

# New Britain Borough



# NEWS

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Summer 2012

## ***New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee presents***

### **No Good Deed Goes Unrewarded**

Monday, October 22: 7 p.m.

Borough Hall

The Recorder of Deeds Office maintains more than just land transfer records. This lecture will guide the amateur genealogist through these records helping them to find those morsels of information that can add so much to their family history.

Along with information on locating grantor/grantee records, this lecture will cover additional material that can be found in the Recorder of Deeds office. It will stress the value to genealogists of information that can be found in deeds, Registry Jackets, Sheriff Deeds and other resources.

Our speaker, Susan S. Koelble, is a lecturer, teacher and author and is well known for her knowledge of Philadelphia's history and people. Her own Philadelphia genealogy goes back ten generations to 1686. With over 25 years of professional experience she and her daughter Kristin Bryson founded Bare Roots Publishing and Research in 1999. She has lectured both locally and nationally and has organized several Ancestry Fairs in the Philadelphia region. She has taught genealogical classes for local genealogical societies and at the Bucks County Community College.

## ***Can you help?***

All residents are encouraged to participate in their borough government. There are often vacancies on boards and committees and, although there are no vacancies currently, vacancies happen quickly so please let us know if you would like to be considered for a future opening.

## ***Visit the Meadow***

Stop by the meadow at the Wilma Quinlen Nature Preserve on Landis Mill Road to enjoy the beautiful wild flowers — over fifty different species. We are still getting it established, and this is the second year. Various plants come into bloom from early spring through fall. In the spring, the meadow was brilliant yellow with wild mustard and Blackeyed Susan's, with more to come.



We were awarded a Green Region matching grant to put signs in the Nature Preserve. We plan a large sign with a map of the preserve and its features, as well as boundary signs, and information signs in the meadow and elsewhere in the Preserve. We'll also have a few benches, but no paving, fireplaces or picnic facilities. We are seeking permission to install some stepping stones across Cook's Run.

Recently a conservation easement was placed on several acres adjacent to the Nature Preserve at the confluence of Cook's Run and Neshaminy Creek. In addition, James Chant has offered to give the Borough three acres containing a lovely stream on the western edge of the Preserve. The original 23-acre Preserve has grown to thirty acres in the last few years.

This is a very scenic spot, along the site of Landis Mill where the spill way is still visible.

Tours of the Preserve are conducted Saturday mornings by appointment. Call Peter LaMontagne at 215 348-7879 to make arrangements.

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## 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. Call the borough office 215-348-4586 or email [nbboro@comcast.net](mailto:nbboro@comcast.net).

### **Borough Businesses Give Back to the Community**

#### **Music Festival**

The annual **Duck Deli BBQ-Music Festival**, on 524 East Butler Ave, held this past May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The crowds were treated by music from many of the Central Bucks School District middle and high school jazz bands and choirs as well as community and professional groups such as the Doylestown Heat Big Band, and RGM Factor. The event raised \$2400, the most ever in its eight-year run, which was donated to the American Red Cross. Many thanks to all in the community who support this event and mark your calendars for May 4 and 5 of 2013.

#### **Community Wellness Day**

**Dr. Michael Brady**, of the Bucks County Wellness Centre, on 352 East Butler Ave, was proud to host this year's Community Wellness Day at the Lenape Middle School on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and to have the month of April proclaimed "Community Wellness Month" for the first time for Doylestown. This free event featured health screenings and wellness information aimed at encouraging residents to take control of their own health and well-being. Over 500 people turned out for the event, which raised \$1000 for the Bucks County Housing Group. Community Wellness Day is an annual event, with plans for the next event in spring 2013. For information on participating, please contact the Bucks County Wellness Centre at 215.345.1445.

#### **Open House at Veterinary Clinic**

**New Britain Veterinary Clinic**, on 341 West Butler Ave, held an open house on June 16<sup>th</sup> where they performed low cost microchipping. They also had many groups attending including Last Chance Ranch, Stray Cat Blues, Pabby's Pet Resort, Labrador Rescue, and K9 Gym. Some of the groups had pets for adoption. K9 Gym did agility demonstrations for dogs and also involved the dogs who came to visit that day. Kids enjoyed pony rides conducted by Last Chance ranch. The New Britain Inn also participated in the event.

