

# **NEWS OF**

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# Borough Council Approves Shade Tree Ordinance

Tree-lined streets contribute to a pleasant view, encourage walking, and are an asset to any community. To encourage street planting, New Britain Borough has formed a Shade Tree Commission. One of the purposes of the Shade Tree Commission is to provide guidance and information to residents interested in planting trees and shrubs near streets and sidewalks.

The five volunteer members of the Commission are knowledgeable about trees and shrubs, and are a great resource to help residents choose the right trees and the proper location.

This Commission is also empowered to create a list of approved Shade Trees and to review all applications for subdivision and land development in the Borough to ensure compliance with the new Shade Tree regulations.

The ordinance applies only to trees designated as "Shade Trees," meaning all new and existing trees and shrubs located along the Borough's streets and sidewalks within the public Right-of-Way. The ordinance does NOT apply to any trees or shrubs that are located outside the designated public Right-

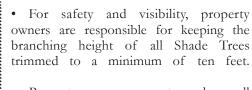
of-Way. Right-of-Way is an easement associated with a road which extends beyond the limits of the pavement and is owned either by the Borough or PennDot. This can vary from street to street, and is measured from the center of the roadway. (for example, a roadway with a 50 foot right of way means that the right of way extends 25 feet in each direction from the center of the road)

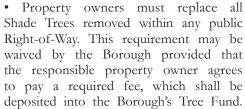
This new ordinance contains the following key provisions and restrictions:

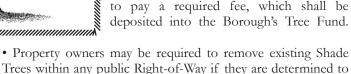
• The maintenance, care, or removal of any Shade Tree is

the responsibility of the property owner on whose property the Shade Tree is located or whose property abuts the public Right-of-Way in which the Shade Tree is located.

- Property owners must obtain a permit from the Borough before any Shade Tree may be planted within any public Right-of-Way.
- Property owners must obtain a permit from the Borough before any Shade Tree within any public Right-of Way is cut, pruned or removed.

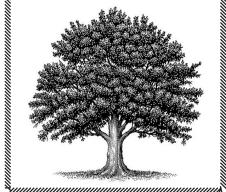






be a health or safety hazard.

The Shade Tree Ordinance can be found in its entirety on the Borough website, as well as a list of roads and right of ways. Property owners with specific questions about the ordinance, the required permits, or the approved Shade Trees, however, should contact the Borough office before any tree work is begun.



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## Catching Up With Council

Robyne Kelemen, Council President



This column discusses notable items from our recent Borough Council meetings. I thought it would be good to highlight a few of the items covered and decisions made that may be of particular interest to residents and local businesses. Want to learn more? Join us for the Council meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, or contact the Borough Administrative office with any questions.

#### March

Council member, Ms. Lori Kesilman reported that an issue which had developed earlier this year concerning parking at Pine Run Elementary School for child pick-up had been resolved through collaborative meetings and communications. The issue was addressed through our Public Safety Committee, and involved Council members, Borough officials, school district administration, neighboring property representatives, and Central Bucks Regional Police representatives. We are pleased that the Borough and our community partners were able to help bring this concern to a quick resolution.

Council approved advertising Ordinance #379 creating a Shade Tree Commission. The Commission is an advisory panel regarding all aspects of shade trees within the public right-of-way in the Borough. The ordinance is based on PA State Association of Boroughs standards. All persons must obtain a permit from the Shade Tree Commission before pruning, cutting/removing, or planting a Shade Tree within the right-of-way.

Also in March, Council approved advertising Ordinance #380 on Weeds/Bamboo. Regulations to control the planting, cultivating, or growing of certain running bamboo grasses and other invasive vegetation are provided in the ordinance. Property owners must not allow the named species to encroach on neighboring properties (not closer than 10 feet). The ordinance provides for violations if homeowners do not comply.

