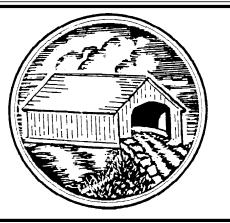
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Wreaths Across America



The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee is again hosting the annual National Remembrance Ceremony with Wreaths Across America (WAA) to honor the Veterans buried in the historic New Britain Baptist Church cemetery. The event will take place at noon on **Saturday, December 14, 2013.**

We are asking the community for donations to purchase the wreaths. They are only \$15 per wreath, and your donation is tax deductible. In addition, WAA will give us seven commemorative wreaths that we will place at the recently restored H.Walter Harvey World War I Memorial.

Donations should be received by Tuesday, November 26. Please make checks payable to Wreaths Across America and send to the New Britain Borough office at 45 Keeley Avenue, New Britain, PA 18901. We will forward the checks to WAA. If you choose to send your check directly to Wreaths Across America PLEASE write our group ID **PANBHP01** and location ID **PANBBC** on the check or form because it is the only way WAA would know where to apply the donation.

Please join us for the ceremony on December 14.

Contact Marie Esher Coia with any questions: 215-348-1043; mecoia@verizon.net.



Wreaths at Arlington Cemetery



Looking for Volunteers

The New Britain Borough Council recently established two committees for which volunteers are needed: Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee and Borough Hall Building Committee. In addition, volunteers are needed to serve on the Board of Appeals for the International Property Maintenance Code that Council recently adopted.

The Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee will plan and forward to Council recommendations on the maintenance of and ways to utilize the newly-acquired open space next to the Civic park on Keeley Avenue and to develop hike and bike connections in the Borough.

The Borough Hall Building Committee will consider future viability and usage of the building, investigate the need for maintenance and improvements, and make those recommendations to Council.

The Board of Appeals determines claims for relief from decisions made by the Borough Code Official arising in regard to the International Property Maintenance code.

If you are interest in serving on the Board of Appeals and/or one (or both) of the committees, or are interested in more details, please contact the Borough office: 215-348-4586; nbboro@comcast.net.



Have a Dog?

Dog owners are reminded that they should clean up after their pet in public areas and parks and on other people's properties. Also your dog must be on a leash in our parks.

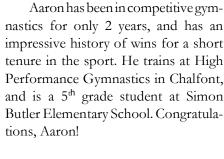
Around Town

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 calling Marie Esher Coia at 215-348-4586 or email nbboro@comcast.com

Aaron Kelemen, Winning Borough Athlete



Borough resident, **Aaron Kelemen,** 10, won the 2013 Region 7 USA Gymnastics Junior Olympics allaround championship for Level 5, and took the regional title for pommel horse. He was second in floor exercise and rings. Region 7 includes the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. He is an 8-time Pennsylvania State Champion, and has been undefeated in his last 10 meets.





Big Turnout New Britain Civic's Fourth Annual Duck Derby

A great time was had by all at the fourth annual New Britain Civic Association's Duck Derby on Saturday September 28. The fund raising event is getting bigger and bigger every year. This year was a record with 596 ducks sold. Everyone who attended expressed that this Duck Derby was the best one yet. They enjoyed the food, fun and the great prizes plus the raffle items. Next year we hope to be even bigger and better than this one. The event benefits a different charity each year. This years charity was the Chalfont Fire Company.



100th Anniversary of the Borough Hall

Saturday September 21 was a lovely day and for seventy-five plus people, a great way to celebrate the last full day of summer was attending the 100th Anniversary Celebration of our Borough Hall. The building began life as the New Britain Library and Literary Society and was dedicated in September of 1913.

Borough friends and neighbors enjoyed exhibits, pictures and artifacts of life in New Britain and the world through ten decades. In a noon time ceremony, Bruce Burkart, whose grandparents were founding members of the Literary Society, presented the contents of the cornerstone containing a copy of the September 13, 1913 Afternoon Edition of the Daily Intelligencer.

The ceremony also included remarks by Mayor David Holewinski and Donna von Lipsey on behalf of the Historic Preservation Committee, both in period attire. Before the ceremony, The Unami Middle School Band, under the direction of Mr. Harry Bower, marched from the New Britain Baptist Church across Butler Avenue and up Keeley Avenue while playing patriotic music with many attendees marching behind them.

