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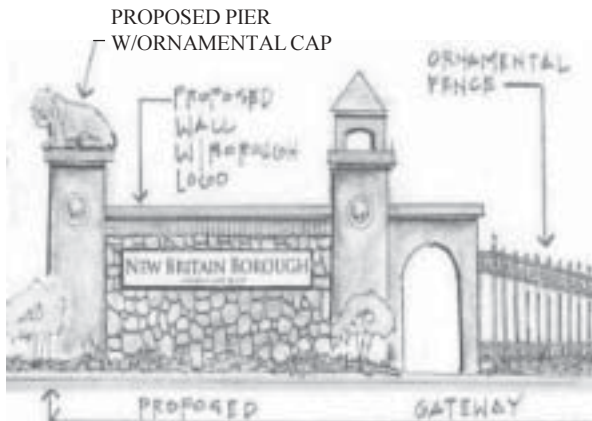
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***Please complete the Trash Hauler Survey on pages 7 and 8. New Britain Borough is researching a single party trash hauler and would like our residents' input.***

## ***Borough Council Supports the Bristol Road Extension***

New Britain Borough Council passed a resolution in support of the construction of the Bristol Road Extension (BRE) at their June Council meeting. Last month both Chalfont Borough and New Britain Township passed similar resolutions in support of the BRE. The three municipalities have all agreed to fund a feasibility study to determine an updated cost for the project. The BRE has been a priority project for all three municipalities for 47 years, which is evident by the preservation of the right-of-way.

The BRE would provide a much needed alternative means for traffic traveling northwest/southeast through the adjoining communities, thereby easing traffic congestion along Business Route 202 and 152, which would benefit motorists and residents and reduce air pollution caused by current congestion. The 202 Parkway has improved traffic traveling east/west through Central Bucks but has done little to alleviate congestion of the northwest/southeast traffic and in fact has increased it. The BRE will reduce traffic congestion and response times for our police, fire and EMT services and help reduce the wear and tear on our Pine Valley Covered Bridge. Our covered bridge is the most heavily traveled in all of Bucks County and needs frequent repairs because of this.



## ***Butler Avenue “Main St” Study***

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Borough held a Public Hearing to review its draft Butler Ave “Main St” Study. A copy of this presentation is available on the Borough website: [newbritainboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/May-12-Presentation.pdf](http://newbritainboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/May-12-Presentation.pdf). In June, the Community and Business Committee and Borough Planning Commission reviewed the draft study, and prepared comments for Borough Council. At the July Council Meeting, a final version of the study will be presented by the Bucks County Planning Commission for Borough Council’s approval.



*New Britain Township has a street sign where the proposed Bristol Road Extension intersects with Park Avenue*

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## Around Town

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

### **Two Borough Residents Serving Our Country**

Marine Corporal John Tiers, team leader in Maritime Raid Force, attached to force reconnaissance, and his brother Lance Corporal Asher Tiers, a member of a five-man Combined Anti Armor Team stationed at Camp Lejeune, will deploy at the end of June for seven to ten months to the Mediterranean area on the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. Both Marines are sons of Paul and Ann Tiers from Matthews Avenue. A special "Thank You" for your service, gentlemen!

### **And a Thank You to their father, Paul Tiers, Landscaping**

Paul Tiers, of Paul Tiers Landscaping, continues to maintain our War Memorial on South Tamenend Avenue by weeding, mulching, and planting flowers. Thanks again, Paul!

### **Congratulations to Gilmore & Associates, Inc.**

Once again, Gilmore & Associates, Inc. ranked in the top ten of Regional Engineering and Consulting firms by the Philadelphia Business Journal.

### **Thank You to Gilmore & Associates**

At the February 2016 Planning Commission meeting, Gilmore & Associates presented a 3D Model of the types of structures the proposed Mixed Use Overlay would allow. The Borough would like to thank Gilmore & Associates for their work on this project, which was done free of charge. Please note this model only shows theoretical uses and does not predict actual future changes to the properties shown. You can view the model on our borough website at the following link: <http://newbritainboro.com/gilmore-and-associates-overlay-district-3d-model-2/>.