#### **April**

In April both a special meeting of Borough Council and a regular monthly meeting were held. The special meeting was held early in the month to have Council review and consider approval of two resolutions to apply for grant applications. Resolution 2017-04 was to apply for a DCNR (PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) grant to make Orchard Park ADA accessible. No Borough funds were expected to be involved. Resolution 2017-05

was to apply for a grant application to acquire properties of Mr. Ken Miller and Ms. Carol Miller, using Groner Fund monies for the required match of \$167,000. If the grant and acquisitions are successful, the properties would become part of the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve with an income-producing rental property included. In the April regular Council meeting, Ordinances #379 and #380, which were advertised subsequent to the March meeting, were approved by Council. The first slate of five community members were appointed to the newly created Shade Tree Commission.

Also at the April meeting, a motion was approved to allocate \$21,908 in funds in the 2018 budget for overall costs related to trail easements for extending the Borough trail system from the New Britain train station to Beulah Cemetery. By mid-2018 we expect that the trail will be completed along Tamenend Avenue from Butler Avenue to Upper State Road, connecting into the regional trail system. The Borough's ongoing trail initiatives reflect public sentiment on the importance of walkability and trails in our community.

#### May

At the May Council meeting, bids were considered for a road improvement borrowing project. The project will allow the borough to accelerate the improvements and maintenance of many of our local roads over the upcoming 10-year period, without expected additional costs by taking advantage of volume cost savings and low loan rates. The lowest overall projected cost loan (a 7-year fixed rate loan with a subsequent 3-year capped variable rate) was selected by Council. The borrowing ordinance (#381) was subsequently advertised and approved at the June Council meeting.

Council member, Ms. Lori Kesilman also reported on the Streetlight Plan Development Committee activities in May. The committee has assessed lighting in the Borough and is recommending consistent approaches to lighting (intensity and distance between poles) based on the types of roads and industrial/commercial/residential neighborhoods. Lighting facing the sidewalks, not just the streets is also being recommended for improving walkability. Cost estimates for the plans are currently being developed.

#### June

At the June Council meeting, in addition to approving the road improvement debt borrowing ordinance (#381), Resolution 2017-09 was unanimously approved for County Builders' final land development plan for the Knoell site. This is the final stage in the plan approval process for this major building project in the Borough.

Also in June, Borough Council voted to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$5000 to erect a monument on the property donated by Mr. Jim Chant and Mr. Philip Chant

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### Moments with the Mayor

David Holewinski, Mayor



Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. The weather is usually warm during the day and cool and crisp in the evening. The colors of nature abound and the air just seems to be fresh and wonderful. You may smell the hint of leaves burning somewhere in the Borough but for the most part it looks and feels fresh and pleasant. I'm not fooled, I know winter is coming but it is still a beautiful time of year to

enjoy the outdoors and reap the last rewards of vegetables planted and flowers completing their summer brilliance.

Back to school is upon us, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Chanukah and Christmas aren't too far behind. It will be a busy time for everyone and a fun experience for most to enjoy time with family and friends, exchange well wishes with your neighbors and participate in family, church and community events.

On another note, it's time for elections and my only request is that each and every registered voter exercise their right and responsibility to cast votes for their candidates of choice.

I'd like to explain what the Borough Council and Mayor do for the Borough and what is expected by their constituents. Recently we resolved the lawsuit against the Borough in reference to the barricade on Mathews Avenue; we also looked at an intergovernmental agreement on recycling reporting and reviewed our options for a planning consultant for upcoming development. These are just a few of the subjects that come before Borough Council and the Mayor that many of our residents may not be aware of. If a resident experiences a problem in their area or notices something they believe is out of place within the Borough, they may call one of the members of Council or the Mayor and ask what can be done to resolve that situation. Attending the monthly Council meetings, or reviewing the minutes of those meetings online, will keep you up to date of what is going on in the Borough and the numerous tasks that Council and the Mayor address on a monthly basis.

Informed and involved residents are essential to good municipal governing, the more involvement, the better able your representatives are to resolve issues. I'm proud and happy to live in New Britain Borough and hope that all of you are equally proud of what has been happening in this Borough over the last eight or nine years.

