

New Britain Borough



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***New Britain Borough and
the Community and
Business Committee
Would like to Invite all
Borough Residents and
Business people to a
Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, May 2nd
7:30 p.m.
Delaware Valley College
Student Center Coffee
House, 2nd floor***

We are pleased to announce that two design student teams from Delaware Valley Colleges' Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Science will be presenting their study, recommendations, and plans for their respective ideas on Reinventing New Britain Borough as a regional destination and creating a plan for the future. A major part of this study will be recommendations and plans for physical and beautification improvements of the old Route 202 / Butler Avenue corridor. The ultimate goal of this study is to find sustainable solutions to sustain this plan into the future. Please plan to attend.



Historic Preservation Committee

The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee was formed by the Planning Commission in 2005 to create a framework for a positive coexistence between the past and future. If you have an interest in local history, please join the committee.

The Committee's first objective was to establish an historic preservation overlay zone to provide control over demolition of historic buildings and help in controlling additional commercial development along Butler Avenue.

Mission: The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee's mission is to preserve our historic properties and artifacts and to enhance citizen enjoyment of our history through public education and access.

What we do:

- Provide programs for the enjoyment and education of our citizens. Some examples include An Evening Reminiscing about Forest Park with Robert L. Showalter and John Malack; Researching Our Historic Homes with Jeffrey Marshall; A Postcard History: Chalfont and New Britain by Robert L. Showalter; Culture of Eastern Woodland Indians with Wesley Dunn and Walking Tours of the Ancient Cemetery at the New Britain Baptist Church with Bill and RuthAnn Focht.
- Maintain an inventory of historic properties in the overlay zone and on-going research about the history of the properties and their inhabitants.
- Protect historic artifacts and documents with a long term goal of procuring a space to house and display them for public enjoyment and education.
- Participate in Wreaths Across America. December 2012 was our first time participating in WAA. Donations from our local residents' were used to purchase wreaths to honor each of 75 known veteran graves in the historic New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery. The ceremony coincided with over 750 memorial ceremonies all across the country in collaboration with WAA. We plan to continue this ceremony every year.
- Targeted involvement in the community and political process to protect and/or enhance historic properties and create a pleasing integration of those properties with future development. The committee was responsible for the restoration and rededication of the Walter Harvey WW I Memorial.

The meeting day and time for the Committee have been changed to the fourth Monday of the month, beginning with April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Office. All are welcome.

Around Town

AROUNDTOWN is a regular column in our newsletter. It is a section about residents and businesses in the borough who have special events, and we'd like to acknowledge good deeds. If there is a birth, marriage, milestone anniversary, special birthday, someone in the family graduating college, getting special honors for academic and/or business achievement, someone that performs a good deed or gets special recognition, please let us know by calling Marie Esher Coia at 215-348-1043 or email mecoia@verizon.net.

Congratulations Graduate!

Ariel Marie Ries, of West Butler Avenue, graduates on May 4, 2013 from the Pennsylvania State University's College of Arts & Architecture with a degree in Landscape Architecture, a 5 year program. Her minors were Art History & Architectural History. She was on the Dean's List every semester.

Ariel now seeks a position with a company that will utilize her combination of creative & technical design skills for large projects such as resorts, zoos, entertainment complexes or restoration projects.

Engaged: Victoria & Brian

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Linda Cangelosi of Keeley Avenue are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Victoria Cangelosi to Brian Guentter of Hatfield.

Victoria is a 2003 graduate of Central Bucks High School West and a 2006 graduate of Penn State-University Park. She works for the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, PA and part time for Keller Williams Real Estate in Blue Bell, PA. She is also a business owner; she owns Smelly Cat Soaps, where she makes soap (www.SmellyCatSoaps.com) and co-owns Crow Canyon Jewelry (www.CrowCanyonJewelry.com).

Brian is a 2004 graduate of North Penn High School, a 2008 and 2009 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and will graduate from the University at Buffalo with a DDS in May.

The two met as teenagers, when both worked at Clemens Family Markets in New Britain. An October 2013 wedding is planned.

