

# New Britain Borough



# NEWS

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***Please complete the Survey  
on pages 7 and 8. The  
Borough is looking into  
local bus service.***

## ***Miriam's Meadow***

Miriam's Meadow is at its peak of beauty in the fall. Located on Landis Mill Road the land, as well as the building, was bequeathed to the borough from Dr. Miriam Groner who lived there for about 55 years. It has become part of the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve, which was Dr. Groner's request.

Delaware Valley University students planned the Meadow, and, in 2008 Larry Weiner, a foremost expert on meadows, planted 80 species of plants. Since then, additional native plants have been added using volunteers and donated plants. Special thanks to David Horne for his donations of plants and work installing them. The Meadow is maintained by volunteers who devote their time and energy to weeding, pruning, and mulching. Anyone interested in helping, please contact the borough office.

Visit our beautiful meadow while it is at its peak this fall.



## ***Join us on National Wreaths Across America Day***

***Saturday, December 17, 2016***

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide program to remember and honor our fallen heroes by placing holiday wreaths on the graves of Veterans laid to rest in cemeteries across the United States. Each year their mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee is proud to sponsor Wreaths Across America again this year at the historic New Britain Baptist Church cemetery. Join us at **noon on Saturday, December 17, 2016**. Invite your family and friends to an experience you will never forget, as we break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to honor our service men and women by placing a wreath on their graves.

You can help honor these veterans by donating wreaths, they are only \$15 per wreath and your donation is tax deductible. Donations should be received by Monday, November 21st. Please make checks payable to *Wreaths Across America* and send to the New Britain Borough office at 45 Keeley Avenue, New Britain, PA 18901.

For more information about our ceremony, please visit our Borough's website or contact Bruce Burkart at 215-345-1917 or Jackie D'Agostino at [jdagostino4@verizon.net](mailto:jdagostino4@verizon.net)

***Please join us for this memorable ceremony.  
All are welcome!***

## Around Town

Are you or do you know of a Borough resident who is celebrating a birth, a marriage, a milestone anniversary or special birthday? Are you or a family member graduating college or being awarded special recognition for academic, business, or athletic achievement or for a good deed? We would like to acknowledge you or your family member in our newsletter. Please let us know by contacting Marie at [mecoia@verizon.net](mailto:mecoia@verizon.net).

### Bruce Burkart Donates to BCHS

New Britain Borough historian and long-time Bucks County Historical Society volunteer Bruce Burkart contributed two musical instruments, a trumpet and a bassoon to the BCHS collection. At the age of six (about 1937-38), Bruce received the trumpet, which he played in his elementary school band. The trumpet bears the mark of "Fred Gretsch," an instrument maker and importer in Brooklyn, New York. Bruce played the instrument through about 1943-44, practicing and performing with the local high school band even though he was only in grade school at the time. In 1943, since there was no bassoonist in the band and orchestra, the band's director obtained a used bassoon for Bruce. The instrument actually dates to about 1913 and bears the stamp of the U.S. Quartermaster. It may originally have been used in a Marine Corps Band. Bruce played the bassoon in the North Wales marching band and in the Lansdale Symphony Orchestra for a few years, participating in concerts around the area.



### New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee Visits BCHS

Cory M. Amsler, Vice President for Collections & Interpretation, and Sara Good, Collections Manager & Archivist, of the Bucks County Historical Society were kind enough to host our historic preservation committee at the Spruance Library in September. Cory and Sara are a wealth of information and instructed the group on how to protect the borough's photographs, important papers, newsletters, and artifacts. Everyone on the committee was pleased with the useful information received. A special thank you to Steve Barth, our economic development consultant, for setting up the meeting.



### Michael Pultro, First Financial Planners, Move to New Location


The former First Financial Planners and owner Michael Pultro, resident of New Britain Borough, have moved to a new location and undergone a name change. Currently residing at 926 Town Center office complex behind the Giant Shopping Center, the new Pultro Financial Management now includes Michael's nephew Brian, who recently retired from active duty after ten years in the Navy. Brian continues to serve in the Reserves as a Lieutenant Commander.