Among the many people who made the day a great success, special recognition is due Barbara and Bob Molesworth for providing many artifacts of life in earlier times from their private collection; and to Bruce Burkart for providing many of the vintage photographs and news articles on display, for sweeping the stairs and sidewalks in front of Borough Hall and placing American flags in the front of the building.

If you missed it, you missed something truly special. The next opening of the cornerstone with 2013 artifacts will not occur until 2113!

Thanks again, Paul Tiers

Yet another thank you goes out to **Paul Tiers of Paul Tiers Landscaping** located in **New Britain Borough** for not only planting flowers at our War Memorial on Tamenend Avenue but for weeding it and keeping it looking good.

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Around Town (continued)

Congratulations to the Happy Couples!

Mark and Betty Hintenlang are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Lara Ann, to Benjamin Jason Hinkle, son of Roger and Judy Hinkle of Copley, Ohio. Reverend Daniel Reid presided over the September 29th ceremony at the Lake House Inn.

The bride was attended by Sarah Weiand and Emily Arnold of New Britain, Ali Spiro and Annie Williams of Doylestown and Cathy Scott of Pittsburgh, Pa. The groomsmen included John Roth, Wayne and Greg Hinkle of Copley, Ohio, Lee Hintenlang of Pittsburgh, PA and Nick DiGiulio of Philadelphia, Pa.

The happy couple resides with their three horses, three dogs and two cats in Milford Township, Pa.

Joe and Linda Cangelosi are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Victoria to Dr. Brian Guentter, son of Doug and Robin Guentter of Hatfield, Pa. on October 5th at their home in New Britain Borough.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister Patricia and the best man was the groom's brother Sean. New Britain Borough Mayor David Holewinski officiated at the wedding.

After a Maryland honeymoon, the couple will continue to live in New Britain Borough along with Patricia and their dogs Newsy, Macaroni and Cheese.

CNBBA's Family Fun Day in Town Center Shopping Center Big Success!

The well-attended event, sponsored by the Chalfont New Britain Business Alliance, on Saturday, October 5th was a great time for folks all ages. It was a chance to show the community what our local businesses have to offer and a day to just have fun. There were activities for kids, karate and dance demonstrations, plenty of food and live music by the Cherry Lane Band. There were great prizes as well as gift certificates to local businesses. A wonderful day for the Chalfont-New Britain area!

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.

The Painted Shutter Country Store

326 W Butler Ave. New Britain, PA 18901 www.thepaintedshutter.com 215-340-0340 paintedshutter@hotmail.com

The owners of the Painted Shutter, Dale and Sally Comisarow, each have over 35 years experience in handling antique furniture, artwork, dolls, primitives and architectural garden items. Dale and Sally are members of the BCADA (Bucks County Antique Dealers Association) and both are certified Pennsylvania Antique Appraisers belonging to the PAAA. They travel worldwide to make Architectural garden statuary available to the discriminating buyer.

The site has two stores filled with country and period pieces. The main store was built in 1809 has been updated without losing that old world charm and feeling that has played in its rich historical presence in New Britain Borough. The smaller store showcases antique smalls for the antique collector.

The Painted Shutter provides residential and commercial places of business concepts for their facilities from full rooms to wall art. Decorators can use the various showrooms to show their clientele an item to compliment completion of their designs. Antiques compliment the design of a room whether it's a new home, business, or a renovation of an older home. The Painted Shutter is known for specializing in farm tables and their own Handmade Windsor chairs. You will also find a great selection of candles and unique gifts that cannot be found in the box stores.

The Painted Shutter is the place to shop for all your antique and gift needs whether it is for you, spouse, relative, or friend. The Painted Shutter is a full service business with delivery trucks available and storage for your project until completion. Dale and Sally provide one-on-one attention to your needs and take pride in providing items at a reasonable price. If you are buying or selling antiques and collectibles items, you need to make the Painted Shutter your first and final stop for quality, fair pricing, and service. They can also handle your estate liquidation, from one item to a full estate.