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Hair Café Celebrates Anniversary

The Hair Café hair salon, in the Town Center Shopping Center, celebrated its fifth year anniversary on Friday, March 8 with refreshments and a ribbon cutting sponsored by the **Chalfont-New Britain Business Alliance (CNBBA)**. The owners of the Hair Café, Linda and Tom Rasmussen and their employees, would like to thank all who shared in their celebration. They also appreciate the support of their patrons who helped them raise \$715 to be donated to help in the rebuilding of Kids Castle. In addition, they want to thank New Britain Borough for its support of small family businesses in the community.

The Hair Café offers all hair services including cuts, colors, high lights, low lights, relaxers, texture perms and keratin treatments. For more info call 215-230-3343 or visit thehaircafe.biz.

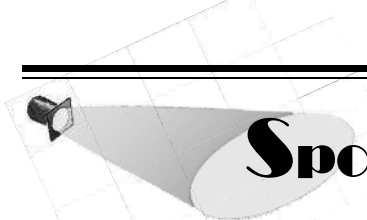


Joining in the Hair Café celebration standing from left to right are: Pat Schimony, Hair Café; Amy Price, Save Kids Castle; Louise Hettler, Hair Café; Susan Stroh, Wellington Photography; Candice Raabe, Hair Café; Mary Callanan, Hair Café; David Holewinski, Mayor New Britain Borough, Robert Showalter, CNBBA & Showalter and Associates; Linda Rasmussen, owner Hair Café; Kate Knoble, CNBBA & Univest Bank; Lisa Wuko, CNBBA & McQuaite Chiropractic Center; Scott Stokes, CNBBA & SWAT Pest Control. Kneeling in the front row from left to right are: Dawn Byers, Save Kids Castle; Dale Rimmer, CNBBA & Dale Rimmer Siding; Kathleen Cauffman, Hair Café; Dawn Breen, Hair Café; Taylor Breen, Hair Café; and sitting is Diane Kelly, Hair Café.

Photo compliments of Wellington Photography.

Breaking News

The Borough has received County Open Space Board approval to purchase approximately 5 acres at 225 Keeley Avenue with County funding. Settlement is expected the end of April. The Borough is hoping to use part of the property as a community garden.



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.

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Dr. Ceresi and her staff strive to educate patients about their dental health in a caring and conservative manner. They present custom treatment options that not only suit the needs of each patient, but optimize oral health. Dr. Ceresi contributes to various fund raising projects throughout the community. The staff uses Pink Ribbon™ clinical supplies (5% of purchase proceeds go toward breast cancer research). They also care for our community by providing a latex free and an amalgam (mercury filling) free environment. They also use digital xray technology which minimizes radiation exposure.

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- Invisalign®
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- Smile makeovers using lumineer® veneers and crowns
- Implant restorations

Dr. Ceresi and her staff can help you with your dental needs so stop by and meet the team to see what they can do for you and your family! Or call to make an appointment. They welcome new patients and have convenient hours.

New Britain Welcomes New Businesses to the Borough

A.Bella Hair Design & Boutique

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There is a new hair/nail salon that has been recently renovated and remodeled to make everyone feel relaxed and comfortable. The salon offers many hair care services such as haircuts/styling, highlighting/lowlighting, color, perms and the New Keratin Smoothing Treatment. The salon also specializes in Bridal/special occasion hairstyle and bridal parties. Nail care consists of manicures, pedicures, acrylic nails, pink and white and OPI gel polish nails in a private oasis for full relaxation and pampering. Skin care is facial waxing and tweezing. Besides all hair/nail services there is a Boutique that has many gifts items of jewelry, purses, accessories, lotions, and it is ever changing as the seasons do.

Bargain Book Warehouse

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The Bargain Book Warehouse has a great selection of books for everyone. They have fantastic deals everyday with new books coming in regularly. 10% discount offered to teachers, grandparents and seniors. Find them on Facebook. They are opened Monday through Saturday 9am to 8pm and Sunday 10 to 6 p.m. Please come in and browse. They look forward to seeing you soon!

