

# New Britain Borough



# NEWS

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## ***Burkart Hall Renovation***

Less than a year ago, the Borough was awarded a grant from Bucks County Community Development for approximately \$110,000 to install a new elevator and bathroom for handicap accessibility. At the recommendation of the Burkart Hall Committee, Robert Binkley, Chairman, Bruce Burkart, Mary Pat Holewinski, Peter LaMontagne, Lori Kesilman, and Craig Sturza, we hired an architect, Matt Piotrowski, who came up with a design that placed a new covered stair entry and the elevator in the rear of the building, and located a new bathroom on the upper meeting room floor. The plan also called for the demolition of the internal stairway located in the side of our meeting hall.

Sealed bids were sought, and Eiseman Construction, a builder located in the Borough, was the low bidder. Construction began in September, and was substantially completed by the beginning of February. Bob Binkley acted as the General Contractor along with Borough officials. John Jester, a New Britain manufacturer, donated fire-rated door systems for the job. A new ceiling and carpeting were installed and a small group of volunteers, including Bruce Burkart (after whose family the building has been named), Bob Binkley, Dan O'Leary, Halsey White, and Mark Hintenlang, took on interior demolition, interior renovations to the ducting system, lighting, paint,



*Front (l-r): Bruce Burkart and Dan O'Leary. Back (l-r): Mark Hintenlang, Bob Binkley and Halsey White (standing on the ladder).*

## ***See Inside for Big Changes in the Borough***

- **New Council Members**
- **New Manager**
- **New Solicitor**

insulation, and the installation of a repurposed window in the area where the old stairs had been removed. The result is essentially a new meeting hall, reversed in layout from the old hall, with a fresh new look and feel, and ease of entry with a handicapped accessible elevator — ready for decades of use.

A very special “Thank You” goes out to Bob Binkley, Bruce Burkart, Halsey White, Dan O'Leary and Mark Hintenlang, and everyone who worked on this project. You all have provided us with a meeting hall to be proud of.



## ***Burkart Hall Open House Saturday, April 23 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.***

The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee invites you to a dedication and Open House to showcase the renovations at Burkart Hall. Come meet some of the residents who donated their time and expertise to the project. Bruce Burkart will give a presentation about the history of the Borough at 1 p.m.

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# Changes to Borough Council

The November election brought the Borough two new Council members as well as re-electing two Council members.

We welcome Robert (Bob) Binkley and Thomas (Tom) Price as our newly elected Council members. Please read more about Bob and Tom below. Jeffrey (Jeff) Gilmore and Peter (Pete) LaMontagne were re-elected to Council.

The Borough held its bi-annual reorganization meeting on Monday, January 4 where Mayor David Holewinski conducted the swearing in ceremony of two new Council members and the re-elected Council members. Robyne Kelemen was voted President of Council and Peter LaMontagne was voted Vice President.

## Meet the New Council Members

### Bob Binkley

Bob grew up in Narberth, PA, went to college in New York (Columbia) and taught music in Philadelphia schools for four years. He then spent thirty years in real estate development with an emphasis on historic rehab. Among his many projects, Bob was project manager for the historic rehabilitation of the Doylestown Agricultural Works. For the last 15 years, he has created garden structures in the Central Bucks area.



Avocationally, he is a musician and has directed or performed in over 50 musical theater productions. Bob started the Bucks County Gilbert & Sullivan Society, now in its eighth season, with a home at Delaware Valley University.

Bob and his wife Winnie, who is also a musician, moved to the Borough in 1976 when his son Neil was just four. They have lived here ever since. Bob has volunteered in the Borough over the last few decades in various capacities including many projects in the Nature Preserve, the WWI Memorial reconstruction, and the new train station replica building at Covered Bridge Park. He serves on the Planning Commission, the Appointment Advisory Committee, and is the chairman of the Burkart Hall Renovation Committee, where he has spent time trying to cut the costs of the renovation. Bob even got his hands dirty, along with several other volunteers, ripping up the old carpet, installing insulation and painting.

According to Bob, "I want to help usher in new developments in the Borough. Change is happening along Butler Avenue in a significant way, and I may be able to bring my background to bear on keeping it as reasonable and attractive as possible. I'm also looking forward to working with our exceptional new manager."

