and the surrounding area.

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along Keeley Avenue from Sioux Road to Lamp Post Road making a direct pedestrian link to Covered Bridge Park. This addition to the trail system will help link the borough to the Route 202 Parkway Trail and the Peace Valley Trail. Sidewalk is being installed from Sioux Road along Keeley Avenue up to Butler Avenue. Then from Keeley Avenue, sidewalk will continue along Butler Avenue up to Shady Retreat Road, which will connect to the soon-to-be-completed apartments and retail buildings known as The Gatherings at University Village. Much of the funding for this work came from a \$600,000 transportation grant, and is also possible thanks to one-time revenues, such as real estate transfer tax, generated by economic development efforts. A considerable amount of borough staff’s time will be spent in project management to complete the construction of these sidewalks and trails. This infrastructure growth will help to expand economic development further, which in turn will improve the borough’s tax base.

As noted above, last year the borough completed an Active Transportation Plan (a copy is on New Britain Borough’s website). It’s a big plan, one that focuses on walkability, and will take years to complete. Volunteers and staff will work on breaking this plan down into smaller pieces, and planning on how to implement it. Each improvement opportunity may be eligible for future local, regional, and state grants.

The borough is also part of a grant the New Britain Civic Association obtained to develop a long term master plan for both Covered Bridge Park and Orchard Park. The Borough’s share of this cost was \$5,000.

A generous donor is also funding the application fee for any residential or commercial property owner in the borough who wishes to become a “Certified Wildlife Habitat” with the National Wildlife Federation. Please join your neighbors in this worthwhile effort to protect and preserve wildlife and nature right on your very own property. Please see the *Bird Town Notes* article on this page for more information, and note where it states that due to a generous donor, there will be no cost to any borough property owner who wishes to apply.

Lastly, phase I of The Gatherings at University Village is planned to be finished and occupied this spring, and we can expect this to spur further development in that area of the borough.

Recently adopted borough laws may be found at New Britain Borough’s 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.

### \* Arbor Day Event \*



TREE CITY USA  
ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Please join the Shade Tree Commission on Saturday, April 18th, at 10:00 AM (rain or shine) at island “B” on Butler Avenue in front of the New Britain Borough Post Office for a tree planting event that will mark the replanting of the islands on Butler Ave.

## Bird Town Notes



The “Birdbrains” of the borough’s Bird Town Committee would like to share an initiative to bring us all together in order to promote conservation and community-based actions for a more sustainable environment for birds, and all interdependent animals and plants, and people. More information about The Bird Town Committee (BTTC) of New Britain Borough can be viewed on the borough’s website by going to: [www.newbritainboro.com/committees/bird-town-committee](http://www.newbritainboro.com/committees/bird-town-committee).

### \* WILDLIFE CERTIFICATION \*

A worthwhile credential for your own property, and for New Britain Borough, promoting nature and wildlife preservation.

**WHO can participate?** Property owners in the borough can participate. It doesn’t matter if your property is large or small, residential or commercial, all are welcome to apply.

**WHAT is this project about?** BTTC has initiated a project to certify each property in the borough as a Certified Wildlife Habitat, certified by the National Wildlife Federation. The project was part of the 2019 Pop-Up Park in the Town Center parking lot this past summer, and quite a few borough residents completed the application and are now certified.

The application is simple, and only takes a minute to fill out. You will be asked to think about the ‘nature’ of your property, and answer a few questions. One question relates to basic food sources for wildlife on your property - such as if you have any feeders, fruit trees, berry plants, or trees with sap. There will also be a question regarding onsite water sources. So, if you have a birdbath, or a creek running through your yard, or even a water dish placed outside, you have satisfied the requirement for a “water source.” You get the idea how easy it is to provide the local wildlife with food and water so far. You are well on your way!

**HOW does this initiative work?** Each property owner in the



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## Save the Date!



The Covered Bridge Day and fireworks celebration will be held this year on **Saturday, June 6th**. Stay tuned to New Britain Borough Civic Association’s website for more information by visiting:

[www.newbritaincivic.org](http://www.newbritaincivic.org)



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## Safe Medication Disposal

Dawn Tremmel ❖ Newsletter Editor

New Britain Borough now has a "Safe Medication Disposal" drop-box. The borough's administration office, located at 45 Keeley Avenue, recently had an approved safe medication disposal receptacle installed in the front lobby. Medications that are unwanted, unused, or expired can be safely disposed of at this location. Please refer to the list below for what is accepted and not accepted at this drop-off location.