Support our borough businesses

Borough Treasures

Van Toor's Store and Post Office 2 West Butler Avenue

One of the oldest buildings in the borough sits at the corner of South Tamenend and Butler Avenues. Today it is Executive Commons and houses Welcome Tours and the Relocation and Referral Center; but to old timers in the area, it will always be known as "Van Toor's Store." In 1753, the original land owners, Thomas and Jane James, deeded a small lot to one Rebecca Humphrey, widow. She afterward married William Thomas, who probably built a log house on the lot before 1760, the first at the crossroads and the only house at the time in New Britain Village.

From 1794 until 1816, Alice Gray owned the property and kept a store. Around 1840, Benjamin Mathews built the adjacent stone house for his daughter. It is not clear if a store operated from the property between 1816 and 1877, although it is probable. Jesse and Mary Ann Shay bought the property and kept a store from 1877-1882. The next owner of the property, from 1882 until 1907, was William Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins manufactured kid gloves and also chamois skin gloves for the use of employees of the Philadelphia Mint. Although he owned the property at the crossroads, Mr. Hawkins lived in a house on North Tamenend, now the Hawkins- Moxey House. He started the growing of water cress in the stream flowing from the old baptistery in the church yard below the Walter Harvey Memorial to be used by the people of New Britain. In 1907, Mary Whitehead became the owner of the property. She was the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Manlove Whitehead who lived in the New Britain Baptist Church Parsonage next door to Mr. Hawkins.

As early as 1886, Paul Van Toor worked in the store helping a Mr. Barclay for one year and then clerking for Mr. Hawkins for five years. Mr. Hawkins asked Mr. Van Toor to take over the store in April 1892 then on March 31, 1897, during President William McKinley's administration, Mr. Van Toor was appointed Postmaster and operated the Post Office from his store.



Mr. Van Toor assumed ownership of the property in 1915 and made extensive alterations in the store part of the property, changing the entrance from the side to the front, facing the highway and installing two large windows. When electricity became available, he added refrigeration, a coffee grinder and meat cutter.

On August 5, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a retirement act, which required all Fourth Class Postmasters, age seventy or older, to automatically retire from the office on January 31, 1940. As Mr. Van Toor explained in a letter to his friend Louise P. Burkart, he was at that time seventy one years old and came under the new act. Mr. Van Toor then affixed the letter with his last post mark as Postmaster after having served under eight US Presidents and having made some 40,000 trips to the train to pick up the mail.

Mr. Van Toor, just shy of his 75th birthday, decided to close his store on March 31, 1943 after 52 years serving his neighbors. His decision was a result of a government mandated point rationing system. He was quoted in the paper as saying "What's the use; you can't get merchandise to sell. I can see the handwriting on the wall. Rationing is a real headache for the small merchant who is really being driven out of business." A sentiment heard often today from small business people regarding government programs. In retirement, Mr. Van Toor and his wife, Edna, worked a Victory Garden.

Submitted by Donna von Lipsey

Excerpted from: The History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Chapter XXIII, New Britain, by WWH Davis, 1876 edition; The Evening Bulletin, March 25, 1943 and New Britain Borough Bicentennial Issue, January 1976, article by Louise P. Burkart.

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.



Councilwoman Margaret "Peg" Remmey

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 Margaret "Peg" Remmey, Vice President of Council.

How long have you been on Council? Over six years. Prior to Council, I was on the Zoning Hearing Board for four years.

Why did you decide to run for Council? I wanted to have more input in decision-making and a greater involvement in the community.

How long have you lived in the Borough? 19 years.

Are you married? I am married to John Remmey who serves on the Borough Planning Commission.

Do you have children? I have three children: Charley, Meredith, and Ashley.

What is your profession? I have been an emergency room registrar at Doylestown Hospital for 25 years. I've seen the emergency room go from seven beds to the 40 beds they have currently.

Any other volunteer activities other than Council? Volunteer for the MS Society.

Do you have any hobbies? I practice yoga and love to walk a few miles a few times a week.

What goals do you have for the Borough? Continue to be part of the enhancement of the Borough and assist the Borough with embracing new technologies.