### Tom Price

Tom Price and his wife Beth have lived in the Borough since 1994, where they raised two sons. Their oldest is currently a junior at Penn State and the youngest is a senior at C.B. South. Tom and his family have loved living in the Borough and feel lucky to be part of a small, friendly community with much civic pride.



Tom has lived and worked in the Central Bucks area most of his life. His family moved to Chalfont when he was in junior high school, and he graduated from Central Bucks West in 1973. After graduating from Gettysburg College with a BA in Political Science, Tom was hired as a Social Studies teacher by the Central Bucks School District. Tom's first few years with the District were spent teaching at Unami and Holicong, but most of his career was spent at C.B. West, where he also served as the faculty advisor to the Student Government and then as the Social Studies Department coordinator. Tom retired from teaching in 2013 after thirty-five exciting and rewarding years.

Tom has spent many years serving on the Borough's Nature Preserve Committee and, since retiring, has gotten more involved in Borough affairs, serving on the Planning Commission and the Orchard Park Committee, and also coordinating the Bird Town program in the Borough.

Tom has continually been impressed with the dedication of the Borough's volunteers and elected officials he has worked with over the last several years and is eager to become even more involved by serving on Borough Council. He sees this as an exciting time for the Borough and believes that the development of the Butler Ave. corridor will be the largest challenge – and opportunity – facing the Borough in the coming years. As a member of Borough Council, Tom hopes to encourage this development while still maintaining the existing residential and small-town character of the community. He also hopes to encourage more of our residents to become involved in civic affairs.

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## Thank you, Bill and Nancy

We want to acknowledge outgoing Council members, William (Bill) Macklem and Nancy Schuyler, for their time and dedication. They are both long-time residents of the Borough. Both served on Council for about 18 years and made numerous contributions to the Borough. We wish them the best in the future.

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## ***Welcome Our New Manager – Sam Bryant***

We are pleased to introduce and welcome our new manager, Sam Bryant. He is a graduate of the Fels Institute of Government at the University of Pennsylvania, where he obtained a master's degree in public administration with a certificate in public finance. He previously worked in various capacities for the Town of Hilton Head Island, Doylestown Township and West Pikeland Township.



Prior to graduate school, Sam served in the AmeriCorps NCCC program where he received a Presidential Service Award and was involved in disaster relief following major flooding in Nashville, TN.

Sam's hobbies include jogging the extensive area trail system and watching NFL football. He is originally from South Carolina, but has lived in Pennsylvania for nearly five years.

He is happy to address any resident concerns as best he can, and welcomes feedback and ideas from the public.

Sam, who just started with the Borough in mid-December, is an impressive person who has already made some cost-saving suggestions. We are all looking forward to working with him.

## ***Happy Retirement, Robin!***

After 25 years with the Borough, Robin Trymbiski retired in December. Robin has spent the last 16 years as our Borough Manager and before that she was the administrative assistant for nine years. Robin started her career with the borough when the offices were in the basement of Burkart Hall. She was instrumental in helping the Borough transition from that location to the present offices at 45 Keeley Avenue. Robin was the administrative assistant to Manager John Wolf and Manager Robert Schaffer before she took over the roll of manager of New Britain Borough.

Robin's cheery disposition, kindness, helpfulness and willingness to assist the residents and businesses of the Borough will be missed, but we wish her a happy, healthy, fun-filled retirement. We know she will be spending a lot of time with her grandchildren, her husband Frank, and out on the golf course.

## ***Welcome Our New Solicitor - Mike Savona***

New Britain Borough is fortunate to welcome Michael J. Savona from Eastburn and Gray, PC, as our new solicitor. For nearly 20 years, Mike has served as solicitor to numerous municipalities and government agencies across Pennsylvania. He has served as counsel to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, as well as solicitor to Northampton Township, Middletown Township, Lower Southampton Township, Warminster Township, Conshohocken Borough, the Borough of Hatboro and 9 different townships, boroughs, cities, and zoning hearing boards in Southwestern Pennsylvania.



Mike is a respected authority on the Municipalities Planning Code and the local land development process, and has guided his municipal clients in efforts to promote redevelopment, to foster "green" development initiatives, and to streamline the development review process in order to make his municipal clients an attractive place for new business to locate, develop and prosper.

He received his J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law in 1996 and his B.A., Magna Cum Laude, from California University of Pennsylvania in 1993.