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as part of the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve. The section will be named "Chant's Woods." The resolution (2017-11) was subsequently drafted and approved at the July Council meeting. The Borough acknowledges the many contributions made by the late Mr. Jim Chant and his family in support of the Borough over the years.

#### July

In July, Resolution 2017-13 for application for a DCED (PA Department of Community and Economic Development) Multi Modal Grant was approved by Council for future sidewalk construction along Butler and Keeley Avenues (continuing east of the sidewalks recently constructed along Butler Avenue). The total cost of the project would be \$1,200,000 and the grant would cover a minimum of 70% of that cost if approved, though the Borough expects developer contributions to help offset the matching requirement.

Finally, also in July, Ordinance #382 on Public Events and Demonstrations was approved for advertisement. It was subsequently approved by Council in August. The ordinance details the permitting from Central Bucks Regional Police that is needed for certain public events. The ordinance came about mostly to address large gatherings and protests, such as several that were in Doylestown over the past few months. It is not to discourage events, but to clarify when police and emergency services should be notified of an event to protect the public and allow free speech. It pertains to events of over 50 people on public property such as a street, or over 250 on private property. There is an exception for lawful exercises of free speech and assembly on sidewalks and similar areas not impeding traffic.

Recently adopted Borough laws including the ordinances described in this column may be found at the Borough website at: http://www.ecode360.com/laws/NE3059

"On behalf of the Borough, I would like to thank our Borough Historian, Mr. Bruce Burkart for his ongoing series of informative & interesting presentations on aspects of Borough history at several Council meetings this year."



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# New Britain Borough's Pop-Up Park



The Pop-Up Park will take place September 15th – 17th at the Town Center Shopping Center. Officially called "PARK(ing) Day," this is an annual global event where citizens, artists and activists collaborate to temporarily transform

parking spaces into "PARK(ing)" spaces, which are temporary public places. The project began in San Francisco in 2005. Since that time, on the third Friday in September, communities around the world have been creating new forms of temporary public space with the goal of continuing a discussion about community and open space.

After visiting the beautiful Pop-Up Park created in Doylestown Borough last year it was decided to plan one for New Britain Borough. Councilwoman Lori Kesilman and the Bird Town Committee discussed the idea with Borough Manager, Sam Bryant and met with the creators of the Doylestown Pop-Up Park. It was decided that New Britain Borough's Town Center would be the perfect location for the Pop-Up Park. Discussion of this park has generated a lot of excitement within the community! It will serve a dual mission of bringing the community together while incorporating Bird Town's message of maintaining bird habitats and native plantings.

This event has truly become a community event!

- Gilmore & Associates volunteered a design team to help in planning our park.
- Talented volunteer woodworkers (also known as "The Wood Butchers") are building a pergola for the event.
- · Gino's Native Plant Nursery is lending plants.
- The Nature Preserve Committee chose a selection of native plants.
- Bucks-Mont Party Rentals is providing a tent, tables & chairs.
- Theatre Arts Center's Acting Company will be performing.
- Just Paint will give art lessons to young children.
- There will be native plant and beekeeping lessons.
- Local musicians and storytellers will be performing.
- HoneyBaked Ham, Nico's Pizza and Sakana will offer outdoor seating as well as coupon deals for the event.

A list of events taking place at the Pop-Up Park will be posted on the Borough website at: www.newbritainboro.com

Many volunteers have lent their time and talents to make this event possible. Please take a moment and check out our website, which chronicles this process. We look forward to seeing you on September 15, 16 and 17 in New Britain's Town Center for a wonderful community event! Please contact Lori Kesilman if you have any questions about the event at kesilmanl@newbritainboro.com.

### Volunteers Needed for Nature Preserve Fall Work Days



Help Us! Get Involved!

Volunteers of all ages are needed for three Saturday work days in the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve from 9:00 am until noon on September 23rd, October 14th, and November 4th. We'll be continuing to restore habitats in the Preserve by planting native trees and shrubs in September and October and removing invasive plant species in November.

