New Britain Borough



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The Community Garden

The New Britain Borough Community Garden is located in Orchard Park on Keeley Avenue in Borough open space. The garden was started soon after the Borough purchased the property in 2013 by residents interested in participating in the pleasures of growing vegetables, fruits, and flowers in a shared environment. The Community Garden is a combination of individual and community growing areas for personal consumption and contributions to the New Britain Food Larder. The garden is deemed organic only. Borough residents are welcome to visit, walk the paths, and observe the garden in changing seasons.

If you are interested in "care-taking" a plot for the upcoming growing season, please email the Borough with the subject line of 'Community Garden' or call the Borough 215-348-4586. There is an annual participation fee.

The garden was made possible through contributions by individuals and organizations such as 84 Lumber, Boy Scouts Troop 41, Zachary Strouse, Sparks Topsoil, the Borough, volunteers sent from Delaware Valley College, the Park and Recreation Committee and various other volunteers.



Watch for the launching of the new Borough website later this spring!

Rid your home of Hazardous Waste and old Computer Systems

Many household products contain chemicals that when discarded contribute to the contamination of our environment by contaminating our soil, air and water. The Bucks County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program provides the opportunity to reduce the amount of hazardous household chemical waste that is flushed down the toilet and kitchen drains, "disposed" of in the backyard, dumped into storm drains or simply disposed of in the municipal waste stream. These typical means of disposal are both hazardous to public health and unnecessary. Yet, it continues because individuals are frequently unaware that many useful products contain hazardous chemicals. It is the consumer's responsibility to use and dispose of household products safely.

The Bucks County Program also includes separate collection events for electronics. The two electronic collections nearest to the Borough are:

June 28, 2014

Palisades Middle School 4710 Durham Road Nockamixon Township

July 26, 2014

Central Bucks South HS 1100 Folly Road Warrington Township

The closest hazardous waste collections are:

July 19, 2014

Central Bucks South HS 1100 Folly Road Warrington Township

June 21, 2014

Upper Bucks Vo-Tech School 3115 Ridge Road Bedminster Township

The following will accept both hazardous waste and electronics:

August 16, 2014

Quakertown Community High School 600 Park Avenue (Rear Lot) Quakertown Borough

For more details, call the Bucks County Planning Commission, 215-345-3400.

Around Town

The AROUND TOWN column will be a regular column in our newsletter. We'd like to make it a column about residents and businesses in the Borough who have special events, and we'd like to acknowledge good deeds. If there is a birth, marriage, milestone anniversary, special birthday, someone in the family graduating college, getting special honors for academic and/or business achievement, someone that performs a good deed or gets special recognition, please let us know by contacting Marie Esher Coia at 215-348-4586 or email nbbtreasurer@comcast.com

Hair & Nail Salon Celebrates One Year in Business & Launches Website

A.Bella Hair Design & Boutique, a hair and nail salon located on Butler Avenue across from the Town Center Shopping Center and next to the BP gas station, is proud to celebrate its first full year of business. The salon provides a range of exemplary hair, nail and waxing services for the whole family and offers seasonal beauty accessories and a gift boutique for a range of shopping needs. Congratulations on a successful year!



In conjunction with its one-year anniversary, the salon has launched a website, www.abellashairdesign.com. The new website features information on its mission, hair and nail stylists, services, photo gallery and much more-a resource for the salon's customers. In addition to the launching the website, A. Bella has hired Debbie Bergman, an experience stylist of 10 years. For more information, visit the website or call 215-341-6456.



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Zachary J. Strouse, Eagle Scout

For his Eagle Scout project, Zach Strouse of Boy Scout Troop 41, constructed an eight-foot by eight-foot garden shed for the newly established Community Garden in Orchard Park open space recently purchased by New Britain Borough. The shed is a wonderful addition to the Community Garden and provides a safe place for the storage of tools for the garden.

