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Bird Town Notes

Tom Price ❖ *Bird Town Committee Chair*

Dave Horne ❖ *Bird Town Committee Memeber*

Spending more time at home during these past few months has led many people to reconnect with nature that's close to home. Landscaping and gardening to attract and benefit birds, butterflies, and other wildlife is a great way to enhance that connection and make a difference in our own neighborhoods and yards.

To create a wildlife-friendly garden and help restore habitat, you can do many things, but it all begins with what you plant. Planting native trees, shrubs and flowers that provide food for insects (especially caterpillars and pollinators), and food for birds is the single most important thing you can do. Providing water, cover and nesting sites is also important, as well as putting away the chemicals that harm the wildlife we are trying to help.

Bird Town Initiatives

Over the past several years, the Borough's Bird Town Committee has undertaken several initiatives to make New Britain Borough more friendly to birds and other wildlife. We've encouraged property owners to create bird-friendly habitats and to register their properties in PA Audubon's Bird Habitat Recognition Program (<https://pa.audubon.org/conservation/bird-habitat-recognition-program>), and we've encouraged residents to plant more native species through our workshops, plant sales, and past annual Pop-up Parks.

National Wildlife Federation Certification

Our most recent initiative is to have the Borough officially designated as a "Community Wildlife Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation.

In order to become certified as a community, we first need a certain number of properties (including homes, schools, businesses, churches and public spaces) to be officially certified by the NWF as wildlife habitat. The Borough is well over halfway towards reaching our goal!

A wildlife habitat is free of pesticides and provides food, water, cover, and nesting sites. A vital component is native plants, which are often the only usable food sources for native insects and birds.



If you haven't registered your own property yet, please help us reach our goal by registering it now. Applications are easy to complete and can be picked up and turned in at the Borough Administration Office at 45 Keeley Ave. The application can also be found and submitted online at <https://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/certify>, but if you turn the form directly in to the Borough, we will cover the \$20 registration fee with donations we've received for this, so the registration cost to you is nothing. Once your property is certified, you can opt to purchase a "Certified Wildlife Habitat" sign from NWF for an additional \$20.

Native Plant Grants for Your Property!

The Bird Town Committee is also partnering with Bowman's Hill to provide four native plant grants to four lucky property owners in New Britain Borough. Each grant will provide native plants valued at \$250 to help the property owner create a wildlife-friendly garden. Grant recipients will also receive expert advice on selecting plants appropriate for their specific site. To be eligible for one of these grants, you must meet these two qualifications:

- Be a resident property owner of New Britain Borough.
- Have your property officially registered as a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat site.

Grant applications can be picked up at the Borough Administration Building or at the New Britain Farmers Market. Completed applications must be returned by Wednesday, October 16th.

Recommended Readings

For more information on how to transform your yard into bird and wildlife friendly habitat, please visit the Bird Town Committee's page on the Borough's website. These books are also highly recommended and will be available for sale from the Bird Town Committee:

- *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife With Native Plants*, by Doug Tallamy
- *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts In Your Yard*, by Doug Tallamy
- *Planting Native to Attract Birds to Your Yard*, by Sharon Sorenson

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Council Highlights

Samantha Bryant ❖ *Borough Manager*

This article is a continuation from a series started by current Council Vice President, Dr. Robyne Kelemen, that provides a brief recap of major items addressed at Borough Council meetings since the last newsletter.

Borough Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM (as of this article, via Zoom due to the coronavirus). For participation information and to receive the Council packet each month, please add your email to the Borough email list by going to www.newbritainboro.com and clicking on the "Register to Receive News" on the home page, or by contacting the Borough Administrative Office.

The Borough has updated its parking regulations, please be mindful of any parking signage.

Following the retirement of the Borough's wonderful, long-time Engineer/Roadmaster Mark Hintenlang, Borough Council appointed Karen MacNair from Gilmore and Associates as the borough's Engineer, and Bryan Coleman from Coleman Landscaping as the borough's Roadmaster.