What would you like people to know about you? I would like people to know that I was born in a small town where my family was very involved in the community. Early in my life I was exposed to the importance of community involvement be it a town issue as well as the concern and welfare of the people in the community. I would like the community to know that I am committed to maintaining our Borough as a nice place to live. I will strive to be an informed decision-maker as we continue to face many challenges.

Can You Help?

The New Britain Borough Council recently established a committee, the Appointment Advisory Committee, to identify and recommend individuals to Borough Council for consideration for appointments to the various boards, commissions and committees. The committee will keep a database of interested individuals who will be contacted when vacancies occur. Some of the positions the committee will consider applicants for are, but not limited to, Borough Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Nature Preserve Committee, Community and Business Committee, and the Historic Preservation Committee. We will highlight one of the boards, commissions, and committees in each future newsletter. This newsletter will highlight the **Planning Commission**.

The New Britain Borough Planning Commission, an advisory board to the Borough Council, consists of seven appointed members. The commission members serve without compensation. They provide guidance and advice on planning and land use issues within the borough. They meet the third Tuesday of nearly every month to transact the business of the commission. State laws, including the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247), requires the planning commission review plans of proposed land development as well as sub-division of existing tax parcels. In addition, the Planning Commission develops and recommends to Borough Council the Borough Open Space Plan and Borough Comprehensive Plans. The Planning Commission has a professional planning consultant, a municipal engineer, and a code enforcement person to provide guidance and technical knowledge to the Commission members. There are no vacancies at the present time so interested residents can put their names on a waiting list.

Submit a CV, resume, letter or email expressing your interest in a particular position with your qualifications and/or experiences to 45 Keeley Ave., New Britain, 18901 or nbboro@comcast.net.

Please consider participating in your local government. You can have an impact on the future of our borough and get to know your neighbors at the same time.

Do I Need a Permit for my home project?

Check with the Borough before beginning any home-improvement projects. Requirements vary, but the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires the Borough to issue permits for home-improvement projects, including electrical, mechanical, structural or plumbing work. As a result of getting a permit, an inspector will check the work. Inspections provide a measure of safety to protect your life and property.

Common Projects That Require Permits:

- Re-roofing
- Building a deck
- Installing electrical outlets
- Remodeling kitchens or bathrooms
- Installing a pool, spa or hot tub
- Building an addition, including seasonal rooms
- Installing appliances and replacements such as furnaces, boilers, water heaters, and fireplaces
- Finishing a basement

If you are planning to make home improvements, contact the Borough to find out what building safety code provisions apply and if you need a permit.

If you're considering cutting down trees on your property, please contact the Borough before doing so.



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Town Hall Meeting of March 5th

The Town Hall meeting, hosted by New Britain Borough and the Borough's Community and Business Committee, was a great success! Many thanks to Lynn Bush, Executive Director of the Bucks County Planning Commission, and a Planning Commission staff member, Matt Walters, for facilitating and organizing the content of the event. Almost 100 Borough residents and businesses attended. It was held at the Delaware Valley College Coffeehouse conference room on the second floor of the Student Center. Thank you to all who attended. It is important for Borough officials to hear what is important to the residents and businesses.

It was an interactive meeting in many ways. First, Ms. Bush began the discussion with examples of why New Britain Borough is a special place. After that she opened the floor for residents and businesses to speak their minds about what they liked about New Britain and what they thought needed improvement. Ms. Bush and her staff prepared and handed out a questionnaire for the attendees to fill out. A couple examples of the questions are: *list the five most important things New Britain Borough could do to help generate economic development and revitalization in the Borough* and *should the Borough work to create a centrally-located town commons where special events and civic gathering can take place*. Ms. Bush and her staff also prepared display boards with various questions and ways the attendees could cast their votes and prioritize what is important to them.

We will report on the responses in more detail in future issues, but what a majority of participants think is important and would like the Borough to focus on is a more walkable community and to enhance and beautify the look of the Butler Avenue.



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Save the Date!

The Borough Hall at 56 Keeley Avenue turns 100 years old this year. It was built in 1913 so the Historic Preservation Committee will hold a day-long event on Saturday, September 21 to commemorate the building and the people, The Literary and Library Society, who built it.