Pultro Financial Management specializes in retirement planning, investment management, estate planning, and college savings for individuals and families with a unique, collaborative approach. The different life experiences of Michael and Brian bring a unique perspective to the challenges and goals of each client.

Now celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> year in business, they pride themselves on being a family run, veteran owned business and in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere where family, integrity, and honor form the foundation of each new relationship. Please stop by and visit them at their new location and see how they can help you plan your future together. Or visit their website at [www.michaelpultro.com](http://www.michaelpultro.com). Securities, advisory services and financial planning are offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment advisor. Member FINRA/SIPC.



Michael Pultro (left) with his nephew Brian in New York City.



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## Spotlight on Borough Businesses

We are highlighting a different Borough business in each newsletter to help promote them so they can continue to be viable and prosperous-which benefits us all. We will also inform you of new businesses in the Borough. Small business provides goods, services, and employment to the community. Please shop and frequent our Borough businesses.

### Ambrose Randa Hardwoods

88 South Tamenend Avenue

New Britain

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Ambrose Randa started his business in 1964 with a background in new home construction and cabinet making. In 1967 he purchased one acre of industrial land in New Britain where he constructed his own woodworking building. He began making cabinets, wide plank flooring and other items out of hardwoods. His current business consists of kiln dried native and foreign hardwoods milled or rough, component parts, mantles, countertops, handcrafted unique plank flooring, natural free form tops, molding and many other custom made items.

Mr. Randa handcrafts wide planked wood for floors, which can range from 6 to 24 inches wide. These floors require no sanding so they will be ready for installation immediately. Wide planked floors are available in ash birch, maple, walnut, pine, cedar, red & white oak, cherry, poplar, mahogany, teak, rosewood and pearly & birds eye maple. These woods are also available for other items he makes. In addition, he crafts customized hardwood islands for kitchens, which are always constructed from solid wood and can be as wide as 5 feet and as long as 16 feet. He also creates beautiful mantles to surround the fireplace in your home. He offers a wide variety of Kiln Dried Hardwood lumber cut and sized to order.

Mr. Randa kept expanding his business by purchasing various types of equipment so that he can offer the finest quality products. In 1975 he purchased an Irvington Moore steam dry kiln and constructed the chamber. In 1997 he began offering kiln-dried hardwoods in various thicknesses, widths, and lengths in rough cut and milled to specs. In 2000 he purchased and installed a 42-inch capacity slant head band sawmill for specialty cutting of logs.

He understands the importance of knowing the costs before requesting service so he has a form on his website where you can describe your project or specific needs and get a quote based on your requests. So check out their website or stop by his place of business to see what he has to offer. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## What Do You Know About the Borough?

We are including ten questions and answers in the next few newsletters, space permitting, to challenge your knowledge of our town. Hope you enjoy it.

1. When was New Britain Borough formally established?
2. Who was the first mayor?
3. Who was our borough's first chief of police?
4. What was the name of our first borough manager?
5. When was our current post office built?
6. Where was the old post office located?
7. When was the Town Center shopping center expanded to its current size?
8. What is the oldest house in the borough still in existence?
9. When was the New Britain Baptist Church's first meeting house built?
10. What year was the railroad through New Britain first operational?

### Answers

1. May 21, 1928
2. Charles L. Miller (at the time in Pennsylvania mayors were called Burgesses).
3. Austin Brown
4. John Wolf, Sr.
5. 1963
6. Southeast corner of Butler and Tamenend Avenues.
7. 1985
8. 100 Aarons Avenue which was built in 1760 according to the Heritage Conservancy.
9. 1744
10. 1856

## Right-of-Way Maintenance

Please make sure that all vegetation is trimmed 8' over sidewalks or street signs to keep the view unobstructed.

Level or replace sidewalk, curbing or driveway apron, which have settled and could create tripping hazards.