At his Eagle Scout of Honor ceremony, Zach thanked his Scoutmaster and the leaders, scouts and parents of Troop 41, and his parents. He had a special thank you to Jo Schuler, for all of her help and direction in getting his Eagle project off the ground and helping him throughout the entire process.

Also at his ceremony, Zach was presented with a certificate of achievement from New Britain Borough's Mayor Holewinski with a very special thank you for building the shed.

Visit the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve

Now that spring is here, New Britain Borough's Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve will be blooming. Especially enjoyable is Miram's Meadow on Landis Mill road. It is one of the best wild flower meadows in southeastern Pennsylvania. Thanks to a PECO Grant, matching funds from the Groner endowment, and a tremendous volunteer effort, the Nature Preserve is much more accessible with signage, benches, and native plants. Please join us for an open house "Summer's in the Meadow" planned for Saturday, June 21, 1 to 4 PM. You can learn more about the preserve at www.WilmaQuinlan Preserve.org, and we would love to add your name and contact information to the Friends of the Preserve. Contact Peter LaMontagne at NBBoro@comcast.net.



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Spotlight on Borough Businesses

We are highlighting a different Borough business in each newsletter to help promote them so they can continue to be viable and prosperous-which benefits us all. We will also inform you of new businesses in the Borough. Small business provides goods, services, and employment to the community. Please shop and frequent our Borough businesses.

McCabe and Brady

Physical Therapy

100 Town Center Shopping Center New Britain 267-247-5049 mccabebradypt.com

McCabe and Brady Physical Therapy was established in 2005 by Frank McCabe and Doug Brady. They began treating patients in the Warminster area and in April 2013 opened the New Britain office at 100 Town Center.

McCabe and Brady Physical Therapy work closely with the surrounding physicians and orthopedic and spine specialists located Philadelphia. They have become the first choice of some physicians when recommending physical therapy. As health care practitioners and business owners, they take great pride in providing their patients with individualized care that combines superior clinical and diagnostic reasoning with manual therapy techniques to successfully evaluate and treat all neuromuscular and orthopedic conditions. Utilizing this problemsolving approach to guide their patients treatment allows them to achieve results even when other physical therapy treatments may have previously failed.

Their specialties include treating the spine and joints using the McKenzie method, manual physical therapy, joint replacement/post-surgical rehab, shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, hip, knee, ankle and foot injuries, repetitive use injuries such as tennis elbow, golfer's elbow & plantar faciitis, geriatric conditioning and balance training, vestibular rehabilitation including canalith repositioning for vertigo/dizziness.

Their patients' needs and progress are continually reassessed, and their treatment plan will evolve and change with the patients' progress. Patient education and self treatment techniques are an integral aspect of all their treatment plans. As a result, their patients are better prepared to treat themselves and prevent recurrence.

Should you need an appointment at McCabe and Brady Physical Therapy, please call 267-247-5049 or visit www.mccabebradypt.com.

New Britain Welcomes New Businesses to the Borough

Majestic Dry Cleaners

432 Town Center Shopping Center New Britain, PA 18901 267-247-5602

Experienced, professional organic dry cleaning at a reasonable price. They dry clean almost everything including mens, womens and childrens clothing, comforters, drapes, leather, suede, wedding gowns and prom dresses. 25 years experience in the dry cleaning business. Expert in all types of alterations including original jeans hemming, wedding gown, prom dress and tailoring. They even do shoe repairs.

Store Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A & J Picture Framing

424 Town Center Shopping Center New Britain, PA 18901 267-454-7529 ajpictureframingus.com

With 20 years experience, framer/owner Alberto Poblano, offers the most competitive prices in the area with 100% satisfaction. Choose regular, non-glare or conservation glass and acid free rag mats for the framing of any type of art work, limited editions, diplomas, photos, posters, fabrics, etc. at warehouse prices. From antique to contemporary styles, you will be able to choose from hundreds of frames. Whether it's a diploma or an exotic Indian rug, A & J Picture Framing promises to always deliver the best quality guaranteed.