Spring is Here!

Property owners are required to keep grass and weeds to a height not to exceed 8 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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Moments with the Mayor

Spring has brought some flowers and early spring brought us some snow and cold. But, that should all be behind us. That brings me to the “community garden” that I mentioned in my last comments to all of you. The “community garden” is moving forward and anyone interested in becoming a member of the garden should contact Andrea Antell at 215-896-7554 or via email aaantell1@verizon.net. I’m sure she will be able to answer any questions you may have.



Sushi is coming to New Britain, the Asian Fusion and Sushi restaurant, in the shopping center, should be opening sometime in early May. The Borough Community and Business Committee, as well as the Borough officials, are working with the people who are looking to develop the Knoll Property as well as the old Bitzer Cleaners Property to help them achieve their goals in concert with the overall vision of the Butler Avenue Corridor development.

Our Borough Engineer and our Traffic Consultant are working diligently to improve the operation of the traffic signals at Butler Avenue and Tamenend Avenue as well as the signal on Butler Avenue at the shopping center. It may take some time but I’m sure their persistence will pay off in the end.

The Borough is putting the final touches on our new Website and I’m sure it will be not only be user friendly but a great vehicle to disseminate information to the residents. If there is something you feel needs the attention of our Borough Officials I encourage you to contact the Borough Office or please attend our monthly Borough Council Meeting held at Borough Hall the second Tuesday of every month beginning at 7:30 p.m.

David Holewinski

Notes from the Borough Police

Commendation for Bravery

Officer Edward Kraft was presented a Commendation for Bravery at the April 9, 2013 Borough meeting. On June 17, 2012, Officer Kraft responded to shots fired to assist an officer at Bittersweet Drive in Doylestown Township. Officer Kraft took a position on the perimeter of the house from where rifle fire was emitting. He did not retreat from his position, despite coming under fire from the suspect, who fired more than 100 rounds over the course of several hours. Officer Kraft's actions that day protected life, were done without regard to his personal safety and were in the highest traditions of police service.

Police Merger

New Britain Borough Police and Doylestown Borough Police continue to work on the police merger. Currently, a Charter Agreement to create a Police Commission is under review.

Identity Theft

It is especially important to take preventative measures. The first step is to photocopy all of the information contained in your wallet, both fronts and backs. If you lose your credit card, report it to the financing institution immediately. The second is to request credit reports from each of the three major companies. Review your credit report to any unauthorized activity. By federal law, a person can request a free report once a year from Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Other tips include keeping important information in a safe, updating virus protection software, using secure Internet browsers, being cautious when responding to promotional offers, picking up new checks from the bank instead of ordering them through the mail, and deleting all personal information before disposing of a computer. Victims should file a report with the police to document the theft.



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Skateboard Ordinance

As a reminder, skateboarding in parking lots and on Borough roads is prohibited. Please encourage youngsters to adhere to this ordinance. Possible citations can be issued for violating the ordinance which holds a fine of up to \$300.

Vacation House Checks

Vacation season will soon be upon us. Call the New Britain Borough Police Department at 215-345-1080 and request a vacation house check while you're away. An Officer will check the exterior of your home at various times during your absence.

Are You Okay?

NBBPD offers a FREE telephone reassurance program to it's elderly and disabled residents. This service is for those who do not have daily contact with family or friends. The program consists of daily check-in phone call with the police. If a phone call is not received within the time that you specify, a phone call will be made to your home. If the police are unable to contact you, calls will be made to your designated emergency contact that you provide to us. If the police are still unable to locate you, an Officer will be sent to your home to check on your well being. If you are interested in further details or signing up, please stop by the police station during business hours or give us a call 215-345-1080.