### **On a Sad Note...**

Chalfont Fire Company's mascot Buddy, the Dalmatian, passed away on March 25. If you attended one of the fire company's events in the past nine years you would have had the chance to meet Buddy. Buddy enjoyed their events and interacting with the public and he loved going to the firehouse to see his friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

### **Burkart Hall Open House**

The Open House was well attended. The purpose was to showcase the Burkart Hall renovations, hear our Borough Historian Bruce Burkart speak about our Borough history, and honor him with an official proclamation renaming the building after him and his family. Residents got to ride the new elevator and view the bathroom, both ADA compliant, which was funded by a grant from the Bucks County Department of Community Development. Attendees saw the great work of our volunteers, Dan O'Leary, Halsey White, Bruce Burkart, Mark Hintenlang and Bob Binkley, who volunteered their time and expertise to, among many things, do the demolition, interior renovations, lighting and painting. They even upgraded the ducting systems. Special recognition goes to Bob Binkley for all his work and leadership.



*(l-r) Councilwoman Mary Pat McGinn Holewinski, Mayor David Holewinski, Councilman Robert Binkley, Borough Historian Bruce Burkart, Councilwoman Robyne Kelemen, Manager Sam Byrant*



*Mayor David Holewinski giving Bruce Burkart the proclamation*



## 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.*

### **Canaan Cabinetry** **415 E Butler Ave.** **New Britain, PA 18901** **www.canaancabinetry.com** **215-348-0551**

Canaan Cabinetry was founded in 1982 as a cabinet manufacturing business in Telford, by Scott Seuren. Canaan was relocated to New Britain in the late 80's. They moved to their current location at the historic, former Carl Rist Furniture Store in 1999. With the move to this location, they gave up their own cabinet shop and became a dealer for several top-quality, custom cabinet manufacturers, as well as one semi- custom line of cabinetry, and recently added custom refacing to their repertoire.

In 2003, Neal Hange purchased Canaan, after 17 years of employment with the company. He continues the tradition of outstanding kitchen and bath design, installation, and service to Bucks and Montgomery County. They are a small, family owned business that will tackle any project you bring to them, whether large or small, as if it were their own.

They usually start the remodeling process in their showroom, with the many samples and displays they offer. They will then look at your job size and offer a ball park price range to determine if they are a good match for your budget. Your first point of contact is usually Susan Hange, the showroom manager. She will gather your information and assign you a designer to work on your project.

Canaan Cabinetry has two in-house designers, Neal Hange and Carol Cherry, both have over 30 years of experience in the industry. They are both excellent at listening to your wishes and capturing the vision you have for recreating your kitchen or bath. They will provide floor plans and elevation drawings to enable you to envision the space before they begin.

Their lead installer, Loren Myers, has been installing cabinets for Canaan Cabinetry for more than 25 years. Homeowners always appreciate his quiet and careful work. It is evident that he takes pride in his work. They do their best to complete a job in a timely manner so you can move in as soon as possible.

You may see their trucks in your neighborhood displaying some photos of past jobs. If you do, ask your neighbors about their experience with Canaan Cabinetry. They are confident that you will receive a good report. When you are ready for your next remodeling project feel free to stop in and check them out.

## **Welcome New Businesses**

### **Dog Town** **406 Town Center Shopping Center** **New Britain** **267-406-4439** **info@dogtown309.com** **www.dogtown309.com**

Dog Town, a locally owned small business, will be opening a new location shortly in New Britain and welcomes all local animal lovers to come visit them! Dog Town carries premium pet food, treats, toys and supplies. The New Britain location will also have professional grooming services, self dog wash stations and will host training classes.