Mike's volunteer and community work includes his appointment as the first General Counsel to the Pennsylvania State Tax Collector's Association (PSTCA) in March 2013.

Since 2013, Mike has been an active member of the Board of Directors of the Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County and in 2015, he was elected Vice President.

A resident of Newtown, Bucks County, Mike enjoys spending his free time traveling abroad, cooking and spending time in the outdoors with his German Shorthaired Pointer.

## ***Our Best to Michael Goodwin in Retirement***

Michael Goodwin retired as our solicitor in late September. We were very sorry to see him go but we wish him all the best. Michael has been the Borough Solicitor since 2001, prior to that he was the solicitor for our Zoning Hearing Board for many years. As counsel for New Britain, Michael was always looking out for the best, under the law, for our Borough. His research ability was painstaking and resulted in well thought out answers to sometimes difficult situations. Our best goes out to Michael in, what we hope to be, a long and enjoyable retirement.

# Around Town

The AROUND TOWN column will be a regular column in our newsletter. We'd like to make it a column about residents and businesses in the borough who have special events and we'd like to acknowledge good deeds. If there is a birth, marriage, milestone anniversary, special birthday, someone in the family graduating college, getting special honors for academic and/or business achievement, someone that performs a good deed or gets special recognition, please let us know by contacting Marie Esher Coia at mecoia@verizon.net.

## Congratulations to New Parents and Grand Parents

Borough residents June & Bob Bair welcomed their first grandchild on October 30, 2015. Tesa Olivia Bair was born to their son Robert and his wife, Nicole at 11:23 PM weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces and 21 inches long. Mother and daughter are doing well.

Borough residents Vicky Cangelosi and her husband, Brian Guentter had a 7 pound 12 ounce 21 inch baby boy, Oliver Mason Guentter, on Saturday, November 28, 2015. Mother and Son are doing well. Vicky is the daughter of Borough residents Joe and Linda Cangelosi.

## Bucks County Wellness Center Relocates but Stays in the Borough

Bucks County Wellness Center has moved their office from East Butler Ave, where they have been for the past 17 years, to West Butler Ave. They are now located across from Lenape Valley Church at 312 West Butler Ave.

Dr. Michael Brady has been in practice as a wellness doctor for 21 years, all of that time in New Britain Borough. He is focused on helping people get and stay well naturally by using the "whole person approach." Dr. Brady is dedicated to helping people reduce their risk of lifestyle-related preventable chronic conditions, including chronic pain, as well as giving them the tools to become more responsible for promoting optimal health and wellbeing.

In honor of their relocation they are having an Open House Happy Hour on Friday, April 1 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. They will have complimentary chair massages, raffles and much more. To RSVP for the free event call 215-345-1445 or visit [www.bcwcOpenHouse.eventbrite.com](http://www.bcwcOpenHouse.eventbrite.com).

## Pine Run Students Learn about Birds

This year the children in the after school program of Pine Run Elementary school are participating in a fun, hands on environmental project. New Britain Borough Council member Lori Kesilman, connected us with Bird Town environmental education educator, Marge Eberz and Mary Ellen Noonan, of the Bucks County Conservation District. The following article is a group effort written by a few of the children who have been participating in the Bird Town program.

Every month we have a presentation about birds and their habitat. We have learned about invasive plants and how they are harmful for birds and other plants. They take up too much room and crowd out the native plants that the birds eat and live in. We also went outside to look for different birds and plants.

We were able to do challenges where we had to give specific directions to someone we couldn't see. We were told that if we were birdwatching we needed to be specific about what we were telling someone who was with us exactly where the bird went, since the birds are really fast and hard to detect. Another time we were in groups and had to pick up different items with things like spoons and tweezers to understand how birds have different sized beaks. Some beaks are sharper and pointier than others. This is why not all birds eat the same kind of food.

It is up to us to help the birds not just survive, but thrive. This is our motto. We can put string in our birdfeeders and then the birds can make nests with them. We should also have a water source nearby for them. We should have different types of bird feeders with a variety of food and suet for many types of birds. We are enjoying learning about birds and how we can help them survive and thrive.