Participants should bring work gloves and tools and are advised to wear long pants and sturdy work shoes. We will meet and park at the main entrance to the Nature Preserve on Mathews Avenue. (accessed from Sand Road) If you have any questions contact Tom Price at pricet@newbritainboro.com.



### Historic Preservation Committee Looking for Pieces of History

Do you have a piece of New Britain Borough history that you would like to donate to our committee and the Borough? Maybe you have an interesting artifact, a story to tell, a mystery to solve, and/or photographs of our town and its residents and businesses. How about an antique dress form? We would love to hear from you! Any donated keepsakes will be cataloged and preserved for future generations. If you have something you would like to donate contact the Borough Administration office at 215-348-4586 or secretary@newbritainboro.com.



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### Spotlight on Borough Businesses

### Circle of Life Veterinary Clinic 920 Town Center

(Offices behind Shopping Center) 215-348-1037

www.circleoflifevmd.com circleoflifevmd@gmail.com

Circle of Life Veterinary Clinic was founded in New Britain Borough in September 2011 by Dr. Laura Holland. At that time Dr. Holland had 13 years of veterinary experience. Dr. Jill Kulig joined the practice in September 2016 after practicing in Pennsylvania for 22 years. Both doctors share their passion for nurturing the human/pet bond by working in partnership with the pet owner to ensure the highest quality of life through their entire journey together. It is Circle of Life's goal to provide exceptional medical treatment and preventative care, support and education, as well as compassionate hospice care.

Dr. Holland graduated from the University of Rochester with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology. She went on to earn a Masters of Laboratory Animal Science. Dr. Holland decided to take her pursuit of science and combine it with her life-long love for animals and enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. Dr. Holland practices small animal medicine with a particular interest in Neurology and Feline Medicine.

Dr. Kulig graduated from Penn State University majoring in Environmental Studies. After graduating she worked in the field for several years before enrolling in the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. Dr. Kulig practices small animal and special species (exotic) medicine with a particular interest in Oncology and Dentistry.

Other staff members includes Office Manager Vicki Cannizzo, who joined the practice four years ago, Beatrice Gehman, a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania board certified veterinary technician with over 30 years experience who joined the practice three years ago and Amy Walsh, a veterinary assistant who joined the practice two years ago.

Circle of Life Veterinary Clinic services include routine and preventative care, nutritional consultation, vaccinations, behavior consultations, dentistry, digital radiology, blood work or other laboratory analysis in house or through Idexx, daytime hospitalization and surgery and procedures requiring anesthesia. The clinic also serves as a respite and safe space for many cats waiting to find their forever homes through local rescue groups.

New Britain Borough is the perfect home for Circle of Life as it is a lively community of diverse people with compassion and love for their pets. We are fortunate to have such experienced, compassionate, and committed veterinarians and their staff providing their services to the Borough and surrounding communities.

Office Hours: Monday - 8 am to 6 pm, Tuesday - 8 am to 7 pm, Wednesday - 10 am to 2 pm, Thursday - 8 am to 6 pm, Friday - 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday - 10 am to 2 pm.

### Borough Works to Limit Bamboo

At its April meeting, Borough Council passed an ordinance to provide for the regulation and control of certain noxious and invasive plant species, including all types of running bamboo. This ordinance is like those adopted by other area municipalities in recent years. Specifically, this new ordinance contains the following provisions:

- The planting or growing of bamboo, or any of the plant species on Pennsylvania's Noxious Weed Control List, within the Borough is strictly prohibited.
- Any bamboo planted within the Borough prior to the adoption of this ordinance must be contained so that it is no closer than ten (10) feet from any property line, pavement or sidewalk and no closer than forty (40) feet from any public or private roadway.
- All property owners are responsible for ensuring that any bamboo growing on their property is maintained so that it does

not encroach or grow upon any adjoining or neighboring private or public properties or public Right-of-Ways.

Under this ordinance, which can be found on the Borough's website, the Borough's Code Officer Enforcement is authorized to notify offending property owners and to require the removal or abatement of offending plants. The ordinance also specifies that notified property owners who do not remove or abate the offending plants shall, upon conviction, be required to pay a fine of up to \$1,000 for each day that a violation continues.