The organization is very rescue friendly, with its own separate 501c3 non profit rescue, Dog Town Rescue, and will have adoptable dogs in store available for adoption through the rescue, as well as adoptable cats available through several of its rescue partners. All rescues are local no-kill rescues. When you support Dog Town and shop with them you directly support the rescue and help save more at risk dogs!

Please stop in to meet the knowledgeable staff at Dog Town and check out their new location!

### **Verizon Wireless Zone** **304 Town Center Shopping Center** **New Britain** **215-987-2995**

Verizon Wireless Zone has a new location in Town Center, New Britain next to Giant. When visiting this location, you will be sure to be greeted with professionalism and a warm smile. They pride themselves in customer service, respect, and technical expertise while making your next cellular experience a memorable one.

Deveraux Hamilton, Store Manager, is new to the area and brings a lot of experience and knowledge to our community. He and his staff are trained to give each customer a free account analysis, which will inform you of all promotions and account savings. They provide e-mail support in the form of setting up all of your e-mail accounts, personal and professional, on all of your devices along with password recovery and technical support. Having trouble connecting your device to your vehicle via Bluetooth? No worries, they provide curbside support and will do all the work and connect your device for you. You will never have to worry about losing the information on your old device because they will transfer it all to your new device. They also have a vast array of the latest accessories to help both protect and get the most out of your new device.

Verizon Wireless is open seven days a week, so stop in and see what they have to offer.

## ***Borough Awarded Gold Certification from Sustainable PA***

The New Britain Borough is among a select group of high performing municipalities to become certified through the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification program. The Borough is recognized at the Gold level of certification for meeting the program's rigorous performance criteria which tracks 131 policies and practices that define a sustainable community.

The Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification, administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML) in partnership with Sustainable Pittsburgh (SP), is designed for municipalities that are working to save money, conserve resources, and serve vibrant communities. Originally deployed in Southwestern Pennsylvania by Sustainable Pittsburgh, the certification has gone state-wide recognizing small, medium, and large municipalities across the Commonwealth. The PML and SP applaud municipalities for their demonstrated commitment and sustainability performance.

In earning the Gold Certification, the Borough is acknowledged for its progress in addressing such areas as community design and land use, energy efficiency, health and wellness, mitigating blight, intergovernmental cooperation, recycling and waste reduction, fiscal controls, and internal management and operations. Details regarding how the Borough is addressing these areas can be found on the certification program's website: [www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org](http://www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org).

"We are delighted to see The Borough of New Britain distinguished among local governments that are leading the way in applying sustainability to both their operations and management as well as within the community," said Gail Markovitz, Director of Training, PML.

The Certified Community by the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification is intended to bring recognition to municipalities that are applying the policy and practice of sustainability as their way of operating in order to advance community prosperity. It also serves as a mechanism for sharing best practices for creating a more sustainable Pennsylvania. "Municipalities that earn the Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification are standouts in demonstrating adherence to best practices that elevate them as communities of choice to live, work, and play. Commitment to continuous improvement is at the heart of sustainability and the certification program is a means to accelerate municipal performance," said Court Gould, Executive Director of Sustainable Pittsburgh.

## ***Borough Website Receives Statewide Award***

New Britain Borough has won First Place in the 2016 Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's (PSAB) magazine *Borough News* Annual Municipal Website Contest. Boroughs across the state were eligible to apply for the award based on the content, style, and structure of their websites.

This award is a follow up to the 2014 Second Place Award the Borough received from PSAB's *Borough News* for our newsletter.

The Borough does not plan to rest on its laurels and wants to continue to provide high value communications to its residents. If you have suggestions, please feel free to contact us!