Make sure mailboxes are set the proper distance from the curb/road line so they are not affected by plows this winter. Mailboxes must be positioned 6-8" back from the face of curb/edge of road and the top of the mailbox must be 42-46" above the lawn surface. No part of the structure may extend closer than 6" from the face of curb/edge of road.

# Getting to Know Our Council Members

The Council of New Britain Borough is a body of seven elected officials who serve without compensation. The role of Council is to oversee all activities of the Borough, including the management of Borough employees. Council is responsible for making policy, passing ordinances, approving contracts and agreements, voting appropriations, approving all personnel decisions, and establishing and maintaining the Borough's budget. In this and future articles, we will interview our Borough Council members so that our residents and businesses can get to know them. In this issue we will meet Robyne Kelemen, Council President.



*Robyne Kelemen, Council President.*

**How long have you been on Council?** I joined Council in January, 2014

**Why did you originally decide to run for Council?** I wanted to contribute to keeping our community great and felt that serving on Council was a way to do this.

**How long have you lived in the Borough?** I've lived in the Borough over 13 years, and have lived in the Delaware Valley almost all my life.

**A little about you personally?** I'm widowed and raising two wonderful young sons.

**What is your profession?** I've been in the pharmaceutical industry for over 20 years. Currently, I'm Director of Regulatory Affairs at Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, where my work takes me to India and to Europe a few times each year. I have a Ph.D. in engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, and am a licensed professional engineer.

**Any other volunteer activities other than Council?** I volunteer at my children's schools, and with cub scouting.

**Do you have any hobbies?** I enjoy local history, camping, and spending time at the shore.

**What goals do you have as President of Council?** There are many. First, I want to work with borough administration and fellow council members to make sure the borough is well-managed, and that our short and long range financial planning is on target. I want to ensure good communication with our residents, business owners, and the university as we advance toward making New Britain more walkable, and seeing our development plans, particularly the Butler Avenue corridor near the university, come to fruition. Finally, I want to stay well-connected with residents to understand their needs and concerns, and to encourage everyone to consider getting more involved with local government themselves.

**What else would you like people to know about you?** It is my pleasure to help where I can and serve the community.



● Come see the Changes  
 ● New Fall/Winter Menu  
 ● Everything Homemade  
     ● Family Friendly  
 ● 37 Best of Bucks Awards  
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## **Butler Avenue “Main St” Study**

Following the well-attended public meeting held at Delaware Valley University back in May, members of the Planning Commission and staff reviewed the draft plan. The revised version of the plan will be discussed by the Planning Commission at their meeting in October and reviewed by Council at their meeting in November. We encourage any interested residents to attend these meetings. Once approved, the finished plan will be available at the Borough Office and website.

## **Event to Honor Vietnam Veterans**

**Thursday, November 10, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Byers Choice  
4355 County Line Road**

We are proud to recognize and honor the Vietnam veterans of Senate District 10/House District 144 with a special Commemorative Ceremony hosted by Senator Chuck McIlhinney and Representative Kathy Watson. The commemorative event will be held in conjunction with the Department of Defense as part of a nationwide tribute to Vietnam veterans. A special Vietnam veterans' lapel pin has been produced as part of the program and will be distributed to attending veterans and widows of Vietnam veterans.


“The heroes who served during Vietnam faced incredible dangers,” McIlhinney said. “In many cases, returning veterans were not given the respect they deserved following their service. I am hopeful that these events will serve as a reminder that their efforts are deeply appreciated.”

In order to be recognized at the event and receive the commemorative pin, a recipient must be a United States military veteran who served on active duty at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of stationing location.

Attendees must register at [www.senatormcilhinney.com/Vietnam-veterans-50th/](http://www.senatormcilhinney.com/Vietnam-veterans-50th/) or by calling the senator's district office at 215-489-5000.

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## **Where in the Borough Is It?**

The telephone poles on our streets belong to either PECO or Verizon. PECO's have crossbars which carry electrical wires, and Verizon have thick heavy cables, and no cross bars. Patrick Huss took this picture of a flamingo fastened to the top of a Verizon pole; the Flamingo has been watching traffic for several years on the busiest street in the Borough. Where in the Borough is it? (SEE PAGE 6 FOR THE ANSWER.)