Council approved a contractor for the Central Bucks Regional Police Headquarters, which is located in Doylestown on Broad St. on the former PennDOT site. The low bid came from a well-respected contractor and was below cost estimates.

Borough Council has started discussions on the design of the sidewalk planned for Butler Avenue following the successful completion of the Keeley Avenue trail/sidewalk.

Borough Council is discussing the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

Council's attention will soon turn to the 2021 Budget and discussions with our Financial Advisory Committee to navigate a difficult year ahead due to the financial impact of the coronavirus.

As mentioned above, please consider adding your email address to New Britain Borough's email list for important notifications about Borough news and events. You can also be kept informed by visiting New Britain Borough's website, www.newbritainboro.com, as well as by joining the Borough's Facebook group found at, <https://www.facebook.com/NewBritainBoro/> 🌀

Personal Milestone

Cornelia Humphries ❖ *Centenarian*



Cornelia Humphries

Cornelia Mitchell Humphries, long time resident of New Britain Borough, celebrated her 100th birthday on August 5th!!! Cornelia was born in Irvine, KY in her grandfather's house next door to where she grew up. At only 16 years of age, Cornelia graduated in 1937 at the top of her high school class, and was so glad to have enrolled in Duke University. There she joined the Choral Society and Kappa Kappa Gamma KKG, and had lots of fun. Cornelia graduated with a degree in sociology in 1941. Her first job in social work required a move to Baltimore, MD where she met her husband-to-be. Cornelia spent 61 years married to the late Charles Humphries. They moved to New Britain Borough from the eastern shores of MD in 1960 bringing along their four children; Carol, Michael, Ellen, and Kent. Cornelia returned to social work in 1964 under the employment of Bucks County Child Welfare, and then Bucks County Social Services nursing homes. She retired in 1985 after many additional years working with the Wissahickon School District as the home school visitor for the district.

Cornelia is active at age 100, a reflection of her amazing determination and resourcefulness. According to her family, she fought to make sure a bus would stop for her children along Butler Avenue in three feet of snow so they wouldn't have to walk along the road side. She also helped persuade SEPTA to keep New Britain's train station. At the age of 92, she rallied the local government and spoke up to SEPTA to make sure the station continued, and she succeeded. Cornelia also loves to dance. In the 1990s she was one of the Senior Center's tap dancers, the Toe Tappers. They put on professional shows in full costume appearing at area nursing homes, and she was even featured in the local newspaper. Then there's her love of tennis, singing, and most of all, her family. Cornelia has been blessed with four children, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She also greatly appreciates her wonderfully caring friends and neighbors! They keep her going.

Cornelia's family wishes they could've be with her for her birthday, but the pandemic made it impossible. So they invite her neighbors and friends to join with her family in wishing Cornelia a HUGE 100th Happy Birthday, and many more!!! 🌀

Fall Is For Planting

Marge Eberz ❖ *Shade Tree Commission*

Did you know that fall and winter are a great time to plant a tree?

The combination of cooler temperatures and fall rain allows trees to establish their roots, making it easier for them to adjust to the heat or drought in the summer.

It is safe to plant trees until the ground freezes, generally after the first hard frost. Even if there is snow on the ground, if you're able to push a spade into the soil, it is still okay to plant.

Once you have planted your tree, it will require the same care no matter what time of year you plant it. Always mulch a three inch ring of mulch around the base of your tree, BUT do not pile it against the trunk. Water your tree right after planting it, even if it is cold outside. During the fall, your newly planted tree will still require watering on a regular schedule.

The time of year you plant can have little impact on your tree if you do not plant it properly. This includes planting the right tree in the right place. Before planting, evaluate your space to make sure it will be suitable for your tree as it grows. The New Britain Borough Shade tree Commission has resources to help. Please visit our page on the New Britain Borough's website:

<https://www.newbritainboro.com/committees/shade-tree-commission/>

Here you will find information on our tree and shrub list to help you select a tree that is suitable for your location and planting conditions. Happy fall planting! 🌀