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## ***A Special Thank you to Jim & Phil Chant***

In 1959 a young British engineer, James Chant (now a 20 year Borough resident), immigrated to the United States with his wife and three sons to work on the famous first human centrifuge project at the Naval Warfare Center in Warminster. In 1970 Jim started an engineering design and consulting business in the basement of his home, then to a rented garage in 1976. In 1984 Jim's youngest son Philip (now president of the company) joined the company full time. They moved to a 7,000 square foot custom built building on Britain Drive in 1995 and in 2007 moved to their current location on Industrial Drive, a 50,000 square foot building they had custom built with a concern for the environment.

Jim and Phil developed their current building as a green structure with energy efficient walls and roof, a large solar panel array on the roof, and a water collection system this is used for landscape irrigation, cleaning operations, and storm water capture to minimize run-off. The building is located on approximately ten-acres that was subdivided into two lots. The building resides on six acres and the remaining four acres is vacant and mostly wooded with steep slopes and wetlands. The property provides a natural habitat for the area and helps to balance the ecosystem of the entire tract. The Chants also provided a 20-foot wide pedestrian walkway easement connecting to the Salvage Direct site (which accesses Bristol Road), Stefan Place (through a water easement), the Chant property, and the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve.

Jim and Phil recently decided to offer approximately 2.5 acres as an open space donation to New Britain Borough. The Borough was thrilled with this offer as the parcel is located adjacent to the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve. The Borough is investigating uses and accesses for this property and ensuring that it will remain open, natural, and an asset to the community.

It is through forethought, planning, generosity, and cooperation of individuals like Jim and Phil Chant that help to improve our community.

## ***Borough Walkability***

New Britain Borough is working on providing a more walkable environment. You will notice new sidewalk construction this summer along Butler Avenue between Almshouse Road and Pine Run school. This construction is expected to last until late August/early September.

Plans are in the works to extend the path to be constructed along Delaware Valley University's frontage.

We are working with Doylestown Township, the Civic Association, and property owners to extend the bike path at Covered Bridge Park along Keeley Ave to the intersection of Lamp Post Rd.

Next year, the Borough will construct a bike path to connect the train station on Tamenend Avenue to Butler Avenue. There are no concrete plans at this time for sidewalk construction beyond the intersection of Butler and Tamenend Avenues, but the Borough is researching options.

Please be considerate and trim your branches that extend into the street and over sidewalk areas. Also, check your sidewalks that there are no uneven joints that could cause injury.

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## Moments with the Mayor



Well, summer is here and that is the time we look forward to vacations, reunions, great times with friends and family and reuniting with others. Some of us go, “down the shore,” others go up to the mountains or to a lake cottage, and some travel to new and different places. Summer seems to be very exciting, new plants are blooming, the gardens we have planted are beginning to produce vegetables and the “ice cream man” is coming through our neighborhoods. Yes, summer brings us together with nature and friends.

Here in the Borough there is a lot of new activity: our Regional Police Department has grown, the sidewalks along Butler Avenue are being finished, and development is on the horizon. Our residents came together this spring to see the plans for the Butler Avenue Development, and we received a lot of positive feedback from you. We are looking to make New Britain a destination rather than a “pass through” for those unfamiliar with us.

On another note, let’s make an effort to get to know each other better. I’d like to be able to call more people in our Borough by name. If each of us gets to know more of our neighbors we become a closer knit Borough, one where greetings extend beyond the cordial “Hello” and blossom into short conversations at the shopping center, at church or just as you pass on the sidewalks and trails.

Make it a point this summer to visit the Nature Preserve, Covered Bridge Park, Orchard Park or walk or ride the “bike and hike” trail to the reservoir. We have a beautiful Borough, take advantage of what we have to offer and enjoy this summer.

Best to all for now: hope to see many of you at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade or around the Borough.