Moments with the Mayor

Well, the leaves are changing and the evenings are becoming brisk that must mean that fall is here and Thanksgiving is not too far away. New Britain is a beautiful place to enjoy the fall with walks in the Nature Preserve, a picnic in the park, a warm fire in the fireplace. All of these are things we enjoy doing in the fall.



Another very important item that comes in the fall is Election Day. All Americans should exercise their right to get out and vote, because voting is your way of telling your government officials if they are doing a good job or not. Regardless of party affiliation, as an American and resident of New Britain you should be voting for the person or persons who you feel are best suited for the job.

If you have a computer, go online and check out the new website for the Borough www.newbritainboro.org. There has been a lot of work done to make the site user friendly and we're still putting finishing touches on it so, if you see something that you feel needs to be changed, just send an email to the office and we'll investigate.

Your borough officials continue to work with businesses and community members to improve the Butler Avenue corridor. This is an ongoing project and takes a lot of time, effort and cooperation in order to accomplish the goals that have been suggested by the residents and businesses. Please be patient and watch for future developments.

Last, but not least, I personally would like to extend my wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with family and friends and good food for all.

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Notes from the Borough Police

Police Merger: The New Britain Borough Police Department and Doylestown Borough Police Department are scheduled to merge as of January 1, 2014 under the new name "Central Bucks Regional Police Department." The police department will be headquartered at 57 West Court Street, Doylestown. Please look for updates on our website: nbbpd.org and on Facebook.

<u>School's Open</u>: Pine Run Elementary School is monitored by police during the opening and closing of school each day. Please be cautious and adhere to the 15 mph speed limit in order to keep our children safe.

Be Smart: Residents are encouraged to secure their vehicles. Theft is a crime of opportunity where entry is gained due to carelessness. Be sure to secure valuable items and remove them from the vehicle when possible.

<u>Halloween Safety</u> – Halloween is a lot of fun for the entire family; however, some precautions should be taken to ensure a happy and safe day of festivities.

- Teach children to stop only at well-lit houses and to never enter a stranger's home.
- Instruct children not to eat any treat until they return home and treats are inspected.
- Provide a flashlight to help children see better and be seen more clearly.
- Only fire-retardant materials in costumes should be used.
- Costumes and treat bags should have some reflective qualities to be seen by motorists.
- Costume length should not be so long that it is a tripping hazard.
- Accessories such as swords or knives should be made from cardboard or flexible materials and made so as not to resemble a real weapon.

<u>Contact Us</u>: "Like" us on Facebook! Visit our website often for updates, upcoming events, useful phone numbers and links. We welcome your feedback, suggestions and comments. nbbpd.org</u>



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 Mary Pat McGinn-Holewinski.

How long have you been on Council? I have served on Borough Council for 20 years and as a council representative, I serve on the New Britain Historical Committee, the Doylestown Bike & Hike Committee. I also served on the 202 Parkway Task Force for eight years.

Why did you decide to run for Council? I believe in being involved in your community, and I believed that I could make a difference.

How long have you lived in the Borough? My husband David and I have lived in the Borough for 31 years and have been involved in the community for all of that time. We became members of the New Britain Civic Association right after we moved in. Our neighbor was the president and signed us up.

Are you married? I'm married to David Holewinski, the Mayor.

Do you have children? We have five wonderful children between us and ten of the most fantastic grandchildren a grandparent could ever want. We are blessed.



Mary Pat McGinn-Holewinski

What is your profession? I am a retired special education teacher.

Any other volunteer activities other than Council? I volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County doing all sorts of construction tasks. I'm the co-chair of the Women Build group of Habitat and was recently named to the Board of Directors for Habitat of Humanity of Bucks County. I serve on the Board of the New Britain Civic Association and volunteer at the Pearl S. Buck House where I was named Volunteer of the Year for 2013.

Do you have any hobbies? Well, I love to scrapbook and I love to read, but I haven't done much of either of those things recently. I also love working in my gardens and, of course, spending time with my family.

What goals do you have for the Borough? I would like to see the Borough become more like a small town – more community events where neighbors can get to know one another. I'd like to see viable businesses in the shopping center and make the Borough a more pedestrian friendly place.

What would you like people to know about you? I would like people to know that I really care about the Borough and the residents, and I am doing my best so that it can live up to its motto, "New Britain – a great place to live!"