### **Local Student has an Educational and Exciting Year**

**Ariel Ries** of West Butler Ave is a student studying Landscape Architecture at Pennsylvania State University. She had many great experiences this past year. Last summer, she was chosen to be part of 12 students from Penn State to travel to Tanzania in Southeast Africa for a six-week study abroad program. They worked in rural villages in one of the world's most diverse ecological hotspots to help the villagers create a symbiotic lifestyle within this unique environment. While she was there, they hiked into the rainforest to see an endemic monkey species, went on a safari at Mikumi National Park, and became very experienced at applying mosquito repellent. She traveled extensively through Tanzania and at the end traveled across the Indian Ocean on a ferry to Zanzibar.

From January to May of this year, 17 of her classmates in landscape architecture studied abroad in Bonn, Germany for four months. There she took classes in her major as well as traveled around Europe. Ariel's three German professors taught her the European take on Landscape Architecture as well as the customs and traditions of Germany. While she was there, she lived with home stay families that immersed her even more in German culture. When she was abroad she traveled all over Europe and Asia visiting cities such as: Paris, Rome, Istanbul, Barcelona, Nice, Amsterdam, Munich, and Avignon.

This summer Ariel is interning at The Walt Disney Company at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. She is working in the Architectural and Facilities Engineering Department as a Landscape Architecture intern. Her tasks range from concept ideas for future projects to irrigation base mapping. A good portion of her job is being on site, which could include on any day either one of the four theme parks, two water parks, 20 resorts, or cast member backstage areas.

Ariel said "This has been one of the most rewarding and amazing years of my life. I would like to thank my parents, Vince and Mary Ries, and my grandmother, Valerie Ries, for supporting me and allowing me to always follow my dreams wherever they may take me."



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# Spotlight on Borough Businesses

*We will be 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.*

## **Bucks-Mont Party Rental**

238 West Butler Ave. (Route 202)

New Britain, PA 18901

215-345-4556 1-800-61-Party

[www.bucksmontparty.com](http://www.bucksmontparty.com)

The Bucks-Mont Party Rental (BMPR) has been a family owned business for over 23 years. It was started in 1989 and, for the first four years, Dave and Sylvia Fermier ran it from their home in Bedminster. They became so successful that in 1992 they moved their business to West Butler Ave across from the Town Center Shopping Center and have been there ever since. Dave, Sr. and Sylvia, and Dave Fermier Jr. and his wife Jodi, along with Adam Glenn have all helped make BMPR grow to be the successful business it is today, along with the help of many very dedicated employees.

BMPR have always put pride in their personalized customer service as well as the quality of their equipment. No event is ever too big or too small for them to handle and each is equally important.

Their “Mom and Pop” shop, which is what Dave and Sylvia are called by all their employees and their regular customers, has just about everything for all your party needs. They are the “Little Store that is Big Inside”!

They offer a full service Rental Department with tents, tables, chairs, staging, lighting, china, linens, glassware, carnival games, and catering equipment. They also have a full store of retail products for all your party needs with paper products for all occasions, custom balloon arrangements and balloon arches, costume rentals, Yankee candles, and unique country gifts. At Christmas time they sell Christmas trees and, for many years, have had an open house with a free catered lunch every Saturday in December for all their customers. They love doing it and so do their customers. For the first time this year they will be adding live music. They have customers that have a yearly tradition to come back to BMPR to pick out their family Christmas tree. They get to see their customers children grow each year which is something very special.

If you haven't had the opportunity to stop in and meet the BMPR family please stop in and do so. Dave, Sr., Sylvia, Dave, Jr., Jodi and the staff would love the chance to meet you and help you with your next celebration or event.

## **Welcome New Businesses to the Borough**

### **Build-N-Bots Academy**

422 Town Center Shopping Center

215-345-5440

[info@BuildNBots.com](mailto:info@BuildNBots.com)

[www.BuildNBots.com](http://www.BuildNBots.com)

At Build-N-Bots Academy students can explore the STEM principles – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics while socializing with peers and playing with LEGO Bricks. Our aim is to broaden children's horizons, heighten their self esteem and engage them in higher level thinking and problem solving. We offer classes, summer camp sessions, birthday parties, group events and special events. Classes are small, age appropriate and range from preschool and up.