## **Borough Walkability**

New Britain Borough has been working towards a walkable Borough for years by requiring developers to install short sections of sidewalk across their property frontages. With the help of a state grant it was possible this summer to connect several sections of sidewalk together on the north side of Butler Avenue, from Pine Run Elementary School to Almshouse Road. The western portion of the Borough is now linked to Chalfont.

Doylestown Township constructed a section of Bike and Hike Trail along Keeley Avenue which connects to the Covered Bridge Park, the new pedestrian bike trail across Pine Run and also to Pine Run Dam/Iron Hill/Sandy Ridge Roads.

Next year we will be constructing a path from the intersection of Butler and Tamenend avenues to the New Britain Train Station, which will also connect to a future Doylestown Township trail.

Take a walk on the sidewalks and walk or bike on the bike and hike trails to experience the borough from a new perspective.

## Moments with the Mayor

### Fall Fantasy/ Reality

Some folks believe that the fall of the year is the most beautiful season in this part of the country, I happen to be one of those believers. There are many reasons that this is my favorite time of year so, let me point out just a few of them and not in any special order.



1. It is football season and at any level, youth, high school, college and professional, football is my favorite spectator sport.

2. The weather is crisp with great cool nights and sunny, warm days and the colors of fall are beginning to show nature's splendor.

3. Fishing and hunting seasons blend together so sportsmen/sportswomen can enjoy both in the same day if they desire.

4. Children of all ages are back in school and that is a good thing for all of us, because without continued education our nation is doomed. We need to put a high priority on the courses offered, not just academic but social and the arts as well. Here in Central Bucks, we are blessed with a top-notch school district and educators who care about the achievements of their students.

5. It is election time and this year the presidential and congressional cycles are in full bloom. We need to choose wisely, not consider just one or two issues but consider who will serve us best and be the best for our nation as a whole. Our responsibility as citizens of the United States is to vote responsibly and make sure that we understand all of the candidate's positions on issues. Whoever you plan to choose, please be sure to exercise your Constitutional right to vote.

6. Even more exciting is the fact there are many of our great holidays coming up — Rosh Hashanah, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are just a few. These holidays can be happy times for families to get together and celebrate our blessings and the freedom of religion we all have in the United States.

So, enjoy the fall and I wish you a great season, health and happiness and success in your endeavors throughout the rest of the year.

## Bird Town News

### Doug Tallamy to Speak at Del Val

Anyone involved in the Bird Town program is familiar with the work of Doug Tallamy, professor and chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. Dr. Tallamy's 2007 book, *Bringing Nature Home*, provides the rationale behind the use of native plants to sustain native insects, birds, and other wildlife in one's own back yard. This is exactly what the Bird Town program encourages property owners to do.



Dr. Tallamy will be speaking on the topic of "Restoring Nature's Relationships" on **Thursday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Life Sciences Building auditorium at Delaware Valley University. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. Tickets may also be purchased in advance at the Doylestown Township Administration Building on Wells Road.

### Fall Bird Walk

Members of the borough's Bird Town Committee will be leading a morning bird walk for people of all ages in Covered Bridge Park, Orchard Park, and the Pine Run Reservoir on **Saturday, October 15 starting at 8:00 a.m.** We will meet in the parking lot of Covered Bridge Park on Keeley Ave. Wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars if you have them.

### Fall is for Planting

Fall is a great time to plant many native trees and shrubs that provide berries for birds or food for the native insects that almost all birds depend on to feed their young. It's a great time to find these plants on sale at local nurseries, as well.

For more information on the best trees and shrubs for birds, visit the borough website at [newbritainboro.com/](http://newbritainboro.com/) and go to the Bird Town page under "Community Information." You'll find a link there for "Publications on Native Plants." Make it a goal this fall to plant one native tree or shrub from the lists you'll find in these publications. For a compelling explanation of why we should plant native plants in our yards, click on the link "Bringing Nature Home" and read the article "Gardening for Life."