### Accepted Items:

- Prescription medications (for humans and pets)
- Over the counter (OTC) medications and vitamins
- Inhalers, liquid medications, and nasal sprays
- Medicated patches
- Expired Epi-pens (needle still covered and not exposed)

### NOT Accepted:

- Illegal drugs & illicit substances (such as marijuana)
- Injectibles, needles, syringes
- Aerosol Cans
- Thermometers
- Hydrogen Peroxide

Whenever possible, and for anyone with privacy concerns, please remove your name from the drug label. New Britain Borough's drop-box is available during normal borough office hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Please contact the borough administration office with any questions by calling 215-348-4586. ☞

## For Coronavirus Updates

From CDC, visit: [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov)  
From PA, visit: [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov)

## Turning Our Thoughts to Spring

Mike Italia ❖ Building Inspector/Zoning Officer

Spring greetings from the Borough's code and zoning department. With spring right around the corner, residents will start to venture out into their yards for "spring cleanup." Please keep in mind that yard waste should be disposed of through your normal trash pickup. Yard waste can cause unwanted hazards, so we ask that you dispose of it properly. Make sure that any branches are cut down and bundled together. Burning of leaves is now prohibited in New Britain Borough per Open Burn Ordinance #401. See more information about this ordinance on the newsletter's cover page, and find a detailed description of the ordinance on the Borough's website, [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com), and navigate to the "Government > Recent Ordinances" tabs. Leaves can't be burned, but fallen twigs and branches can be if done safely, and in accordance with New Britain Borough's Open Burn Ordinance.

If you have a complaint, please do not wait until the activity is over before calling. You can call the Zoning Officer/Fire Marshal, Mike Italia, directly at 610-721-1259, or via email [mitalia@barrissett.com](mailto:mitalia@barrissett.com). For any fire emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

Enjoy your upcoming spring season! ☞



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## Property Tax Collection at the Borough Admin Office

New Britain Borough's tax collector, Nicole Percetti, will be in the borough's administration office on **Wednesday, April 22nd, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM** to accept county/borough property tax payments. If you have any questions in the meantime, Nicole can be reached by phone at 215-822-2930, or by her direct email at: [newbritaintax@gmail.com](mailto:newbritaintax@gmail.com). ☞



## A Message From Our Borough Engineer

Mark Hintenlang ❖ Borough Engineer & Roadmaster

**\*\*WINTER WEATHER IS STILL POSSIBLE\*\***

Please keep your sidewalks clear and do not blow snow into the roadways as the plow trucks will most likely relocate this to your driveway. Ensure that your mailbox is secure and located 6"-8" behind the curb/edge of road line (be safe and alert for traffic while working near the roadway).

**\*\*BUT SPRING IS AROUND THE CORNER\*\***

It's a good time to clean out the garages and sheds. Dispose of hazardous materials properly before they leak or get knocked over. Any chemical, oil, anti-freeze or toxic substance spills or dumping should be reported immediately to New Britain Borough. Also, if you notice any signs of stream pollution or have any questions notify the Borough at 215-348-4586. Additional stormwater information is available at: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf> and at <http://www.newbritainboro.com/>.

**\*\*BULDING AND DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION\*\***

If you're planning projects, please remember that stormwater controls are required for most additions of impervious surfaces which may require permitting. Please check with the Borough office to determine if permits are required.

**\*\*STORMWATER INFORMATION\*\***

As part of an annual permit process New Britain Borough is required to reduce pollution to the streams which pass through the Borough. Please reduce or eliminate lawn fertilizers which affect our stream's quality.

Sediment is a major stream pollutant and the State is implementing major constraints on 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 stream/waterway quality. Additional information is available at: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf> and at New Britain Borough's website, [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com).

Borough Engineer **Mark Hintenlang** 215-348-4586 (office), 267-254-2782 (cell), [mark@newbritainboro.com](mailto:mark@newbritainboro.com) ☞

## Trash and Recycling News

Dawn Tremmel ❖ Newsletter 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. In addition to either one or two containers of trash, each residence is permitted to dispose of 90 gallons of yard waste per week, bundled properly. One bulk item per week is also included in your service, and you are encouraged to call ahead for specific 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 prior to pick-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.

**Holidays and Trash Service:** 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, and 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: [pennsylvaniacustomer@advanceddisposal.com](mailto:pennsylvaniacustomer@advanceddisposal.com)

**Bucks County** will hold five Household Hazardous Waste Collections this year; on **April 4th** at Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road in Newtown; on **May 9th** at the Upper Bucks Vo-Tech School, 3115 Ridge Road in Perkasi; on **June 27th** at CB South, 1100 Folly Road in Warrington; on **August 8th** at Bucks Tech High School, 610 Wistar Road in Fairless Hills; and on **October 17th**, Strayer Middle School, 1200 Ronald Reagan Drive in Quakertown. Electronics are **NOT** accepted at these collections. For additional information on disposal options, including electronics, please visit, [www.buckscounty.org/recycling](http://www.buckscounty.org/recycling), or call 215-345-3400. ☞



## Friends of New Britain Parks

Tess LaMontagne ❖ *President*



A special thanks from the Friends of New Britain Parks. Your donations to this non-profit are making a big difference in New Britain Borough. Friends of NBP has raised enough money to fund the following initiatives:

- Repairs to the newly acquired rental property in the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve
- Landscaping of the borough's administration office parking lot
- Covering the cost of borough residents to join the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat national network (see *Bird Town Notes* article on page 3).
- \$10,000 PECO Green Region grant to complete the replanting of the Butler Avenue islands

Donations do not fund the borough's operating costs, but are used to make our community greener and more walkable. Friends of New Britain Parks is a charitable corporation dedicated to New Britain Borough improvements by augmenting tax dollars. Your donations are tax deductible. Please check with your employer about employer matching funds.