## Bird Town News

### Local Business Support Received

In the last issue of this newsletter, it was mentioned that the Bird Town Committee is reaching out to local businesses and asking for their support. Business owners can support the Bird Town program in the Borough in one of two ways. Through their participation in the **Habitat Discount Program**, businesses can offer a discount to Borough residents who have registered their properties in PA Audubon’s Habitat Recognition Network; through the **Business Support Network**, businesses can make a tax-deductible contribution to the Bird Town Program. In response to our appeal, two local businesses have made very generous contributions: **Wehrung’s Chalfont Hardware** and another business in the borough that would prefer to remain anonymous. We’d like to publicly thank both of these businesses and, in the future, we urge you to thank and patronize all local businesses displaying the Bird Town logo indicating their support.



Other local businesses who would like to support the Bird Town program can find information on the PA Audubon website at [pa.audubon.org](http://pa.audubon.org), or they can contact the Borough office and ask for a member of the borough’s Bird Town Committee to contact them.

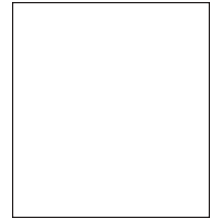


### Borough Volunteer Marge Eberz Writes Article for the Latest Issue of the Bird Town Flyer

The article, below is titled *New Britain Boro Brings Bird Town to Pine Run Elementary*.

Once a month during the 2015-2016 school year, members of New Britain Boro Bird Town committee met with the teachers and students in the After School Program at Pine Run Elementary School in New Britain. Activities included learning to use binoculars and looking for birds with Mary Ellen Noonan, Educator, Bucks County Conservation District, putting together blue bird boxes and learning about bluebirds from Ray Hendrick, ornithologist and Chairman of Doylestown Township EAC, making bird feeders from two liter soda bottles and filling them with seed and putting them on school grounds, and planting bird-friendly plants in their courtyard. Through the use of bird charts kids learned the importance of birds and how to identify them.

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## TRASH HAULER SURVEY

New Britain Borough is researching a single party trash hauler. This would mean that instead of multiple companies servicing the area, the Borough would create a contract for a single company to provide defined service at a negotiated and fixed price. All residences would be required to use that trash hauler. The Borough would have the option of having the hauler bill residents quarterly, or include trash service charges on annual property tax bills.

The benefits of this program are:

- Reduced trash collection cost for many residents;
- Trash pickup would consist of one truck, one day a week, which means less wear on roadways saving tax dollars, reduced traffic, reduced pollution;
- The Borough could also set customer service standards in the contract;

The drawbacks to this program are:

- Less individual choice;
- Those who dispose of trash themselves would have to pay for trash service;
- Engineering and legal expenses to draft, bid and oversee a contract

Please complete the short survey online [[www.newbritainboro.com/trash-hauler-survey](http://www.newbritainboro.com/trash-hauler-survey)] or provided below and either email it to us at [nbboro@newbritainboro.com](mailto:nbboro@newbritainboro.com), fax it to 215-348-5953 or mail/drop it at our office at 45 Keeley Ave. Please respond by September 1. Thank you for your time.

### Who removes your trash from the Borough?

- Dispose of it myself in another location
- Allied/Republic     Waste Management     Advanced Disposal
- Use Other Hauler: \_\_\_\_\_

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**How often is your trash picked up?**

\_\_\_\_\_ times per \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the current cost of this service?**

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you receive a senior discount

**Do you have your own trash bin, or is it provided by the hauler?**

Don't use a hauler     Have my own bin     Bin provided by hauler

**Please mark any additional services you receive:**

Recycling     Bulk Items     Yard Waste

**How much money would you want to save on your trash bill if there was a contracted hauler?**

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**Do you have objections to the Borough moving to a single hauler? If so, why?**

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# ***Branding a Borough - Creating a University Village***

*The following article was written by Stephen Barth, our Economic Development Consultant and appeared in the Pennsylvania Municipal League's publication and Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's publication*

New Britain Borough is leading a transformative revitalization in its small municipality of 3,125. The Borough is home to Delaware Valley University, founded in 1895, an institution that just earned its university status this past year. University status creates unique opportunities for New Britain Borough to grow that hadn't existed before. What began as a small farming school with only four students has grown into a campus of nearly 600 acres, with an enrollment of 2,100 students and 900 employees. Receiving university status allows the institution to offer graduate level doctoral degrees, expand its enrollment and market in the global arena for its Life Sciences programs. As the University grows so too can the Borough.