Tybuk Farm Maple Syrup

Carol & John Truman Sr. ❖ *Proprietors*



Members of the Tybuk family; John Sr, Carol, John Jr, and Karen

Tybuk Farm Maple Syrup joined the New Britain Farmers' Market team this year. This local company started in 1982 as a hobby several years after long-time local Chalfont residents, Carol and John Truman Sr., relocated from Chalfont to an 111-acre farm in Westfield, PA, located in Tioga County. The Truman family currently has four generations of family helping with the maple syrup operation. The hobby initially started with John Sr. using a hand drill and metal buckets to collect 160 gallons of sap (which yields four gallons of syrup) that was then hand carried out of the woods. The family quickly became addicted to the sweet maple taste, and the business grew. The sugarbush (the maple woods) has evolved to over 1,500 taps on a vacuum system yielding 350 gallons of syrup each year. The entire maple syrup process starts in late January and is finished by early April. The maple syrup is 100% all natural, straight from the trees to the bottle! While Carol and John Sr. still live in Tioga county, son John Jr. and his wife Karen live in New Britain Borough and handle sales and distribution in this area. They are also volunteer firefighters with Doylestown Fire Company. Please check out their Facebook page "Tybuk Farm Maple Syrup" for more pictures of the farm, maple syrup sales information, and their Farmers' Market schedule. I'll bet you didn't know you had such "sweet" neighbors in New Britain! 🌀



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Moments with the Mayor

David Holewinski ❖ Mayor



What a difference a few months make. New Britain, our State of Pennsylvania, our nation and the world has been turned upside down since March of 2020. I'm sure that every single resident of New Britain Borough has been affected in one way or another.

Covered Bridge Park has been a haven for many residents. Some gathering with immediate family for a few hours of recreational

fun while enjoying a picnic, a walk in the park, or fishing in the pond. Others in the borough have taken to walking at the Nature Preserve, bike riding and enjoying the summer weather again, following CDC guidelines. You'll notice that additional walkability has been provided in the Borough with more on the horizon.

Unfortunately, a few of the small businesses in our general area have not been able to weather the pandemic and have been forced to shut down permanently, and others are restricted in their ability to do business as before. We all hope that sooner, rather than later, the virus will be under control, and our small businesses will be able to reopen at full capacity and survive these trying times. Our school-age children are suffering the loss of face-to-face learning and interaction with their peers, the ability to play some sports, and the ability to just be kids and enjoy the outdoors.

As we approach the fall and the holiday season, please make an effort to remember those less fortunate. The food larders need help. Share your bounty with those in need by donating to a charitable cause, stopping in and visiting the

elderly when it is allowed, and helping those in need as best you can. Remember, those who have retired from working haven't retired from life. Help them enjoy their elder years with big or little gestures of kindness, understanding and helpfulness.

I hope to see many of you out and about this fall and winter, as well as at our next in-person Council Meeting (once state regulations allow us to hold them in-person) and around the Borough. I hope that the fall/winter brings you health, happiness, and the return of family gatherings, plus enjoyable times to you and your families. ❧



Getting to Know Council

Eric VanDerSluis ❖ Councilmember



Q: How long have you been a New Britain Borough resident?

A: I moved to the Borough about eight years ago.

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

A: I am married to Carissa VanDerSluis and we have three daughters; twelve, nine, and seven years old. We also have two dogs.

Q: What is your profession?

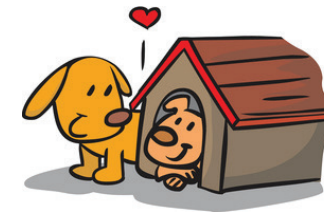
A: I am the Global Head of Leadership Development at Vanguard.

Q: Why did you decide to run for New Britain Borough Council?

A: I wanted to be involved in my local community and help to ensure my children have a great place to grow up.

Q: What long-range goals do you have for New Britain Borough?

A: I would like the Borough to be more than a pass-through community. The development at The Gatherings at University Village will certainly help, and is a step in the right direction. I'd also like to see more recreational activities for kids and families in the Borough.



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

A: Yes. I serve on the board of the Bucks County Children's Museum.

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

A: I am an avid snowboarder and mountain biker, I also love being outside and traveling with my family.