Contact them for quality framing with expert knowledge. Store Hours: Tuesday 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



The first step in protecting our streams and waterways:

Managing our own yards and disposing of yard waste responsibly

- 1. Dispose of leaves, grass clippings, and yard waste properly (outside of flood and waterways where they can be washed downstream causing pollution and possibly blocking pipes, inlets and restrictions in streams). If you notice an inlet clogged, either call the Borough or safely clear the grate and dispose of the debris properly.
- 2. Direct your mower discharge back onto your yards, not into the streets where it is quickly washed into streams.
- 3. Minimize lawn fertilizer use as this is one of the largest contributors to stream pollution. Remember, the less you fertilize the less you have to cut the grass. It's best to only spot fertilize where necessary, this will save money also.
- 4. Pool owners are required to discharge water responsibly as per Borough and PADEP rules and regulations. The Clean Stream Law prohibits the discharge of chemically contaminated water into streams or storm sewers. Contaminated pool water quickly makes its way to streams where aquatic life can be harmed or killed.
- 5. Dispose of hazardous materials properly at hazardous waste drop offs, before the containers begin to leak, no one wants to be responsible for a toxic spill clean-up. Be sure to store any hazardous materials (paint, oil, anti-freeze, etc.) in safe places outside of the floodplain. Unexpected stream high water levels and stormwater pick up pollutants and cause catastrophic pollution issues. Additional stormwater information is available at: http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdsms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf°.
- 6. 'Rain barrels' are a great way to conserve water and save on your water bill during the dry summer months ahead. Simply place a 55 gallon drum under one or more of your downspouts with a valve and a hose bib at the bottom, then use to water your garden / yard. The rain barrels act as little detention basins that help decrease stream flooding. Decorative wooden wine / rain barrels are a great way to spruce up a porch.
- 'Rain gardens' are also a popular method of decreasing runoff and beautifying your property with landscaping and / or water features.
- 8. If you notice illegal dumping or drainage activities, please report it immediately to New Britain Borough at 215-348-4586.

Tree removal:

The Borough has ordinances to protect our community from excess tree removal and to protect specimen trees. Property owners are restricted from removing greater than 20% of 'wooded areas'. In addition, healthy trees which exceed sixteen (16) inches in caliber shall be preserved, or replaced (with smaller trees). Please check with the Borough prior to removing trees/wooded areas.

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

Moments with the Mayor

At the April meeting a resolution will be introduced to participate in the Junior Council Person Program developed by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. The program is an excellent opportunity to get the youth of the borough to participate in the governing process of their community. We believe



that the outreach of both the Borough to the youth and the youth to the Borough is the start of building our Borough toward the future.

This program allows for a high school Junior or Senior to serve as a Junior Member of the Borough Council, they will; take an oath of office, serve one year to coincide with the school year, attend monthly borough council meetings, budget sessions and any other "special" meetings. The Junior Council Member will also be seated on the council and participate in any and all business of the meetings and they must observe all borough council meeting rules. They will not be allowed to vote nor will they be allowed to attend any "executive" sessions.

We will be contacting the principals, teachers and student leaders at both CB South and CB West to make them aware of the program. We ask that if you know of a student who may be interested that you inform them that they should submit a letter of interest to borough council by dropping it off at the borough office before August 15th, 2014 for our first Junior Council Person Program event. We will swear in our first candidate at the September, 2014 Council Meeting.

Enjoy the spring, and please continue to attend our monthly Council Meeting, we like to know what our residents are thinking and invite your participation.

David Holewinski



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 Jeffrey Gilmore.

How long have you been on Council?

I was elected in the fall of 2011 and began my first term in January of 2012. At present I am two years into my first term.

Why did you decide to run for Council?