Since New Britain Borough has no downtown or traditional village this has limited typical "Town & Gown" relationships that most university towns naturally have. Successful university towns improve and enhance the quality of life for students by providing expanded experiences to campus life by having coffee houses, restaurants, brew pubs and other retail services next door to their campuses.

Delaware Valley University is New Britain Borough's greatest asset. Twenty-two percent of borough residents (700 out of 3,125) are university students, a fixed demographic of 18-22 year olds in perpetuity. Conversely, 70% of the university's resident student population, 700 out of 1,000, are borough residents. Student discretionary spending is approximately \$2.6 million annually and the University's annual budget is \$58 million.

Borough Manager Sam Bryant said, "Delaware Valley University is a world class institution that gives us a unique draw compared to other municipalities. New Britain Borough is working to become a place people drive to, not drive through, and the development plan is a huge part of this effort". New Britain Borough, a proactive municipality, has taken the initiative to help the University become more successful by creating a mixed-use, University Village Zoning Overlay District bordering all campus properties. This in turn helps the Borough by creating new economic opportunities and establishing a new identity for New Britain Borough as a "college town."

"Creating a University Village is good business for both the Borough and the University," remarked Stephen Barth consultant for economic development. "For the Borough new development creates economic opportunities that generate municipal revenues, creates jobs and improves the community overall. The benefits to the University are many and include increased student enrollment and retention, opportunities for student employment and internships and a deeper sense of place."

## ***Blighted Property as Catalyst of Change***

Blighted properties aren't usually seen as a benefit to a community. However, for New Britain a unique opportunity presented itself in the form of a blighted, 7-acre, empty factory building directly across from the University. The former commercial frame factory has been shuttered since the death of its owner in 2009.

A proposal for unwanted development of the blighted factory property prompted New Britain to realize it needed to create a clear vision for its future and become more proactive in courting developers, those who would build what the community wanted. Development that would capitalize on the assets the Borough already had, namely the university. In 2012, New Britain Borough created the Community and Business Committee (CBC) to help formalize and create a new vision for the community. The Committee is comprised of residents, council members, the mayor, borough staff and business owners. The CBC created surveys, held public meetings and formulated a concept vision for the borough. In 2014, the CBC applied for and received a \$100,000 DVRPC Economic Development Planning Grant to study the Butler Avenue corridor, the main artery through New Britain. The Bucks County Planning Commission has headed up the planning grant study. A steering committee was formed that includes residents, council officials, the mayor, borough staff and community business members.

New Britain also created a Joint Planning Collective that includes New Britain Borough, the University, Bucks County and neighboring Doylestown Township. The result of this has been the development of a new collaborative relationship amongst all parties. Many of the members of the Joint Planning Collective had never been on the University campus. One of the first meetings included a bus and walking tour led by the University President to showcase what an asset Delaware Valley University is for the community.

Traffic circumstances precipitated additional planning by the New Britain Borough Council. With the completion of a parkway bypass around the community, opened two years ago, local businesses faced the challenge of reduced traffic count and customers. New Britain, for decades, had served as a major commuter corridor from Central Bucks County to Philadelphia and Montgomery County. While former Route 202 had long been perceived as a nuisance by residents, it was conversely a blessing for the many business along the corridor, now renamed Business Route 202 or Butler Avenue. While initially inspired by the one single factory property, it quickly became apparent that rather than simply looking at one property, the community should expand its field of view to consider the entire Business Route 202 corridor. With a new vision taking

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# Calendar of Community Events