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

A: I've always wanted to sit with Abraham Lincoln. I would like to better understand what drove him and his motivations. Specifically, which of the American ideals were most important to him and his decision-making in the lead up to the Civil War.

Q: If you could trade places with any other person for a week, famous or not, living or dead, real or fictional, with whom would it be, and why?

A: I would like to trade places with my grandfather, Teunis VanDerSluis. He passed away before I was born, but he came to this country by himself as a 14 year old boy. I'd love to experience the voyage he took to get here, and better understand what drove him to make that decision at such a young age.

Q: Can you name one positive thing in your life that resulted from the recent shutdown (silver lining)?

A: I've gotten to spend a lot more face-to-face time with my family, and I don't have an one-plus hour long commute every day! ❧

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Stay Informed

Dawn Tremmel ❖ Editor

Now more than ever, people want to stay informed, especially about news and events in their local community. If you'd like to be notified about important and up-to-date Borough news and events, including trash notifications and street closings, please visit the Borough's website, www.newbritainboro.com, and on the right hand side of the 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 and events through Bucks County's Everbridge site.

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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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 decide where and how you want to be notified.

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

Fall Clean-up Reminders

Mike Italia ❖ Building Inspector/Zoning Officer

Fall greetings from the Code/Zoning Department. Leaves are beginning to fall from trees, so as a reminder, leaf burning is now prohibited in New Britain Borough. Tree limbs and branches are still allowed to be burned, but leaves are not. All leaves must be disposed of either by compost, recycling, or through the normal trash disposal in yard waste bags.

This is also the time of year to enjoy backyard fires. A reminder, fires must be contained inside of a commercially made fire pit, or within blocks. Open burning in yards is now prohibited. The updated regulations for burning can be found at: <https://www.ecode360.com/15538278>

When mowing your grass, **blowing clippings into the street is prohibited** as per the New Britain Borough Stormwater Management Ordinance. Grass clippings are carried to the storm drains on our streets and not only clog our stormwater system, which can cause flooding & damage, but they are also carried directly into our streams and waterways through these street drains where they disrupt aquatic life and wreak havoc on our ecosystem.

Chimneys should be cleaned and serviced annually. Home owners should contract with a licensed chimney sweeper, and get a report. Chimney fires occur when the creosote builds up and then catches fire. The fire typically stays within your flue, however the terra cotta inside the flue can crack over time exposing combustible members of your house.

Pools will be closing soon, so a reminder that disposing of chlorinated water into the stormwater sewer system is prohibited by DEP. Here is a helpful link to DEP's website on pool water: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/OurCommonWealth/Pages/Article.aspx?post=31>

Sidewalk maintenance. Sidewalks need to be kept free of tripping hazards, which is typically a 1"-2" height difference. If you see that you have a raised sidewalk panel, it should be repaired or replaced as quickly as possible. Also, when trimming back trees and other foliage from the street and sidewalk, the minimum height clearance is 16'.

New Britain Borough is a walkable community, and it's helpful if residents keep their sidewalks maintained properly and free of tripping hazards and low lying branches. If you have any questions, please contact the borough at 215-348-4586. Enjoy your upcoming fall/winter season as safely as you can!

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Borough News from the Engineering Dept.

Karen McNair ❖ Gilmore & Associates

KEEP YOUR SOIL AT HOME: Believe it or not, one of the biggest threats to our water quality is plain old dirt washing into our rivers from lawns, roads, driveways, and construction sites. The topsoil is an important resource for your yard. However, when the soil is lost through erosion it becomes a pollutant called "sediment." Water flowing from your yard during rain or snow melt carries sediment, and the other pollutants that attach to sediments, into our local streams. Signs of erosion include: exposed tree roots, stones and rocks, formation of small gullies, buildup of soil in low areas, and widening or deepening stream channels.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SEDIMENT?: Sediment clouds and reduces sunlight for stream plants that provide vital habitats and oxygen for fish. Sediments fill in the spaces between rocks in stream bottoms, and take away fish habitat and habitat for other critters that live on the stream bottom. Sediment also carries other pollutants such as nutrients, oil, and grease. Excess nutrients in water lead to nuisance algae growth.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT EROSION?: Seed or mulch any bare soil on your property. Plant's roots guard soil from rain drops and prevent erosion. Choose native plants that thrive in our climate. Native plants can grow deeper root systems that protect soil from erosion. You can cover your gardens with mulch or leaves over the winter to protect plants and reduce erosion when snow melts. If you observe erosion at construction sites, contact the Borough at 215-348-4586. For more information on choosing native trees and shrubs, go to www.newbritainboro.com and click on Organization > Shade Tree Commission, and then scroll down to view the "Approved Tree and Shrub List." Local nurseries can also assist in helping you choose native plants.