*Written by Page Controy, Abby Rogers, Allie Cain, Anna Kesilman, and Kate Kesilman.*

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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.*

### **Joseph A. Fluehr III Funeral Home**

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*40 Years of Service to Bucks County*

For 40 years, the Joseph A. Fluehr III Funeral Home has served the families of Bucks County. Joe and Chris Fluehr opened their first funeral home in Richboro with a vision of personal and professional service to their community. They sought to provide the highest level of care and respect to families, while giving them a peaceful place to say goodbye to those they love.

Over the years, the Fluehrs have grown their business to meet the needs of the community as they built a second funeral home as well as a crematory. For almost 20 years, they have cared for the bereaved families of New Britain. Their second home also provides a beautiful backdrop in which families are helped by the Fluehrs and their dedicated staff.

With many people choosing cremation, the Fluehrs opened their crematory in 2010 and is located at their Richboro Funeral Home. By operating their own crematory, the Fluehr Family is able to maintain custody and care of the deceased entrusted to their care.

Many things have changed in the funeral industry in the past 40 years. For example, corporate funeral homes and cemeteries are increasing in numbers, fewer families are opting for a traditional viewing, and cremations are becoming the choice for many people. "Yes, things are changing in this industry, but some things are still the same," expresses Joe Fluehr III. "People still need compassion and someone with a good heart. Someone who understands their loss and who will navigate them through the challenges of what needs to be done after a loved one dies. That is my focus and those who work with me."

The Fluehrs have been honored to work with the families of Bucks County for 40 years. They look forward to the changes ahead and serving this community for many more years to come.

## ***New Britain Welcomes New Businesses to the Borough***

**Kelly's Fitness**

**New Britain Baptist Church**

**www.kellysfitness.net**

Kelly's Fitness is a small studio inside the New Britain Baptist Church. Their specialty is helping women in midlife achieve and maintain excellent health. Women can attend 2-3 times each week and achieve real progress in fat-loss, endurance, strength, and flexibility. The founder, Kelly Knueppel, is a personal trainer with an engineering background and 20 years of experience. She has researched and developed the most efficient, effective ways to work out. What they are most proud of at Kelly's Fitness is the encouraging and friendly environment. Women leave here feeling empowered physically and emotionally.

There are two classes offered, Total Body Training and Barefoot Vitality. Both address the whole body and are appropriate for all levels. There are morning, evening and Saturday classes. They have 10 class passes, unlimited monthly passes, or a drop-in option for \$12. Your first class is free, so come give it a try!

### **Homegrown Office Support**

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Homegrown Office Support utilizes online technology and cloud-based applications to provide remote bookkeeping and administrative support to small businesses and entrepreneurs. Bookkeeping services include managing accounts receivable/payable, banking, reporting and other tasks. Administrative services range from calendar/email management to client outreach and marketing assistance. Homegrown aims to relieve their clients of the burden of performing laborious office tasks which will allow them more time to focus on their core business and customers.

Lifelong Borough resident, Lara La Sala, graduated from Gwynedd Mercy University with an Accounting degree. After eight years in private accounting, she started Homegrown with partner Lindsey Link. Lara's experience in accounting and office administration will bring a high level of detail and organization as well as a firm commitment to integrity and

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## Welcome New Businesses

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ethics to her business. She recently completed the QuickBooks Desktop 2015 ProAdvisor certification. She currently serves on the New Britain Borough Finance Committee. Lara and her business partner hope to grow Homegrown Office Support into a trusted leader in the virtual support industry.

### **Fluffy First Pet Care** **215-534-4090** **www.fluffyfirst.com**

Based in New Britain Borough, Fluffy First Pet Care services New Britain, Doylestown, Furlong, Warrington, Hatfield, Chalfont and Colmar. Services include dog walking, in-home pet sitting, transportation to and from appointments, and waste removal from your yard. Fluffy First accepts non-aggressive dogs and cats without discriminating by breed. Other pets and needs are accepted on a case-by-case basis. The company's founder, Patty Cangelosi, is a New Britain resident who loves and connects with animals of all shapes and sizes. She volunteers for animal rescue and finds nothing more rewarding than helping our furry friends. Her "son" is a five-year-old pug named Cheese.

Does your dog need an "outing" during the day while you're away? Or a sitter to watch him or her for a longer stretch of time? Is your yard in need of a spring cleanup? If you answered yes to any of these questions, Fluffy First is the paw-sitively perfect pet care business for you.