Monday, July 4 - 9:30 am	Tri-Municipal 4th of July Parade
Friday, July 22	Doylestown Symphonic Winds Concert, DelVal Life Science Center - doylestownsymphonicwinds.org
Saturday, September 10 - 9 am to 12:30 pm	Chalfont Fire Co., Turkey Hoagies, 301 N. Main St.
Saturday, September 24 - 10 am to 4 pm	Duck Derby, New Britain Civic Association Covered Bridge Park
Sunday, September 25 - 8 am to 12 pm	Chalfont Fire Co., Buffet Breakfast, 301 N. Main St.
Thursday, October 13 - 7 pm to 9 pm	Chalfont Fire Co., Fire Prevention Open House, 301 N. Main St.
Saturday, October 29 - 9:30 to 3 pm	Chalfont Fire Co. Craft Show, 301 N. Main St.

## Branding a Borough

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shape, one that envisioned creating a “University Village,” the Borough began actively courting investors and developers.

Published in the local papers, the Borough’s new plans and visions attracted developers anxious to explore development opportunities. A high-end developer purchased the factory property and was enthusiastic to work closely with the Borough to build an exciting mixed-use, multi-story project.

The New Britain Borough’s planning commission then began developing a Mixed-Use, University Village Zoning Overlay District to put in place zoning that would incentivize developers to build the projects that the community wanted. Working closely with the Bucks County Planning Commission a final version of the new ordinance is coming to Borough Council this month.


Development of the factory property will begin immediately, breaking ground this summer, and so a University Village is born. Mayor David Holewinski said, “New Britain Borough has been a well-kept secret for years, and now, through the efforts of many, will be made available to new businesses and residents to enjoy and prosper in. The walkability factor that was in the forefront of residents’ minds is now either in the planning stages or in many cases in the construction stage. In the end, the ability to easily get from the west end of the Borough to the east end will serve the University, our residents and the business community in a positive manner.” Large-scale projects such as these are beneficial for all municipalities as ways of shaping their own futures, working collaboratively with other communities and agencies, and especially working with existing institutions that help promote and increase the quality of life for all residents.

## Hazardous Waste Collection

This summer’s hazardous waste collection for our area will be on July 23 at Central Bucks South, 1100 Folly Road in Warrington. Residents can bring pesticides, flammables, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers, and automotive batteries. For more info visit [buckscount.org/recycling](http://buckscount.org/recycling) or call the Bucks County Planning Commission at 215-345-3400.

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## Protect our Streams and Waterways

Please consider using less lawn fertilizers (use only where needed) and do not direct your mower discharges into the street. Grass clippings (especially for treated and/or fertilized yards) carry a high dosage of pollutants such as nitrates and phosphorus, which can cause severe damage to downstream water quality along with the fish and invertebrates that live there.

To limit volume in landfills dispose of branches, leaf litter and biodegradable trash by starting a compost pile (not near a stream that may flood). Make sure any chemicals or hazardous substances are outside of the floodplain and areas that may wash chemicals into streams. Dispose of pool backwash and water properly (and be sure chemical concentrations are below the legal limits). Dispose of hazardous substances properly, add a rain garden or rain barrel to direct concentrated flows. These devices relieve downstream flooding, provide increased water quality as well as provide a water source for irrigation during dry periods and reduce your water bill.

If you notice illegal dumping or drainage activities, please report it immediately to New Britain Borough at 215-348-4586. Additional stormwater information is available at: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdmsms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf>

For additional information, please refer to the New Britain Borough's website: <http://www.newbritainboro.com/>

## New Borough Fee Schedule

The Borough approved a new fee schedule so that the Borough could recoup the costs of its code and zoning services, not to generate a profit. The new fee schedule can be found on the Borough website at: <http://newbritainboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/12H-ii-Fee-Schedule-Rev-June-2016.pdf>.



## 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](mailto:davidholewinski@hotmail.com); 215-407-7104.

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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; Loren Frasco; David Holewinski; 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.  
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**Borough Manager/Treasurer:** ..... 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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