SWIMMING POOLS: Pool owners are required to discharge water responsibly as per New Britain 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 to streams via stormwater drains where aquatic life can 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.

SIDEWALK SAFETY: Sidewalks are provided for your safety and to promote pedestrian activity. Properly maintain your sidewalk; trim branches that extend over sidewalk and into the street, the minimum height clearance is 16'. Please also check your sidewalks to ensure there aren't any uneven joints and tripping hazards that could cause injury.

If you have a stormwater, roadway, or sidewalk concern, please contact the Borough office at 215-348-4586.

For Coronavirus Updates

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From PA, visit: www.health.pa.gov



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Voting Information

Dawn Tremmel ❖ Editor

The general election is on Tuesday, **November 3, 2020**. Polls are open on election day from **7:00 AM to 8:00 PM**.



The designated polling place for New Britain Borough residents is Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church, 321 W. Butler Avenue.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

October 19, 2020: Is the last day to **register** to vote for the November 2020 election.

All voter registration forms being mailed in must be received **NO LATER** than October 19, 2020. Postmarks **DO NOT** APPLY.

October 27, 2020: Is the last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot. For more details, go to: **www.votes-pa.com**

November 3, 2020: Is the last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 PM).

November 3, 2020: Is the GENERAL ELECTION, and polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. County drop boxes are also open that evening until 8:00 PM.

November 10, 2020: Is the last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 PM on Nov. 2, 2020).

When voting at a polling place for the **first time**, you must show proof of identification, either with or without a photo. Some approved forms of photo identification include:

- Pennsylvania driver's license, or PennDOT ID card
- ID issued by the U.S. Government
- U.S. passport
- U.S. Armed Forces ID
- Student ID or Employee ID

If you do not have a photo ID, you can use a non-photo identification that includes your name and address such as:

- Confirmation issued by County Voter Registration Office
- Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth of PA
- Non-photo ID issued by the U.S. Government
- Current bank statement or utility bill
- Current paycheck or a Government check

In Pennsylvania, you now have two options for mail ballots. You may either choose a mail-in ballot or an absentee ballot to request, complete, and return to your county election office.

Mail-in ballot – Any qualified voter may apply for a mail-in ballot. You may simply request this ballot without a reason.

Absentee ballot – If you plan to be out of the municipality on election day, or if you have a disability or illness, you should request this ballot type, which still requires you to list a reason for your ballot. You also need to be registered to vote

in order to vote by mail.

If you're voting by mail in Pennsylvania this year, and you want your vote to actually count, you need to remember to utilize something that is crucially important: ****the secrecy envelope.****



Once you fill out the ballot itself, you must place it inside the provided secrecy envelope, which contains no information about your identity. Then you put the sealed secrecy envelope inside a different postage-paid addressed return envelope, on which you have to sign your name and write your address.

****If you forget to utilize the secrecy envelope, and simply drop your mail-in or absentee ballot into the ordinary return envelope, your ballot will be deemed a "naked ballot," and according to a recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling, election officials will have to throw it out.**

The reasoning behind the secrecy envelope is to preserve the secret ballot, and to prevent potential fraud. Its function: once election officials receive the mail-in ballot, they use the outer envelope to verify that the person voting is registered and hasn't already voted - without being able to see who the vote was cast for. Only later will the secrecy envelope actually be opened and the vote is then counted.