### **Club Metro**

500 Town Center Shopping Center

267-446-6097

[newbritain@clubmetrousa.com](mailto:newbritain@clubmetrousa.com)

[www.clubmetrousa.com](http://www.clubmetrousa.com)

Club Metro USA is a resort style fitness center, with a low monthly membership price. We offer everything from the newest cardio and weight room equipment, to aerobics classes and childcare. Our juice bar selections are second to none. Please feel free to contact Matt Beyer to get set up with your discounted membership: [newbritain@clubmetrousa.com](mailto:newbritain@clubmetrousa.com).

### **Go Bananas Frozen Yogurt**

430 Town Center Shopping Center

[josh@gobananasfrozenyogurt.com](mailto:josh@gobananasfrozenyogurt.com)

[www.gobananasfrozenyogurt.com](http://www.gobananasfrozenyogurt.com)

Go Bananas frozen yogurt is a family-owned self-serve frozen yogurt shop with 12 flavors of frozen yogurt and sorbet that can be combined with more than 70 toppings including fresh fruit, candies, cereals and sauces. We have nonfat, low fat, gluten free and nondairy options. Customers can also buy frozen yogurt quarts and pies as well as cold beverages and hot coffee. It is a great place for meeting friends or family as we have lounge seating, music and free wi-fi. We are focused on making sure customers enjoy their time at Go Bananas and we would like to get involved in the local community through fundraising and other community events.

## **Support our Local Businesses**

# ***Borough Resident Receives Civic Award***

Bruce Burkart was named "Person of the Year" for 2011 by the New Britain Civic Association at their annual meeting in June. Mr. Burkart is a long-time resident of New Britain Borough whose grandparents and parents also lived in the borough. He was given this award primarily for his work as project manager for the restoration of the H. Walter Harvey World War I Memorial but he has been an outstanding citizen for most of his life volunteering in many capacities. The following are some of Bruce's volunteer work:

- Appointed the first building inspector of New Britain Borough in 1956.
- Elected tax collector for the borough in 1957, a position he held for 24 years.
- Elected to Borough Council in 1983 and served on council until 1991. He was vice president for seven years and president of Council in his last year.
- Elected Judge of Elections for the Borough in 1993 and re-elected every election since.
- In 1988, after retiring, he began volunteering for Meals on Wheels and is still active with them. In 2001 he was appointed to the board of directors and was vice president for three years and president for four years.
- Bruce has been a volunteer at the Mercer Museum since 1978, working at the Folk Fest, doing many carpentry jobs, and cooking the hot cider at the Holiday Open House each December.
- He sang in the St. Paul Lutheran Church choir for 30 years where he met his future wife Nancy in 1947. He was active on it's council, and secretary and treasurer.
- Bruce is our Borough historian and is an active member of the Borough Historic Preservation Committee. In 2011, with the committee's support, he was in charge of restoring the H. Walter Harvey World War I Memorial.



*David Holewinski (left), Borough Mayor and president of the New Britain Civic Association, presents Civic Award to Bruce Burkart, shown with his wife Nancy.*

Volunteering runs in the family. In addition to Bruce's grandparents and parents who volunteered in the community, his wife of 61 years, Nancy, has been a volunteer for Meals on Wheels since 1972 and served on the board and as its president. She also volunteered at the Mercer Museum and recently retired after 40 years. In addition, she sang in their church choir along with Bruce for 30 years.

Congratulations on receiving the award, Bruce! It is certainly well deserved. We in New Britain Borough are very fortunate to have residents like you and your wife living in our community.

## ***Road Construction***

Please be advised that a reconstruction project will take place on Lenape Drive this summer/fall. Be cautious and watch for periodic road closures.

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**PO Box 5124**  
**New Britain, PA 18901**  
**215 345-8750**  
**[www.newbritaincivic.org](http://www.newbritaincivic.org)**



New Britain Civic Association has gone social. You can like us on Facebook at New Britain Civic Association, or follow us on Twitter: @NewBritainCivic

### **Picnic & Duck Derby**

The 2012 Duck Derby has been scheduled for September 22, 11 AM TO 3 PM at Covered Bridge Park. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, see our website [www.newbritaincivic.org](http://www.newbritaincivic.org). Come join the fun!