### Calendar of Community Events

Friday, September 15 - 4 pm to 9 pm Saturday, September 16 - 8 am to 9 pm Sunday, September 17 - 8 am to 1 pm Sunday, September 17 - 3 pm to 6 pm

Sunday, September 24 - 8 am

Saturday, September 30 - 11 am to 3 pm

Saturday, September 30 - 8 pm

Sunday, October 1 - 2 pm

Thursday, October 12 - 7pm to 9 pm

Saturday, October 28 - 9:30am to 3 pm

Sunday, October 29 - 3 pm Sunday, November 26 - 4 pm Sunday, December 3 - 3 pm

Monday, December 4 -7 pm

Wednesday, December 6 - 7 pm Saturday, December 16 - 12 noon

Saturday, December 16 - 2 pm & 7:30 pm

Pop Up In The Park, New Britain Borough - Town Center Shopping Center Pop Up In The Park, New Britain Borough - Town Center Shopping Center Pop Up In The Park, New Britain Borough - Town Center Shopping Center Wish Them Well Non-Profit Yoga Fundraiser - Covered Bridge Park

Chalfont Fire Co., Buffet Breakfast - 301 N. Main St.

Duck Derby, New Britain Civic Association - Covered Bridge Park

Autumn Cabaret, Bucks County Gilbert & Sullivan Soc.-Trinity Episcopal Church, Buckingham Autumn Cabaret, Bucks County Gilbert & Sullivan Soc.- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Doylestown

Chalfont Fire Co., Fire Prevention Open House - 301 N. Main St.

Chalfont Fire Co., Craft Show - 301 N. Main St.

DelVal Symphonic Band and Jazz Band - Life Sciences Building *Free* Chalfont Fire Co., Community Christmas Sing - 301 N. Main St.

DelVal Holiday Concert - Life Sciences Building Free DelVal Holiday Concert - Life Sciences Building Free

New Britain Civic Annual tree lighting with visit from Santa-Town Center Shopping Center Wreaths Across America Ceremony - War Memorial & New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery

Messiah-Sing (with full orchestra) Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Buckingham



### Wreaths Across America Ceremony

Saturday, December 16, 2017 at noon New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery

Please Join Us For This Memorable Ceremony!

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide program to remember and honor our fallen heroes. On National Wreaths Across America Day volunteers place wreaths on veterans' graves in over 1,200 locations throughout the United States.

The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee is proud to sponsor Wreaths Across America again this year. At noon on Saturday, December 16, 2017, we will gather to honor veterans buried in the historic New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery by placing wreaths on their graves. There are 76 veterans interred there with many dating back to the Revolutionary War and Civil War.

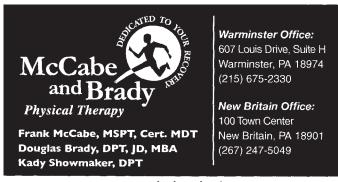
You can help honor them by donating wreaths. Each wreath is only \$15.00 and your donation is tax deductible. Donations must be received by Monday, November 20th. Please make checks payable to Wreaths Across America and send to the New Britain Borough office at 45 Keeley Avenue, New Britain, PA 18901. For more information, please visit wreathsacrossamerica.org and search for New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery (PANBCC).



### **Chalfont Fire Company**

New Britain Borough is served by Chalfont Fire Company, which is comprised of dedicated volunteers and responds to many calls in the Borough. The company is always looking for new members, specifically those in the 17-25 age range. Although the job is often difficult, it is very rewarding to be able to help others in need. The company is like a big family, with firefighting traditions continued through generations.

Many of our responses are caused by smoke alarms which are set off by accident or are faulty. Please check your smoke alarms once a month to insure they are working properly. According to the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. Most alarms have a date stating "replace by" or a manufacturer's date.



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### Walkable New Britain Borough

The newest New Britain Borough trail construction should begin this month. This project will consist of a pedestrian walk connecting existing sidewalk on the north side of the Butler/Tamanend Avenue intersection to the train station and also a connection to the Doylestown Township trail on South Tamenend Avenue connecting at Beulah Cemetery.