### Where in the Borough Is It?

**Answer:** *The flamingo is on Butler Avenue, just north of the Lamp Post Road intersection. If you know how/why it got there, call the Borough, we'd be love to know.*

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New Britain Borough  
45 Keeley Avenue  
New Britain, PA 18901

## DART BUS SURVEY

New Britain Borough is researching the viability of local bus service. Please complete the short survey online [<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dartroute>] or provided below and either email it to us at [nbboro@newbritainboro.com](mailto:nbboro@newbritainboro.com), fax it to 215-348-5953 or mail/drop it at our office at 45 Keeley Ave. Thank you for your time.

### What municipality are you a resident of?

- Chalfont Borough
- New Britain Borough
- New Britain Township
- Other
- I don't know. My address is: \_\_\_\_\_

### Are you a business owner?

- Yes
- No

### Are you between the ages of:

- 18 to 35
- 36 to 50
- 51 to 65
- 66+

### Did you know that the DART is free for seniors?

- Yes
- No

### Would you ever ride the DART?

- Yes
- No

### Would you travel with children on the DART?

- Yes
- No

### How far would you walk to get to the DART bus?

- One block
- Two blocks
- Three blocks
- Four blocks
- More than four blocks

### How long would you walk to get the DART bus?

- One minute
- Two minutes
- Five minutes
- Ten minutes

*(continued over)*

**Where would you like the DART to go? (select all that apply)**

- Doylestown Hospital
- Bucks County Library Center
- Mercer Museum
- Michener Museum
- Doylestown SEPTA Train Station
- Central Bucks Family YMCA
- Bucks County Courthouse
- Doylestown Post Office
- Chalfont Post Office
- Foundations Behavioral Health
- Shadybrook Farm
- Barn Plaza Shopping Center
- Doylestown Shopping Center (Acme)
- Mercer Square Shopping Center (Weis)
- Doylestown Pointe Shopping Center (Redner's)
- Cross Keys Shopping Center (K-Mart)
- New Britain SEPTA Train Station
- New Britain Town Center Shopping Center (Giant)
- Chalfont Village Shopping Center (Skyline)
- New Britain Village Shopping Center (Giant)
- Chalfont Borough Hall
- Chalfont SEPTA Station
- New Britain Township Building
- Shrine of Czestochowa
- Pine Run Community
- New Britain Business Park
- Quad Graphics
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**What neighborhoods would you like to see the DART serve? (select all that apply)**

- Maplewood
- Clemens Farm
- Chestnut Grove
- Lantern Hill
- Belvedere
- Doylestown Hunt
- Sandy Ridge
- Colonial Green
- Hillside Village
- Carousel Circle
- Unami Trail
- Pine Run Condos
- N. Main Street Chalfont
- Little Farm Estates
- Highlands

**DART service runs from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday. Would you be interested in Saturday service?**

- Yes
- No

**If yes, what hours should it run?**

- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 9 a.m. to Noon
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Would you like to learn more about these other services provided by Bucks County Transport?**

- Senior Citizens Shared Ride Program
- Persons with Disabilities Program
- Medical Assistance Transportation Program
- Welfare to Work Program

*Your participation in this survey is very much appreciated!*



# Bristol Road Extension

As was previously reported in this newsletter, a few months ago Borough Council passed a resolution in support of the construction of the Bristol Road Extension (BRE). New Britain Township and Chalfont Borough passed a similar resolution supporting the BRE. The three municipalities had all agreed to jointly fund a feasibility study to determine an updated cost for the project, however PennDOT said they would prepare the study.

The BRE would provide a much needed alternative means for traffic traveling northwest/southeast through the adjoining communities thereby easing traffic congestion along Business Route 202 and 152, which would benefit motorists and residents and reduce air pollution caused by current congestion. The BRE may reduce response times for our police, fire and EMT services and help reduce the wear and tear on our Pine Valley Covered Bridge.

Please contact the following elected and appointed officials to let them know your support for the Bristol Road Extension. Ideally, a letter has the most impact, but any contact is helpful. There are places to email them on their websites.