### **UPCOMINGEVENTS**

The New Britain Civic Association is hosting the Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association's Covered Bridge Park **2012 Star Watch** Thursday, September 20th at 7:30 PM. The event is free and open to the public. Call the BMAA Message Line at 215-579-9973 for any cancellations due to weather. Please check our website [www.newbritaincivic.org](http://www.newbritaincivic.org) for additional events and dates as they become available.

### **PERSON OF THE YEAR**

In June, Bruce Burkart was awarded the "Person of the Year" award by the Civic Association for his continued contributions to the community in time and effort.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

We still have some of the commemorative Covered Bridge Tiles available for a \$25 donation; in addition we are offering decks of cards that show our covered bridge for a \$5.00 donation. All are available by calling the Civic Association (phone number above) or stopping in at Third Federal Bank, in the shopping center, the Bucks-Mont Party Store on Butler Pike or New Britain Borough Hall on Keeley Ave.

### **PAVILION RENTAL**

Still looking for a place to hold that special event? We have one that is surrounded by nature. Hold a family reunion, birthday party or other special event at Covered Bridge Park, and rent the pavilion for that special event. The cost for the day is only a \$75 donation (members \$50). Call 215-345-8750 or visit the website. 2012 Reservations are being accepted.

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## The Michael Havener Community Service Scholarship

The New Britain Civic Association proudly awarded Gabrielle M. Durkac, of C.B. East, the \$500.00 education scholarship as the deserving 2012 graduating senior from our area. The scholarship is awarded based on the candidate's civic involvement within the Central Bucks community. See our web site for details.

### MEETINGS

Our meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM at the New Britain Borough Offices located at 45 Keeley Avenue in New Britain Borough. Please join us and bring your ideas; they are always welcome and so are you.

***“Volunteers aren’t paid because they are worthless,  
but because they are priceless.”***

*~Anonymous*

New Britain Civic will become what you make it.

**Here are some of the ways that your membership dollars help our local community. N.B.C.A. provides food packages for the forgotten around the Holidays; we help to fund the local Food Larder; we provide the venue for the Summer Recreation Program; and of course maintain Covered Bridge Park. We are always looking for ways to improve the lives of those in and around New Britain Borough.**

**Please fill out the application below, circle type of membership and return it with your membership dues and/ or your contribution to the address on the front of this newsletter.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Annual membership dues:**

*Individual memberships:     \$ 10*

*Family memberships:         \$ 15 – for all members of the same household*

*Business memberships:       \$ 25 – for all businesses wishing to support us.*

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.

***David Holewinski – President  
Malcolm Rollins – Treasurer***

***Rich Sabol – Vice-President  
Peg Havener – Secretary***

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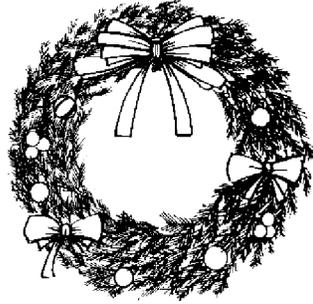
# *Sponsor a Wreath for the Veterans Buried in the Historic Cemetery*

The New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery is an historic treasure of information about the people from the area who came before us. Of particular interest are the many Veterans buried there and, unfortunately, many of them are long forgotten. We would like to remedy that and honor those Veterans who gave so much of themselves to free us from tyranny, free the enslaved, and keep our country whole and free.

To that end the New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee is sponsoring Wreaths Across America (WAA) to put wreaths on Veterans graves in the historic cemetery.

Wreaths Across America's mission, *Remember, Honor, Teach*, is carried out in part by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies on a specified Saturday in December at Arlington, as well as cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. They organize a week of events including international Veteran's tributes, ceremonies at State Houses and a week-long "Veteran's Parade" between Maine and Virginia where they stop along the way to spread their message about the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by Veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

It started in 1992 when the Worcester Wreath Company in Maine had extra wreaths and the owner of the company found out that there were no wreaths on the graves of the veterans in Arlington National Cemetery. From then on every year the company donated 5,000 wreaths to Arlington, increasing it to 10,000 in 2007, and formed the non-profit organization Wreaths Across America to expand the program to veterans in other cemeteries. You may have seen the picture sent around the internet of Arlington Cemetery's rows and rows of graves with green wreaths with a red ribbon on it. We thank Wreaths



Across America for all their work and the Worcester Wreath Company for their generosity.