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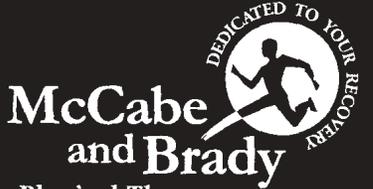
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## **Butler Avenue "Main St"** **Public Meeting** **Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.** **Delaware Valley University**

New Britain Borough residents have shown their support during the past 3 years for improving Butler Avenue, our "Main Street." By attending public town hall meetings, participating in committees, responding to surveys, coming to Borough Council meetings, and reading our newsletter, our community members have expressed enthusiasm for the redevelopment of vacant properties and for improving the safety and appearance of Butler Avenue. Our Borough Planning Commission, Borough Council members, and the Borough Community and Business Committee invite you to discuss a vision for Butler Avenue that has emerged from public discussion and participation. You will see a presentation by the Bucks County Planning Commission on the current situation on Butler Avenue and how it could look and function as inevitable changes occur in the future. Borough officials want the community to understand how Butler Avenue is likely to change and how we can best be assured that we guide those changes to meet community goals. Please join us.



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## Moments with the Mayor

The seasons are changing, as we depart the short days and long nights of winter and enter into the expanded daylight of spring, so does the Borough of New Britain, leave the doldrums of winter and move toward the rejuvenation of spring. After the retirement of our Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor, we have a new Borough Manager and a new Borough Solicitor; both are positive additions to our Borough. We'll soon be seeing new families moving into the Hidden Meadows townhomes along Shady Retreat. That development is coming along very well and those families will begin to enjoy the benefits of living close to transportation, shopping and great schools as all of us in New Britain enjoy.



We should all be excited that Chalfont Borough has joined the boroughs of New Britain and Doylestown in the Central Bucks Regional Police Department. This move will give our police better resources in development of officers and increased coverage of our area by a very professional law enforcement organization. Safety is the major concern for our residents and that combined with efficiencies of scale make this move a positive for all of us.

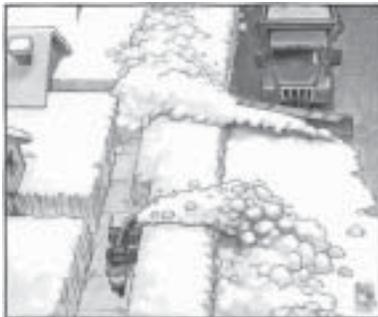
There is continued excitement about the Butler Avenue Corridor planning and development. With the Knoell property moving closer to development and additional properties in the area begging to be developed or renovated to better serve our community and the surrounding area, we need to become enthusiastic about the future of the mixed use and university overlay areas that will help define the New Britain of the future. Included with the development comes "walkability", a key component of the renovation and construction around Delaware Valley University and an overwhelming desire expressed by our residents in the Town Hall meeting of a couple of years ago. This "walkability" will allow the connection of the University area to the rest of the Butler Avenue Corridor. Speaking of the "walkability", we should see the safe route to schools project moving toward completion this spring and the construction of our route to the New Britain train station begin soon.

The changing of seasons also brings us into a change in Burkart Hall, the renovation is just about complete and it looks really great. Thanks to those who donated time and energy by working on the project. It turned out to be a fantastic improvement and with the handicap capability we now can accommodate any resident that wants to participate in meetings of all kinds. In thinking of Burkart Hall, there are some finishing touches that the room could use. If you've ever thought about a donation to the borough in honor of a loved one, now is your opportunity. We still need window treatments and chairs for the room, if you are interested in making a donation please contact the borough office and in recognition of the donation a small brass tag could be attached to a chair or window shade in memory of your loved one.

That's all for now. Stay tuned to our website, [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com), for updates on activities and information concerning our Borough and the surrounding area.

## Snow Removal

Please clear your sidewalks of snow as soon as possible to avoid icing and to provide safe access for your neighbors. Do not blow or shovel snow into the street as this creates more work for the snow plow contractor. If you have a fire hydrant along your property frontage, clear snow from around it and remind your neighbors in case of emergency, the fire company may need this hydrant to save your house. Be safe and alert for traffic while working near the roadway, wear bright colored clothes. If you can't...or shouldn't be shoveling snow, hire someone to do it, call the Borough for contractors' contacts (it's best to have this scheduled before the storm event).