Consult your tax advisor to determine how to reduce your tax liability. Retirees might want to consider making a direct transfer to Friends of New Britain Parks from required distributions from their IRA accounts.

You can state what initiative you would like your dollars to support (landscaping, benches, signs, bike racks, or grant matching, etc.). Protecting donor privacy is important to us. We only publicly acknowledge donated funds with donor consent.

Our organization would greatly appreciate your tax deductible donation. Please fill out the form below and either mail it to the borough office at 45 Keeley Avenue, or drop it off in person. 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](mailto:friends@newbritainboro.com) to request more specific information, or to make your tax deductible donation. ❖



### SPOTTED LANTERNFLY ALERT

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) have laid potentially hundreds of thousands of eggs throughout Bucks County. The eggs will hatch in April and May. Do your best now, before they hatch, to scrape any found egg masses into closed containers filled with alcohol to kill them. It's predicted to be a very bad year for SLF. Please visit <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly> for more information on how to combat this invasive pest (in all its life stages) that is threatening Pennsylvania's agriculture, including the grape, tree-fruit, hardwood and nursery industries, which collectively are worth nearly \$18 billion to the state's economy. Please do your part to help! ❖

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Hair Design & Boutique  
215-341-6456  
*210 West Butler*

Please cut at dotted line and mail this portion in with your check.



**Friends of New Britain Parks, Inc.** 509(a)(3)  
Donation Form

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If your donation amount is \$350 or more, please fill out the dedication information below so that a plaque can be made in honor of the organization or person you would like to pay tribute to. Thank you.

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Please return this form along with your check to: New Britain Borough • 45 Keeley Avenue • New Britain, PA 18901

## Spring Calendar of Community Events

- March 28.....9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....**Orchard Park Work Day @ Orchard Park** ♦ Orchard Park, adjacent to Covered Bridge Park in New Britain  
*Parking for Orchard Park available at Covered Bridge Park on Keeley Ave. Rain/snow date for this event is April 4th*
- April 18.....10:00 AM.....**Arbor Day Celebration @ Island "B" on Butler Ave.** (near New Britain Post Office) ♦ 85 W. Butler Ave.
- April 25.....9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....**Nature Preserve Work Day @ Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve** ♦ Mathews Ave., New Britain  
*Parking for the Nature Preserve available on Landis Mill Road and/or Mathews Avenue, New Britain*
- May 9.....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)
- May 16.....9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....**Nature Preserve Work Day @ Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve** ♦ Mathews Ave., New Britain  
*Parking for the Nature Preserve available on Landis Mill Road and/or Mathews Avenue, New Britain*
- May 16.....9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.....**Shredding Event @ C.B. South High School** ♦ 1100 Folly Rd., Warrington (Limit of two boxes)
- May 30.....9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....**Nature Preserve Work Day @ Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve** ♦ Mathews Ave., New Britain
- June 6.....TBD.....**Covered Bridge Day @ Covered Bridge Park** - more info to come ♦ Keeley Ave., New Britain

## Dart West Now In Service!

Dawn Tremmel ❖ *Editor*

DART WEST is now in service! Announcing the extension of Bucks County Transport's local Dart bus service from Del Val University to the New Britain Village Square (shopping center in New Britain Township located at the intersection of Butler Avenue and County Line Road).

Weekday local Dart West bus service began on January 6th along Business Route 202 (Butler Ave) through New Britain Borough, Chalfont Borough, and New Britain Township. Dart West will connect with the Doylestown Dart at Del Val University. One dollar fee each way with no transfer charges between Dart West & Dart Doylestown, and seniors 65 or older ride free! Tokens are available for purchase on the bus; \$10 for 12 tokens. Look for the newly posted Dart signs (image below) throughout the borough indicating Dart designated pick-up and drop-off locations.



Please refer to Dart West's schedule found on New Britain Borough's website (search for "Dart West Schedule"), or pick up a printed copy in the borough office, or visit [www.bctransport.org](http://www.bctransport.org) for more information regarding various Dart services. You can also call Bucks County Transport directly at their local number, 215-794-5554, or at their toll free number, 1-888-795-0740, Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM ❖



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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](http://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.

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

Register to Receive News



Want to learn more about Borough events? We use ReadyBucks to send out news. You can choose what messages you want to receive, and whether to get them via email or text. Click the link below to sign up.

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