In 2011 over 1,100 groups nation-wide sponsored wreaths through WAA. Twenty-six cemeteries in Pennsylvania now participate.

William and Ruth Ann Focht of New Britain Borough spent many hours researching the individuals buried in the cemetery. Their excellent research can be found in their booklets Tales from the Graveyard of the New Britain Baptist Church and Veterans Buried in the New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery. According to their research, there are about 70 Veterans buried in this cemetery; 2 from colonial wars; 33 from the Revolutionary War; 13 from the War of 1812; 1 from the Mexican war; and 21 from the Civil war.

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 we can put around our H.Walter Harvey World War I Memorial which we restored in 2011.

On the next page is a form to complete and send with your donation in the form of a check made payable to Wreaths Across America. Send to the New Britain Borough office. It is preferable that contributions are sent to the borough office instead of directly to WAA because it will assure we will be credited with your sponsorship. If you do choose to send your check to WAA or pay them by credit card, please make sure that our group ID **PANBHP01** and location ID **PANBBC** are on the check or form so that they can apply the proper credit.

For additional information contact Marie Esher Coia, 215-348-1043 or [mecoia@verizon.net](mailto:mecoia@verizon.net) or go to Wreaths Across America's website [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org).

*(See form on reverse side)*



*Wreaths at Arlington Cemetery*

## ***Handbags for Habitat***

The Bucks County Habitat for Humanity Women Build group is looking for new or gently used handbags to be sold or auctioned at their 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Wine Tasting Event" to be held on Friday, September 14. If you have a handbag(s) that you'd like to donate, you can drop it off at the Borough office or e-mail [mpholewinski@hotmail.com](mailto:mpholewinski@hotmail.com) to arrange for a pick-up.



*New Britain Borough Hall*

Please join the  
New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee  
and Wreaths Across America in honoring our Veterans and sponsoring  
wreaths in the historic New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery for 2012  
National Remembrance Ceremony at  
12 noon on December 15, 2012.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of wreaths \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 per wreath = Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: WREATHSACROSSAMERICA include your check with this order form and mail to:**

**New Britain Borough WAA, 45 Keeley Ave, New Britain, PA 18901**

We prefer you send your donation directly to us but if you decide to send it to Wreaths Across America please include the group ID and location ID on your check so that we will get the credit for it and apply it to the wreaths for the New Britain Baptist Church cemetery Veterans.

Group ID **PANBHP01**

Location ID **PANBBC**

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

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# Borough Treasures

## **The Parsonage (47 N Tamenend Avenue)**

On January 14, 1853, David Evans, yeoman (a free man owning his own farm) and Mary R Evans, his wife, deeded a tract of land to the New Britain Baptist Church for the purpose of building a parsonage to house the church minister and his family. David was a member and trustee of the church. Mary is buried in the church cemetery.

The parsonage, an L-shaped two and one half story farmhouse, has a slate gabled roof, brick enclosed chimneys, and originally, two paneled front doors with transom windows. It was built in 1853 of Delaware River Valley pink sandstone, reported to have been carried by mule drawn barge down the Delaware Canal. The stone was plastered over, as was the custom at the time. All of the twenty-three church ministers serving between 1853 and 1972 resided in the parsonage until it was sold in 1973 to private owners. As with most homes, the people who inhabit them are the real story.

Rev. William Whitehead served the New Britain Baptist Church from 1867 – 1871. Born in Philadelphia, at age 16, he was one of 90+ people to be baptized in the Delaware River, the largest baptism on record. He studied at the University of Pennsylvania, Hamilton College, and Madison University and graduated from Union College in 1849. In 1872, Rev Whitehead graduated Hahnemann Medical College of Homoeopathy. He was ordained in 1850 and in 1851 married Eleanor Jennings of Baltimore, MD. They had eight children, a son Henry, was born in the parsonage.