Goals for the future involve another grant that will provide sidewalks from the Covered Bridge/Orchard Park southward along Keeley Avenue and eastward to connect to the existing sidewalk at the east side of New Britain Borough / Doylestown Township.

### Right-of-Way Maintenance

Please make sure that all property vegetation is trimmed back from the edge of roads, from intersections and from signage. A minimum of ten (10) feet clearance over sidewalks is required. **Please Note:** PECO is scheduled to trim trees around their wires this fall.

Level or replace sidewalk, curbing or driveway aprons which have settled to eliminate tripping hazards.

Make sure mail boxes are secure and set the proper distance from the curb/road line so they are not affected by plows this winter.

### Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection MS-4 Permitting

The Borough is regulated through State permitting for discharges of local stormwater collection systems. These systems are monitored for pollution which includes a variety of substances. This year the State is implementing new regulations which will make the Borough responsible for sediment, in addition to Nitrogen and Phosphorous monitoring. You can make a difference in the stormwater quality by limiting fertilizer use, keeping disturbed areas protected from running off of your property and by not letting yard litter and waste (including grass clippings) get to the street, collection system and streams.

Limit use of herbicides and fertilizers. Dispose of hazardous materials such as oil, paint, medications, detergents, etc. to hazardous waste drop-offs, never flush or dump. Maintain your vehicle by checking and repairing oil and antifreeze leaks. Washing your car in the yard instead of the driveway will filter detergents and prevent stream pollution.

Runoff quality can be increased 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.

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.

#### 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.

#### Stormwater Information

Additional information is available at: http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdsms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf. And the Borough website: www.newbritainboro.com

### Tri-Muncipal 4th of July Parade



Borough Officials participated in the Annual Tri-Municipal 4th of July Parade. It was a beautiful summer day and a fun celebration for all!

Pictured from left:
Councilwoman - Lori Kesilman,
Council Vice-President Peter LaMontagne,
Borough Manager - Sam Bryant,
Councilman - Jeff Gilmore &
Councilman - Tom Price



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### **Around Town**

#### Good Luck, Lucy!

Long-time Borough residents, Dr. David & Patsy Clayton are proud to announce that their granddaughter, Lucy, the child of their daughter, Melissa Clayton, has been accepted to the Blair Academy, a private boarding school in Blairstown, New Jersey. Lucy had also been accepted to various private schools, including the Hun School of Princeton, and Solebury and George Schools.

#### Congratulations to New Parents & Grand Parents!

Borough residents Betty & Mark Hintenlang welcomed their first grandchild, Lucas Joseph Hinkle, on July 28 at 10:48 am. Lucas was born to their daughter, Lara and her husband Ben Hinkle. Mother and son are doing well.

#### Great work, Emily!

Borough residents Jackie & Michael D'Agostino are proud to announce that their daughter, Emily D'Agostino, will attend Drexel University this fall and is pursuing a degree in Biological Sciences.

### Gieseler Insurance Agency Relocates Office But Stays in the Borough!



Gieseler Insurance Agency, Inc. has been in business for 37 years with the past 17 years in the Borough on East Butler Avenue next to the entrance to Delaware Valley University. They recently purchased a property all the way at the other end of Butler Avenue close to Bristol Road,

which they have been renovating. Owner Steven W. Gieseler said, "We needed more office space, more parking, more visibility. As an insurance agency we weren't the right business to be situated in the middle of the new plans for the University Village and we didn't want to be the speed bump that would slow down all the new changes."

As an independent insurance agency, Gieseler can provide competitive prices on auto, home, liability umbrellas, contractor liability, workers comp, boat, motorcycle and many other types of insurance. They try to match their clients' needs with the perfect insurance company. Gieseler Insurance has a variety of companies to choose from including: Erie Insurance, Grange, Travelers, Progressive, Infinity, Mercury, Foremost, AIC and more. By having several different insurance companies available to their 5,000+ customers, they are independent agents who are not captive or restricted to one company. Every customer is unique, and so are insurance companies.