Representative Katherine Watson  
1432 Easton Road, Unit 4I  
Warrington, PA 18976  
Phone: (215) 343-8090  
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E-mail: kwatson@pahousegop.com

Governor Tom Wolf  
Office of the Governor  
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Harrisburg, PA 17120  
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State Senator Chuck McIlhinney  
22 South Main St, Suite 220  
Doylestown, PA 18901  
Phone: 215-489-5000  
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PA Department of Transportation  
Secretary Leslie S. Richards  
1101 South Front St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17104

# Trash Hauler Survey Results

Of the approximately 950 summer newsletters sent to Borough residents, 184 trash hauler surveys were returned. Thank you to all that responded.

The survey was discussed at the September Borough Council meeting where many residents in attendance voiced their opposition to a single party trash hauler. Some residents didn't like the loss of freedom to hire the trash hauler of their choice, and others spoke for retirees who currently make other arrangements for their trash and may not be able to afford the cost. Council voted four to three to do additional research with particular attention to the costs because they thought that they and the residents didn't have all of the necessary facts to make an informed decision.

| How often is your trash removed? | Totals     |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Once a quarter                   | 1          |
| Once a week                      | 79         |
| Twice a month                    | 5          |
| Twice a week                     | 87         |
| (blank)                          | 12         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>               | <b>184</b> |

| Do you have your own trash bin or is it provided by the hauler? |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                                                                 | Totals     |
| Bin owned by hauler                                             | 148        |
| Bin owned by hauler and bin from me                             | 4          |
| Bin owned by me                                                 | 15         |
| No bin                                                          | 17         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                              | <b>184</b> |

| Who removes your trash? | Totals     |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Advanced Disposal       | 26         |
| Allied Republic         | 102        |
| EnviroGreen             | 11         |
| I do it myself          | 7          |
| Waste Management        | 32         |
| (blank)                 | 6          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>      | <b>184</b> |

| Position on Single Trash Hauler | Totals     |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Negative                        | 83         |
| Neutral - Need more info        | 59         |
| Positive                        | 42         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>              | <b>184</b> |

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Average quarterly trash bill                 | \$102.34 |
| Average of total quarterly savings requested | \$20.34  |

| Do you receive a senior discount? | Count      |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Yes                               | 47         |
| (blank)                           | 137        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                | <b>184</b> |

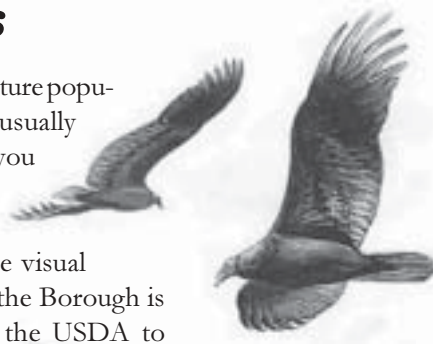
| What other services do you receive?       |
|-------------------------------------------|
| Recycling 163 - Bulk 119 - Yard Waste 114 |