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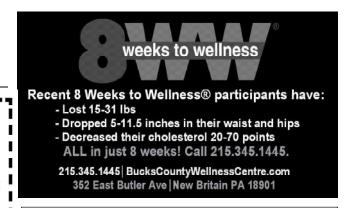
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Calendar of Community Events		
Tuesday, November 19 – 1:00 p.m.	Myths and Legends about Santa Claus. JULIET group at New Britain Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.	
Sunday, December 1 – 6:30 p.m.	Community Christmas Sing: Chalfont Fire Company	
Wednesday, December 4 – 7:00 p.m.	Annual New Britain Civic Association Christmas tree lighting with a visit from Santa. Town Center Shopping Center.	
Saturday, December 7 – 7:30 p.m.	Bucks County Gilbert & Sullivan Society "Messiah" Sing with full orchestra at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Buckingham, PA. bucksgilbertandsullivan.org	
Sunday, December 8 – 1 - 4 p.m.	Family & Pet Photos with Santa: Chalfont Fire Company	
Sunday, December 8 – 3:00 p.m.	Youth Concert, Bucks County Symphony, CB West; featuring Symphonic Performers of Buckingham, Jamison & Linden Elementary Schools	
Sunday, December 8 – 3:00 p.m.	Delaware Valley College Annual Holiday Concert, Student Center Auditorium, with DelVal Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, String Ensemble, and Chorale. Admission is Free.	

New Britain Welcomes New Businesses to the Borough

Sakana Sushi Asian Fusion Restaurant

434 Town Center Shopping Center 215-345-1211

www.sakanasushipa.com

An Asian Fusion restaurant recently opened in the Town Center Shopping Center. It serves a variety of Asian foods with a large and varied menu. Their menu includes everything from Teriyaki and Tempura entrees to A La Carte Sushi & Sashimi. They serve soup, appetizers, salads, and box lunches. Everything is available to eat in or take out. B.Y.O.B.

They are opened seven days a week. Opened for both lunch and dinner, their hours are 11:00 a.m to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday and Saturday they are open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m.

Stop by and try the newest restaurant in town!



Proper Leaf Disposal

Autumn is here and leaves are falling. The best method of disposal for the environment is to keep the leaves on your property. Leaves make a great winter-over mulch for flower beds, gardens and shrubbery. Or try shredding the leaves with your lawn mower.

If you wish to bag your leaves for pick up, please contact your trash haulers for special pick up dates and instructions.

Should you choose to burn leaves, the Borough ordinance sets forth the following rules:

- ✓ Public roads cannot be used for burning leaves.
- ✓ Leaves should not be burned when atmospheric conditions make fires hazardous. Choose a cool day with low atmospheric pressure (the smoke will dissipate more rapidly). Burn leaves when the wind is calm.
- ✓ Fires must be continuously monitored until extinguished. Extinguising equipment (hoses, buckets of water, etc.) is required.
- ✓ No fires are permitted after sunset.



Protect our Streams and Waterways

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. The Borough will be conducting inspections of these items and issuing property maintenance violation letters for any displacement greater than ½". 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.

STREAM PROTECTION:

Limit use of herbicides and fertilizers. Dispose of hazardous materials such as oil, paint, medications, etc. to a hazardous waste drop offs, never flush or dump. Maintain your vehicle by checking and repairing oil / 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.

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.

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. If you have any questions, please contact the Borough.

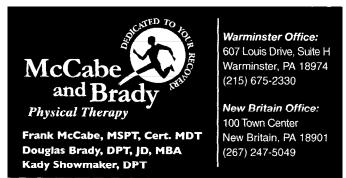
CONSTRUCTION:

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.

New Britain Borough's website for more information: www.newbritainboro.com



www.mccabebradypt.com

Please support the New Britain Civic Association		
Annual Membership Dues Family \$15 (all members of othe same household) Business \$25	NAME ADDRESS	
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.	PHONE EMAIL New Britain Civic Association PO Box 5124 New Britain, PA 18901 215-345-8750	
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Joseph Cangelosi; Jeffrey Gilmore; Craig Sturza

Planning Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 PM

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Zoning Meets, as needed, 3rd Thursday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM

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Alternates: William Schaefer and Jackie D'Agostino; Solicitor, Christen Pionzio

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