*Prior to serving as minister in New Britain, in 1861 Rev Whitehead answered the call of his country and served in the 97<sup>th</sup> regiment. When urged by his mother not to go, he said, "I cannot see this great struggle going on, and not take part." The 97<sup>th</sup> was sent to Hilton Head, SC. While there, he and another chaplain, and some colored brethren, formed a colored Baptist Church. Contracting the southern malarial fever on the coast of Georgia, where the regiment lay for weeks in transports, waiting the attack upon Fort Pulaski, he became unable to perform his duties, and he resigned, and was honorably discharged August 20, 1862. He remained an invalid until his death in 1874. While pastor at New Britain church, charmed with the beautiful county of Bucks, he purchased the old Iron Hill tavern property intending to spend his last days there but died in Woodbury, NJ. After his death, his family came back to the home selected by the father, and tearing away all traces of the tavern, built their modern country home, Hillside.*

(excerpted from History of Bucks County, JH Battle 1887)



Now let's fast forward to the 1950's and the ministry of Dr. Rudolph Libeck who served 1952 - 1956). Affectionately known as Rudi, he was born in Latvia in 1915. He received scholarships to study theology and music in England. An accomplished violinist, Dr. Libeck was also a member of the American Federation of Musicians and he was a licensed Psychologist maintaining a private practice. Ordained a Baptist Minister in Cardiff, Wales, Dr. Libeck ministered to Allied troops participating in D-Day while volunteering to serve on the SS Frank B Kellogg, a Liberty Ship.

While minister of the New Britain Baptist Church, Dr. Libeck presided over the month-long 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and then in 2004, Dr. Libeck and his wife, Carol, came back to New Britain for the church's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Among his many accomplishments, he assisted in the founding of the New Britain Improvement Association (today's Civic Association). Some of the Association's activities included testing drinking water in the community, publishing a monthly newsletter, and organizing a daycare program for "retarded" children (with the help of Pearl Buck). For his efforts, Dr. Libeck was named *Man of the Year* in Bucks County. Dr. Libeck died on June 24, 2009. (excerpted from Dr. Libeck's April 30, 2004 letter to Jane M. Bleam and from Citizen's Voice newspaper obit, June 26, 2009.)

A number of significant alterations were made to the parsonage by the Baptist Church over the years. These include: removal of one front door, removal of a kitchen cooking fireplace and related bedroom fireplace, removal of stone living room fireplace to accommodate a two-story Victorian bay, removal of external shutters and a two story addition that brought bathrooms into the house.

In 1972, the Rev. Richard Lothian wished to own his own home and so the parsonage was sold in 1973 to Bill and Nancy

## The Parsonage *(continued from p.9)*

Boettger. Some may remember Nancy, whose participation with a small group of borough residents, assisted in the creation of the 1982 Bucks County Conservancy Historic Resource Survey. The Boettgers removed the plaster from the outside of the house and pointed the stone, they removed layers of linoleum and exposed the original random width pine floor in the kitchen and removed the acoustical tile ceiling to expose the beams. Additionally, they removed old hanging kitchen cabinets and replaced them with custom china and storage cabinets. Wainscoting was added throughout the first floor, woodstoves and Victorian wallpaper, imported from England, for the living and dining rooms. The Boettgers also added a custom stained glass transom window over the front door.

Only the second private owners, Karl and Donna von Lipsey, purchased the home in 1985. They have reopened the dining room fireplace, added a screened porch, updated the kitchen and added perennial gardens, a new curved stone walk and custom shutters to the front of the house. The roof has been re-slatted and will serve for another 130 years. Bill Boettger once remarked that he and Nancy did most of the heavy work of restoration and the von Lipsey's "finessed it." Owning a vintage home is an ongoing labor of love and a balance between modernity and preserving and honoring the past. It is a privilege to live in a landmark so entwined in the history and fabric of our village.

*Donna von Lipsey*

## Stream Protection

Please dispose of your trimmings, leaves, and lawn litter appropriately. Keep any on-site drainage channels cleaned out or they will silt in and cause flooding on your or your neighbor's property.

Help keep our streams clean by limiting use of herbicides and fertilizers, and disposing of hazardous materials properly to hazardous waste drop offs. Maintain your vehicles by checking and repairing oil and antifreeze leaks.