If you choose to vote with a mailed ballot, you can use a secure designated drop box instead of the U.S. Mail for delivery of your mail-in ballot. The closest Absentee/Mail-in Ballot Designated Drop Box to New Britain Borough is:

**The Bucks County Administration Building
55 East Court Street, Doylestown, PA 18901**

Bucks County's Absentee/Mail-in Ballot Drop Box Hours:
October 5th to October 26th:

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday
October 27th to November 3rd (Extended Hours):
8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, November 3rd (Election Day)

If you change your mind and want to vote at the polls after receiving your mail-in or absentee ballot, bring your ballot and outer envelope to your polling place, and it will be exchanged for a polling place ballot. If you do not bring your mail-in or absentee ballot, you can still vote via provisional ballot. You can visit [buckscounty.org](https://www.buckscounty.org) for more information, and the County also encourages all residents to visit the Bucks County Board of Elections Facebook page for up-to-date information: <https://www.facebook.com/Bucks-County-Board-of-Elections-113005443431869/>

If you do vote at the polls, you are encouraged to wear a mask and practice social distancing, and if you are a first time voter, bring acceptable ID. You might encounter long lines, so bring a bottle of water and anything else you might need. ♻️

NBB Human Relations Commission is Formed

Introducing the New Britain Borough Human Relations Commission. On February 19, 2019, New Britain Borough Council approved a Human Relations Ordinance to ensure that all Borough residents are protected against discrimination involving employment, housing, and public accommodation.

We are proud to live in a Borough that believes in the importance of adopting this sort of legislation. As volunteer members of this Commission, our task is to implement the ordinance, with a focus on:

- 1) Providing a clear procedure for filing and responding to a discrimination complaint.

Complaint forms can be downloaded from the Borough's website, www.newbritainboro.com. Go to the Organizations > Human Relations Commission page and click on the complaint form link to download. Hard copies are available in the Borough office, which may be filed in person, mailed to the Borough office, or emailed to the Borough Manager, Samantha Bryant: sam@newbritainboro.com

- 2) Serving as a community resource regarding diversity, antidiscrimination, and equality of opportunity in all aspects of the common welfare of New Britain Borough.

We believe that no one should be made to feel uncomfortable based on their race, age, gender, religion, national origin, or disability. The New Britain HRC aspires to provide education, support and networking with other small boroughs and towns in the Commonwealth to address the negative consequences of unlawful bias and discrimination.

The New Britain Borough Human Relations Committee consists of five members, who will be appointed to terms of three years by Borough Council. The terms of the members of the Commission will be staggered, such that the terms of one-third of the members of the commission will expire each year. All members of the Commission shall be residents or business owners of the Borough of New Britain, and will serve without compensation.

The current members of New Britain Borough's Human Relations Commission are: Jay Stollak (interim Chair), Jean Buchanan, Cristi Charpentier, Susan Eggleston. The Human Relations Commission currently has a member vacancy. If you are interested in finding out more and/or joining the commission, please contact the Borough office at 215-348-4586. ♻️

Property Tax Payment Info

Dawn Tremmel ❖ Editor

New Britain Borough and New Britain Township's joint tax collector, Nicole Percetti, can be reached by phone at **215-822-2930**, or by email at: newbritaintax@gmail.com. Nicole accepts property tax payments in three ways:

1. By mail. Send to: Nicole Percetti, Tax Collector
P.O. Box 476
Chalfont, PA 18914
2. Online through Nicole's website, www.newbritaintax.webs.com
3. Or you can drop off your payment off in the 24-hour lockbox located outside Nicole's main office located at 207 Park Avenue in Chalfont (New Britain Township's administration office adjacent to North Branch Park). If you'd like a stamped receipt, include a SASE and the full copy of your bill. Thank you! ♻️



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PLEASE REMEMBER:

1. Do NOT blow mowed grass clippings into the street, they clog the sewer drains and travel straight into local streams where they kill aquatic life and disrupt the ecosystem.
2. Leaf burying is now prohibited in the borough. For full details on the borough's updated burn ordinance, visit: <https://www.ecode360.com/15538278>