# Calendar of Community Events

|                                        |                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday, October 13 - 7 pm to 9 pm    | Chalfont Fire Co., Fire Prevention Open House, 301 N. Main St.                                                                                       |
| Saturday, October 15 - 8 am            | Fall Bird Walk. Bird Town Committee - Covered Bridge Park                                                                                            |
| Saturday, October 15 - 9 am to 3 pm    | Lenape Valley Church Annual Craft Fair - Butler Ave & Ute Road                                                                                       |
| Saturday, October 22 - 5 to 9 pm       | Officer David Carlen Benefit-Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ferry Rd.                                                                                      |
| Saturday, October 29 - 9:30 to 3 pm    | Chalfont Fire Co. Craft Show, 301 N. Main St.                                                                                                        |
| Sunday, October 30 - 3 to 4:30 pm      | DelVal Symphonic & Jazz Bands, Fall Concert-Life Sciences Bldg <i>Free</i>                                                                           |
| Friday, November 25 - 7 pm             | Doylestown Christmas tree lighting, Councilman Bob Binkley conducting carol sing-along-Main & State                                                  |
| Sunday, November 27 - 4 to 6 pm        | Chalfont Fire Co., Community Christmas Sing-301 N. Main St.                                                                                          |
| Sunday, December 4 - 3 to 4:30 pm      | DelVal Holiday Concert, Chorale, String Ensemble, Jazz & Symphonic Bands-Life Sciences Bldg. <i>Free</i>                                             |
| Tuesday, December 6 - 7 to 8:30 pm     | DelVal Holiday Concert, Chorale, String Ensemble, Jazz & Symphonic Bands-Life Sciences Bldg. <i>Free</i>                                             |
| Wednesday, December 7 - 7 pm           | New Britain Civic Annual Christmas tree lighting with a visit from Santa-Town Center Shopping Center.                                                |
| Saturday, December 17 - Noon           | Wreaths Across America Ceremony-War Memorial & New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery                                                                   |
| Saturday, December 17 - 2 pm & 7:30 pm | Bucks County Gilbert & Sullivan Society Messiah Sing-Along w/full orchestra, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 5175 Cold Spring Creamery Rd., Doylestown |
| Sunday, January 8 - 4 pm               | HMS Pinafore Sing-Along with Bob Binkley & Lee Milhous, Princeton Unitarian Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton                                   |

## Vultures

According to the USDA, the vulture population travels in the summer, but usually returns home to roost in the fall. If you see vultures on or near your property, the Borough Office has visual deterrents for sale for \$2.50. If the visual deterrents fail to make an impact, the Borough is discussing further measures with the USDA to address the problem.



## Borough Offers Notary Services

New Britain Borough now offers notary services for a small fee. You can stop by the administration office anytime Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. if you need a document notarized.



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# Be Kind to the Environment

## Stream Protection

Limit use of herbicides and fertilizers. Dispose of hazardous materials such as oil, paint, medications, etc. in hazardous waste drop-offs, never flush or dump. Maintain your vehicle by checking and repairing oil and antifreeze leaks. Any illegal dumping or drainage activities should be reported immediately to New Britain Borough. If you notice any signs of stream pollution or have any questions notify the Borough at 215-348-4586.

## Rain Water Runoff

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


## Pool Water Discharge

Pool owners are required to dispose of water properly. Waste water containing chemicals such as chlorine and muriatic acid must be neutralized prior to disposal. Filter backwash should also be discharged to a grassy area and never to a street, pond or stream, or toward your neighbor's property. If you have any questions, please contact the Borough.

## Construction

Stormwater controls are required for most additions of impervious surfaces, which may require permits. Please check with the Borough office to determine if permits are required.

Additional stormwater information: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdsms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf>.



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| <b>Mayor:</b>                    | David Holewinski                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Council:</b>                  | <b>Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in Burkart Hall, 7:30 PM</b><br>Robyne Kelemen, <i>President</i> ; Peter LaMontagne, <i>Vice-President</i> ; Robert Binkley; Mary Pat Holewinski;<br>Jeffrey Gilmore; Lori Kesilman; Thomas Price                                             |
| <b>Planning<br/>Commission:</b>  | <b>Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Burkart Hall, 7:30 PM</b><br>Michael Stanislaw, <i>Chairman</i> ; Karl Dieterichs, <i>Vice Chairman</i> ; Robert Binkley (Council Liaison)<br>Rick Eggleston; Loren Frasco; David Holewinski; Richard Moxey; Michael Parke; Peg Remmey |
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| <b>Tax Collector:</b>            | Richard Sabol, 215-489-8658 ( <i>Hours: Tuesday, 6 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - noon</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Solicitor:</b>                | Michael Savona                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Newsletter Editor:</b>        | Marie Esher Coia                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                  | <b>Police Chief:</b> James Donnelly, Office 215-345-4143                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

The following Borough personnel are located at the Borough Building, 45 Keeley Avenue.  
Phone 215-348-4586. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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