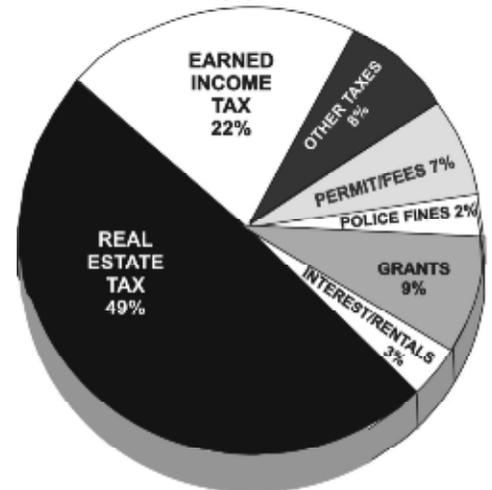
If you notice any signs of stream pollution or have any questions, please notify the Borough. Illegal dumping or drainage activities should be reported immediately to New Britain Borough at 215-348-4586.

Please visit our website, [www.newbritainboro.com](http://www.newbritainboro.com), for additional information.

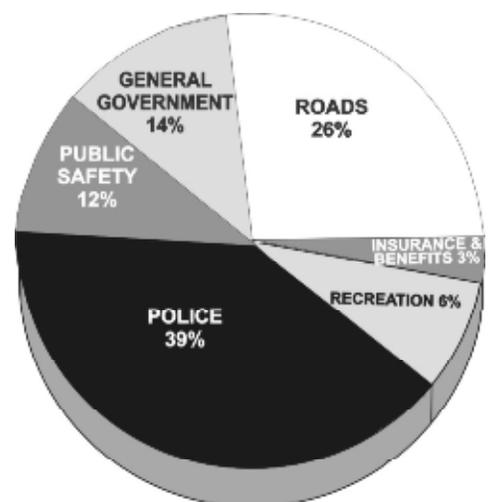
## 2012 Borough Budget

The 2012 budget reflects no tax increase. The pie charts below provide an overview of the sources of projected income and expenses.

### INCOME



### EXPENSES



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# Calendar of Community Events

Sunday, September 9: 8 a.m. - noon	"Party on the Parkway," hosted by Doylestown Twp.	
Friday, September 14 Humanity Women Build group	Wine Tasting Event, hosted by Bucks County Habitat	for
Tuesday, September 18: 1 p.m. Church Fellowship Hall	"Dale & Vale" - a Musical Event, New Britain Baptist	
Saturday, September 22: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	2012 Duck Derby at Covered Bridge Park	
Saturday, October 6, evening	Gilbert & Sullivan Cabaret at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Doylestown	
Sunday, October 7, afternoon	Gilbert & Sullivan Cabaret at Trinity Episcopal Church, Route 413, Buckingham	
Tuesday, October 16: 1 p.m.	"American HOBO" Presented by J.U.L.I.E.T. "Just Us Ladies in Entertaining Times. New Britain Baptist Church Fellowship Hall	
Monday, October 22: 7 p.m.	"No Good Deed Goes Unrewarded." Presented by New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee. Borough Hall	
Saturday, December 15, 12 noon	Wreath Across America Ceremony New Britain Baptist Church cemetery	

## What is the Chalfont-New Britain Business Alliance?

The Chalfont-New Britain Business Alliance (CNBBA) is a member-driven organization whose mission is to promote Chalfont and New Britain as great places to live, work, and shop. The CNBBA holds different events throughout the year including a monthly member breakfast meeting, a bi-monthly business card exchange, Market Day, and more as opportunities for our business leaders to network, share ideas, strengthen local businesses, and preserve the history and hometown integrity of Chalfont and New Britain. As dedicated members of the business community and in cooperation with fellow residents, the group hopes to forever maintain the sense of vitality and small-town atmosphere we have grown to appreciate and treasure. Please visit [www.ChalfontBusinessAlliance.com](http://www.ChalfontBusinessAlliance.com) or the Facebook page, Chalfont New Britain Business Alliance, for details on events and information on how to become a member.

## Party on the Parkway Date changed

Over the last decade many groups have been working to make the Route 202 – Section 700 Parkway a reality. As we finally approach the opening of the roadway this fall, it is time to celebrate!

On **Sunday, September 9, 2012**, Doylestown Township will be hosting a "Party on the Parkway" before the roadway is opened to traffic. Residents are invited to walk, bike or stroll any of the roadway and shared use path between the New Britain Road trailhead parking lot and Horsham Road in Montgomery County. Afterwards, residents will be invited to gather at the New Britain Road trailhead parking lot to enjoy food and activities to learn about roadway and bicycle safety. So mark your calendars now for a great day of family fun!

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