## Community Garden

If you are interested in participating in the Community Garden as a new member, please contact the Borough office by April 15<sup>th</sup>. There is limited availability remaining. Each plot is approximately 4.5' x 25' and is located in the fenced-in area of Orchard Park. Membership requires the support of shared gardening spaces through monthly workday participation.



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# Bird Town News

## Turn Your Yard into a Habitat for Birds this Spring!

With Spring just around the corner, it's time to think about what you can do to make your yard friendlier to birds. Make a concerted effort to plant *native* trees, shrubs, and perennials in your yard that provide food, cover, and nesting sites for birds. A diversity of native plants yields a diversity of insects and more birds. Eliminate the use of pesticides, which kill the insects that all birds need to feed their young, and provide fresh water and nesting boxes. To learn more about what you can do to turn your yard into good bird habitat, read Doug Tallamy's book, [Bringing Nature Home](#) or visit the Bird Town page on the Borough's website.

### Spring Bird Walk Scheduled

The members of the borough's Bird Town committee invite you to enjoy us for a bird walk this spring with Ray Hendrick, a Doylestown Township ornithologist who has made and erected 300 nest boxes throughout our area. Ray is also the chair of the Doylestown Township Environmental Advisory Council and a local Bluebird expert. Come and learn about the return of the Bluebirds, the restoration of native habitats, and how we can each help restore our native bird populations through the Bird Town program's BIRD HABITAT RECOGNITION NETWORK – HEALTHY YARD PROGRAM. Bring your family and friends. All ages are welcome. We will meet at the New Britain Covered Bridge Park on **Saturday, April 23 at 8:00 a.m.**, rain or shine, and do some birding at Orchard Park, Covered Bridge Park, and the Pine Run Reservoir. Bring binoculars if you have them. Dress comfortably for the weather and wear sturdy walking shoes.

### A-Day Bird Town Booth

Members of the Bird Town committee will once again be manning a Bird Town booth at Delaware Valley University's A-Day during the weekend of **April 22-24**. Visit our booth to talk to members of our committee and learn more about the Bird Town program and how you can create bird-friendly habitat in your own backyard!



### Local Business Support Sought

The Bird Town committee is reaching out to local businesses to gain support for the Bird Town program. Local business owners can support the program in two ways: Through their participation in the **Habitat Discount Program**, businesses can offer a discount to borough residents who have registered their properties in the Habitat Recognition Network; through the **Business Support Network**, businesses can make a straight, tax-deductible contribution to the Bird Town program. More information about these programs can be found on the PA Audubon website at <http://pa.audubon.org>, or interested business owners can contact the Borough Office to ask a member of the Bird Town committee to contact them.

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## Bucks County ReadyNotify PA

If you would like to be placed on a list to get emergency notifications you can register with Bucks County. Bucks County has launched a new Mass Notification service that allows them to alert you. You opt-in to enter your contact information and subscribe to notifications you care about based on your location. The information you provide is protected and will not be used for any other purpose.

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## ***Wreaths Across America – Special Thanks!***

The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee wishes to thank the following individuals for their support of our 2015 Wreaths Across America Ceremony so that wreaths could be placed on the veterans graves in the historic New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery. The event would not be possible if not for the dedication each year by the following individuals including those who came out to support the event and place wreaths on the veteran's graves.

- Bruce Burkart, Coordinator and New Britain Borough Historian for making sure that all of the veterans' graves are identified by an American flag and for reading the names of the veterans buried in our cemetery during the ceremony.
- Malcolm Rollins for ringing the church bells and coordinating the event with the church
- Marie Esher Coia for leading our ceremony
- The Central Bucks Marine Corp League Color Guard: Robert Sundling, Budd Pearce and Don Gee
- Ron Haskell and his nephew for playing taps
- Jackie D'Agostino, Location and Group Leader for organizing, fundraising and advertising the event
- The gentlemen who presented the memorial wreaths including Marine Corporal William McBride, Air Force First Lieutenant Lloyd Van Sant, Navy Seaman First Class Peter Ulmen, Army Specialist Malcolm Rollins, Coast Guard Seaman John Remmey, and Merchant Marine Third Mate Renton Meininger.