I've always been a civic minded individual and wanted to become involved in my local community. I started by serving on the zoning hearing board for a few years. There was not a great deal of development taking place in the Borough, hence there were not many requests for zoning variances. In my final years on the board we were only meeting 1-2 times a year. At the same time I was also the majority inspector of elections, which meant giving up only a few days a year. In 2011 I decided that I wanted to increase my level of contribution to the Borough. I learned that there were a few vacancies on Borough council and thought that this would be a great opportunity for me to become more involved. Lo and behold I made the ballot and won a council position in the fall of 2011along with Joe Cangelosi and Peter LaMontagne.

How long have you lived in the Borough?

I have lived in the Borough a majority of my life. When I was born, my family lived on Cedar Drive. We subsequently moved to Aarons Avenue, where I lived for 18 years. I moved *far away* to Doylestown for 4 years. In 1989 Mary and I got engaged and began looking at properties to build our home. I was working for Gilmore & Associates (where the Sweet, Stevens, Katz, and Williams firm is presently located). My brother told me that the land across the street was being developed and asked me if we'd like to purchase a lot. We were the first buyers on Heritage Lane and have lived there since 1990.

What is your profession?

Currently I am the Director of International Accounting for PARIS Technologies. I'm also heavily involved in Business Development. I've spent most of the past 30 years as a finance executive. I have also owned two businesses, one being a payroll service and the other a finance management consulting firm. I also teach finance courses as an adjunct professor at Delaware Valley College.

Are you married?

Yes, for over 23 years the love of my life, Mary, has been by my side. She is my rock and none of my accomplishments would've been possible without her.



Do you have children?

We have one son, Rob. It's hard to believe that he's 22. He graduated from St. Jude and attended Lansdale Catholic. Ultimately he graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy and is presently enrolled at Bucks County Community College. He plans on finishing his undergraduate studies

at Temple with a major in sports management. We're very proud of Rob. He's an Eagle Scout from New Britain Borough's Troop 36. His Eagle Project involved restoring the basketball court and surrounding benches at the Covered Bridge Park. Rob is also in the Air Force Reserves and is interning with Congressman Fitzpatrick.

Any volunteer activities other than Council?

I have been involved with the Boy Scouts for over 15 years. Currently I serve on the Executive Board for the Bucks County Boy Scout Council.

I have recently become involved with Bringing Hope Home, a non-profit that provides for the families of cancer patients. Based in Conshohocken, we are in the process of organizing a 5k Fun Run/Walk in the Central Bucks area.

Do you have any hobbies?

I love being outdoors doing yard work, etc.. Hiking with our Sheltie, Bronwyn, is a favorite activity. I also am an ardent supporter of the Philadelphia Eagles. I occasionally enjoy some of the other Philly sports teams, but football is my passion.

What goals do you have for the Borough?

Lately we've talked a lot about the future vision of the Borough. The Borough is poised as the gateway between Doylestown and Montgomeryville. As such we have a number of opportunities for growth that will allow us to revitalize the Borough. I would like to see us create new development and land uses and capitalize on key assets such as Delaware Valley College, the Knoell property, and the former Cayuga Pipe property. A significant factor of this vision is the walkability of the Borough. To me this includes completing our part of the county's bike and hike system. It also includes having sidewalks running the length of Butler Avenue through the Borough. Additionally, I would love to remove the current power/communication lines along Butler Avenue and have them run underground.

What would you like people to know about you?

I mentioned that I'm a native of the Borough. However, ancestors of the Gilmore family first arrived in Bucks County nearly 375 years ago.

The Borough's 2013 revenue and expenses are now on our website along with the 2014 budget.