They anticipate opening their new office sometime in October so stop by, visit their website, www.gieselerinsurance.com, or give them a call to find out how they can help you at 215-348-0100.

# A. Bella Hair Design & Boutique Welcomes Two New Exciting Cosmetologists!



Jodi Holmes has joined A. Bella with years of experience, drive, and creativity. Jodi has been a Cosmetologist for 25 years and graduated from Corban Institute of Cosmetology in Langhorne, PA. She has experience with many aspects of the hair

and fashion industry. Jodi loves trying out new colors and products to achieve the best possible look for all her clientele. She helps them match what is trending today! Some of the services that she can provide are women and men's haircuts, color, highlights, keratin treatments, and up do styles for special occasions, such as proms or weddings. A. Bella can get you that new look you have been dreaming of.

Jessica Garr has joined A. Bella. She received her Cosmetologist license in June of 2016 and is a graduate of Middle Bucks Institute of Technology in Jamison, PA. She has experience in the hair industry as well as the nail and makeup industry. Jessica is experienced with color, highlights, keratin treatments, cuts, and special occasion hair. Plus, she does both manicures and gel manicures. Jessica plans to continue her education in makeup and the hair and fashion industry.

A. Bella is open Tuesday through Saturday. Stop by at 210 West Butler Avenue, or call 215-341-6456, and see what the staff can do for you.



### Looks Good, Mayor Holewinski!



In addition to his leadership and the many volunteer jobs that our Mayor, David Holewinski, does for the Borough, you could find him almost daily this summer watering the triangle garden in front of Delaware Valley University that he and Councilwoman Mary Pat McGinn Holewinski planted. Thanks for helping beautify the Borough, Mayor Holewinski!

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### Volunteer Opportunities

The following volunteer opportunities are currently available in the Borough. Put your talents to work to help your community!

Parks and Recreation Committee – 1 vacancy – This committee encompasses several previously separate committees, including Orchard Park, Bird Town, Open Space, and bike and hike liaison.

Nature Preserve – 1 vacancy- The Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve is a 26+ acre natural area located along the Neshaminy Creek that is owned and maintained by borough volunteers. The woods and fields of the Preserve are set aside for habitat preservation and passive recreation. The Preserve's numerous trails are intended for nature study, wildlife observation, and birding. The Preserve includes "Miriam's Meadow" a 2.7 acre wildflower meadow.

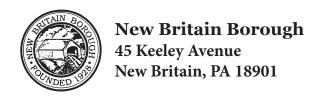
Facilities Committee – 2 vacancies - The purpose and duties include responsibility for all borough buildings and facilities including developing and recommending a maintenance and repair schedule, inspecting, planning major renovations or major improvements, reviewing and recommending changes to the technological infrastructure of buildings/facilities and preparing cost estimates. They will also maintain an inventory of all Borough-owned furniture and fixtures within these buildings/facilities.

Historic Preservation Committee – open to interested persons. The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee was formed to create a framework for a positive coexistence between the past and future.

One of the best ways to find out if a committee is right for you is to join them at a regular meeting or two. All committee meetings are open to the public. Please contact the Borough office at 215-348-4586 for more information, and to submit your volunteer information form. Vacancies are ultimately filled by Council appointment.







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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 Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Burkart Hall, 7:30 PM

Commission: Michael Stanislaw, Chairman; Karl Dieterichs, Vice Chairman; Robert Binkley (Council Liaison)

Rick Eggleston; Loren Frasco; David Holewinski; Richard Moxey; Michael Parke; Peg Remmey

Zoning Meets, as needed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in Burkart Hall, 7:30 PM

Hearing Board: 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.

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 Borough Manager/Treasurer:
 Samuel Bryant

 Roadmaster
 Mark Hintenlang

 Borough Secretary:
 Carrie Gamble

BCO/Zoning Officer: ..... Michael Italia

Fire Marshal & Emergency Management:

Michael Italia

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