Thank you to all who sent donations so that we may purchase wreaths. They include Jo Schuler, Harry Baum, Elaine Hanrahan, Joseph & Mary Gilardi, Jill Coulton, Benjamin & Sarah Eastburn, First Friends Child Care, Marie & Tony Coia, Jackie & Michael D'Agostino, Margaret Fabry, Bill & Ruth Ann Focht, Carrie Gamble, Eugene & Marge Hamilton, Gieseler Insurance Agency, Inc., Bruce Burkart, Lorraine & Dick Moxey, Tom & Beth Price, Bob & Winnie Binkley, David & Mary Pat Holewinski, Joann Malta, Malcolm & Jan Rollins and Stephen Barth.

For more information about Wreaths Across America visit [www.wreathsassamerica.org](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org).



## ***Building in The Park***

Two years ago, volunteers began planning and raising funds to design and construct a new building in Covered Bridge Park, which is owned by the New Britain Civic Association. They chose an adaptation of the old New Britain train station to bring back to life a charming small building lost to fire some years ago. The original was designed in the late 1800's by Philadelphia's premier architect, Frank Furness. We have a few photographs of the old station, but if you have any tucked away somewhere, we'd love to scan them and preserve these and other historical images.

It was a very great challenge for volunteers to research the original building, design the new one, raise the funds, and actually construct it including the architectural details of the original building. Professionals did the foundation, roof and electrical, but community volunteers did all of the rest. With a special acknowledgement to Gilmore & Associates for their generous donation, we raised over \$38,000 in cash, plus a tremendous quantity of in kind donations.

The front portion of the building supports group activities, such as Civic's popular Duck Derby, and New Britain Borough's Summer Day Camp.



**An Open House is planned on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
12 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
We would love to see you there!**

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# Calendar of Community Events

Saturday, March 19 - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Chalfont Fire Co. Soup, Used Book & Rummage Sale, 301 N. Main St.
Friday, April 1 - 4:30 to 6 p.m.	Bucks County Wellness Center Open House, 312 West Butler Ave
Saturday, April 16 - 9 a.m. - noon	Spring Work Day, Nature Preserve
Saturday, April 16 - noon to 3 p.m.	Building in the Park Open House, Covered Bridge Park
Sunday, April 17 - 3 p.m.	DelVal Jazz Band & Chorale Spring Concert, DVU Life Sciences Bldg. Free
Saturday, April 23 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Burkart Hall Open House, Keeley Ave
Sunday, April 24 - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Chalfont Fire Co. Buffet Breakfast, 301 N. Main St.
Saturday, April 30	Arbor Day, Commemorative Tree Planting, Orchard Park, Keeley Ave
Sunday, May 1 - 7 p.m.	DelVal Symphonic Band Spring Concert, DVU Life Sciences Bldg. Free
Saturday, May 7 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Chalfont Fire Co. Turkey Hoagies, 301 N. Main St.
Thursday, May 12 - 7:30 p.m.	Butler Avenue Public Meeting, Delaware Valley University
Saturday, May 21 - 9 a.m. - noon	Spring Work Day, Nature Preserve
Sunday, May 22 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Chalfont Fire Co. Chicken Barb-B-Que, 301 N. Main St.
Friday & Saturday, June 17 & 18 - 8 p.m.	Bucks County Gilbert & Sullivan Society, HMS Pinafore, DVU Life Sciences Bldg.
Saturday-June 18 - 2 p.m.	Bucks County Gilbert & Sullivan Society, HMS Pinafore, DVU Life Sciences Bldg.

## Summer Camp

Summer Camp will run from June 27 to August 5, 2016 (6 weeks) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays (fair weather only)

An exciting array of supervised programs are planned at this year's summer camp including arts and crafts, theatre, nature/science and sports. Ages: Children ages 6 through 12 (no exceptions).

Location: Covered Bridge Community Park, Keeley Avenue

Pre-registration is required and can now be done online at [www.newbritainboro.com/communityinformation/camp](http://www.newbritainboro.com/communityinformation/camp). You are also welcome to register at the New Britain Borough Administration Building, 45 Keeley Avenue. No on-site registration.

### Registration dates:

New Britain Borough residents: April 4 – June 17

New Britain Township and Chalfont Borough residents:

April 18 - June 17

All municipalities including those listed above:

April 25 - June 17.

Fee for the 6 week program (checks payable to New Britain Borough):

Residents: \$265: Non-residents: \$320: Guest charge: \$25 each day.