www.newbritainboro.com

Calendar of Community Events		
Friday, April 25, 2 p.m8 p.m. Saturday & Sunday-April 26 & 27, 10:00 a.m6:00 p.m.	Delaware Valley College's annual A-Day Celebration. 700 East Butler Ave, New Britain.	
Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m7 p.m.	Bucks County Wellness Center's 4 th Annual Community Wellness Day at The Market at Delaware Valley College.	
Sunday, April 27, 8:00a.m12:00 p.m.	Chalfont Fire Co Buffet Breakfast, 301 N. Main St. Chalfont.	
Sunday, April 27, 3:00 p.m5:00 p.m.	Bucks County Symphony Concert, Central Bucks South HS.	
Saturday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.	DelVal Symphonic Band Concert at the new Life Science Theater at Delaware Valley College.	
Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m12:30 p.m.	Chalfont Fire Co Turkey Hoagie sale, 301 N. Main St.Chalfont.	
Sunday, June 1, 11:00 a.m4:00 p.m.	Chalfont Fire Co Chicken BBQ take out, 301 N. Main St.Chalfont.	
Friday, June 13, 8:00 p.m., Saturday, June 14, 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.	Bucks County Gilbert and Sullivan Society presents "Princess Ida". Full orchestra, costumes & staging in the new Life Science Theater at Delaware Valley College.	
Saturday, June 22, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Summers in the Meadow at the Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve.	

Summer Camp



June 30 to August 8, 2014 (6 weeks)

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays (fair weather only)

An exciting array of supervised programs are planned at this year's summer camp including arts and crafts, sports and special event days.

Ages: Children age six (or starting first grade in September) through age 12.

Location: Covered Bridge Community Park, Keeley Avenue **Pre-registration is required** at New Britain Borough Administration Building, 45 Keeley Avenue. **No on-site registration**.

Registration dates:

New Britain Borough residents: April 7- June 27

New Britain Township and Chalfont Borough residents:

April 14 - June 27

All municipalities including those listed above:

April 21- June 27

Registration forms are available at the Borough office or on the Borough website: www.newbritainboro.com.

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

Residents - First child: \$205

Each additional child in family: \$200

Non-residents: First child: \$255 Each additional child in family: \$250

4th of July Parade



Be part of the fun!

The 2014 parade will be held on **Friday, July 4**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. It will start at Town Center on Route 202 and end at 207 Park Avenue. This tri-municipal parade is hosted by New Britain Township, New Britain Borough and Chalfont Borough.

Floats from neighborhoods, organizations and businesses are welcome. Floats will be judged for Most Patriotic, Most Original and Most Humorous. Also needed are marching bands, Scout Troops, dancers, etc. Prizes are awarded and complimentary refreshments provided to participants.

The parade will also feature antique cars, and fire trucks. You're encouraged to decorate your bikes and baby strollers in a patriotic theme.

Local businesses are encouraged to get involved with this family-oriented community event. Please consider becoming a sponsor. Call the New Britain Township office, 215-822-1391.

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Spring is Here!

Property owners are reminded to keep grass and weeds to a height not to exceed eight inches. The purpose is not only to keep the community neat and attractive, but to protect residents from possible health risks associated with overgrowth.



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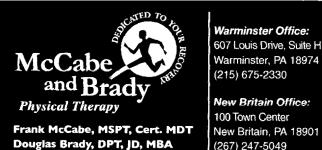
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New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor: David Holewinski

Council: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM

Jeffrey Gilmore, President; Mary Pat Holewinski, Vice-President; Joseph Cangelosi; Robyne Kelemen;

Lori Kesilman; Peter LaMontagne; Margaret Remmey

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

Commission: David Holewinski, Chairman; Karl Dieterichs, Vice Chair; Denise Spence, Secretary;

Joseph Cangelosi; Paul Land; Michael T. Parke; Rick Eggleston; William Macklem; Tom Price;

Michael Stanislaw

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

Hearing Board: Robert Bair, Chairman; Anthony Coia, Vice Chair; Andrea Antell; John Wolff, Jr.; David Ziegfried;

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

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

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

Newsletter Contributor & Coordinator: Marie Esher Coia

The following Borough personnel are located at the Borough Building, 45 Keeley Avenue. Phone 215-348-4586. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Website: www.newbritainboro.com Email: NBBORO@comcast.net

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Treasurer: Marie Esher Coia	Zoning Officer: Thomas Yatsky
Roadmaster Mark Hintenlang	

Building Inspector and Fire Marshal: Dan Jenkins, Keystone Municipal Services **EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911**