## Spring Work Days Scheduled in Nature Preserve

**Saturday, April 16 & Saturday,  
May 21 from 9:00 a.m. until  
noon**

Community volunteers of all ages are needed for two workdays in the Nature Preserve. Participants are asked to bring work gloves and tools for digging planting holes, mulching, cutting vines, and clearing brush.

Please meet and park at the main entrance to the Nature Preserve on Matthews Avenue or at Miriam's Meadow on Landis Mill Road.



# Protecting our Water Resources

## RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

Please trim vegetation within the right of way which may obstruct sidewalks (8' over sidewalks) or street signs. Dispose of vegetation properly. Do not allow leaves to block storm sewers or drainage ditches, direct grass clippings back toward your yard, not into the street, as they will contaminate streams with residual fertilizers. Any sidewalk, curbing or driveway aprons which have settled create tripping hazards, please correct these as soon as possible, as the Borough will be conducting inspections of these items and issuing property maintenance violation letters for any displacement greater than 1/2". We appreciate these items being corrected as soon as possible as any items corrected prior to these inspections will save the Borough time and money.

## PROJECTS / GRADING

The Borough recently passed a grading ordinance to protect downstream properties from excessive runoff, erosion and sediment caused by upstream properties. If you're planning a project, which involves earthwork or piping, please stop in at the Borough to ensure that you will not be causing detriment to your downstream neighbor.

## RAINWATER 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.

## ADDITIONAL STORMWATER INFORMATION

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

## Springtime Property Inspections

New Britain Borough has adopted the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code. Consequently, in the spring of 2016, the borough will be looking at the areas in front of properties for possible public safety problems. We will be looking at sidewalks and curbs, driveway aprons, size of house numbers, mailbox placement and any encroachment of trees and shrubbery.

If you have any questions regarding the property maintenance code, please call the borough office at 215-348-4586 and ask for Mr. Tom Yatsky.

## Please support the New Britain Civic Association

### Annual Membership Dues

- Family \$15 (all members of the same household)  
 Business \$25

**Larger Donations** - It is important to acknowledge your support. In addition to our appreciation, expressed in a letter suitable for framing, prominent donations will be reported in the New Britain Borough Newsletter. Support for capital improvements to the Park can be recognized with signage at the Park or a plaque on the capital item and may also receive newspaper coverage.

Volunteers are needed for projects throughout the year. If interested, please contact David Holewinski: davidholewinski@hotmail.com; 215-407-7104.

David Holewinski, President  
Derek MacMillan Vice President  
Malcolm Rollins, Treasurer  
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Joseph Cangelosi  
Vince Quirus  
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## ***New Britain Borough Officials***

**Mayor:** David Holewinski

**Council:** **Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in Burkart Hall, 7:30 PM**  
Robyne Kelemen, *President*; Peter LaMontagne, *Vice-President*; Robert Binkley; Mary Pat Holewinski;  
Jeffrey Gilmore; Lori Kesilman; Thomas Price

**Planning Commission:** **Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Burkart Hall, 7:30 PM**  
Michael Stanislaw, *Chairman*; Karl Dieterichs, *Vice Chairman*; Robert Binkley (Council Liaison)  
Rick Eggleston; Richard Moxey; Michael Parke

**Zoning Hearing Board:** **Meets, as needed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in Burkart Hall, 7:30 PM**  
Robert Bair, *Chairman*; Anthony Coia, *Vice Chairman*; John Wolff; David Siegfried  
Andrea Antell; William Schaefer – *Alternate*; Matthew Benscoter – *Alternate*

**Tax Collector:** Richard Sabol, 215-489-8658 (*Hours: Tuesday, 6 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - noon*)

**Solicitor:** Michael Savona

**Police Chief:** James Donnelly, Office 215-345-4143

**Newsletter Editor:** Marie Esher Coia

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.  
Website: [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com) Email: [secretary@newbritainboro.com](mailto:secretary@newbritainboro.com)

**Borough Manager:** ..... Samuel Bryant  
**Roadmaster** ..... Mark Hintenlang  
**Borough Secretary:** ..... Carrie Gamble  
**Zoning Officer:** ..... Thomas Yatsky

**Building Inspector, Fire Marshal & Emergency Management:**  
Dan Jenkins, Keystone Municipal Services

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