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What makes New Britain Borough unique

- More open space owned by the municipality and the Civic Association as a percentage of total area than any municipality in Bucks County
- 14 acre Covered Bridge Park
- 23 acre Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve
- Miriam Groner Historic Home & Meadow
- World War I Memorial rededicated and restored in 2011 “To All Who Serve”
- A Lovely Historic District
- A Shopping center within walking distance for many residents with a large grocery, a drug store, a bank, various specialty stores and restaurants
- Historic New Britain Baptist Church
- Delaware Valley College
- Historic cemetery with veterans interred from the Revolutionary War through the Civil War
- Home of Bucks County folk Music Shop, one of the oldest acoustic stringed instrument stores in the U.S.
- Pine Valley Covered Bridge built in 1842
- Home of Peace Valley Tile Works
- Small town Americana – Fourth of July Parade; Duck Derby; astronomy in the park; children’s summer camp
- Minutes to Fordhook Farm – the former Burpee Estate
- Only a few miles to Doylestown the county seat of Bucks County
- Minutes to the Mercer Museum, Spruance Library, Fonthill Castle and Michener Museum
- Minutes to Peace Valley Park and Lake Galena, a county-owned 1500 acre recreational area
- A short distance to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
- Minutes to Doylestown Hospital recently voted among the 100 Best Hospitals in the U.S.
- Proximity to restaurants of every cuisine and price range
- Only a few miles to shopping in Doylestown and Montgomeryville
- Proximity to Peddler’s Village and New Hope
- Minutes to the Delaware River
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Protect our Streams and Waterways

Managing our own yards and disposing of yard waste responsibly is the first step in protecting our streams:

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 is damaged 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.
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.
7. ‘Rain gardens’ are also becoming a popular method of decreasing runoff and beautifying your property.
8. If you notice illegal dumping or drainage activities, please report it immediately to New Britain Borough at 215-348-4586.



Calendar of Community Events

Saturday, April 20 - 8:00-10:00 AM	Earth Day Clean Up sponsored by the Chalfont-New Britain Business Alliance - cnbba.org
Saturday, April 20 - 3:00-10:00 PM	Concert to Benefit Kids Castle sponsored by the Chalfont-New Britain Business Alliance - cnbba.org
Sunday, April 21 – 3:00 PM	Delaware Valley College Chorale- Student Center Auditorium
Friday, April 26 thru Sunday-April 28	A-Day at Delaware Valley College- a student organized event that benefits the A-Day Scholarship Fund
Saturday, April 27 - 12:00-3:00 PM	Community Wellness Day at Lenape Middle School sponsored by the Bucks County Wellness Centre - buckscountywellnesscentre.com
Saturday, April 27 - 10 AM - 3 PM	BC Habitat - Woman Build Shopping Boutique. Chalfont United Methodist Church
Sunday, Apr 28 - 3:00-5:00 PM	Bucks County Symphony Spring Concert at Central Bucks South High School – buckscountysymphony.org
Thursday, May 2 - 7:30 PM	New Britain Borough and Delaware Valley College's Design Studio IV class Public Meeting in the Coffee House on the 2nd floor of the Student Center building
Saturday, May 4 - 9:00 to 1:00 PM	Car Wash to benefit Sr. High Youth Mission trip- Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 5 - 3:00 PM	Delaware Valley College Symphonic Band Concert: Student Center Auditorium
Saturday, May 11 - 7:00-9:30 PM	Martha & Mary's Coffeehouse hosted by Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church
Thursday, May 16 - 8:45 PM	Star Watch, Covered Bridge Park, New Britain Civic & Bucks-Mont Astronomical Association
Tuesday, May 21 – 1:00 PM	JULIET presents "Norman Rockwell & Saturday Evening Post presented by Phyllis Stoltz
Friday, June 14 - 1:30-7:30 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive-Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church Contact 215-345-1099 to donate blood
Friday, June 14 – 8:00 PM Saturday, June 15 – 2:00 & 8:00 PM	Bucks County Gilbert & Sullivan Society presents <i>Patience, or Bunthorne's Bride</i> at the Delaware Valley College Student Center Auditorium
Thursday, July 4 – 9:30 a.m.	4th of July Parade: Town Center

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(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 8- June 28

New Britain Township and Chalfont Borough residents:
April 15 - June 28

All municipalities including those listed above:
April 22- June 28

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: \$200

Each additional child in family: \$195

Non-residents: First child: \$250

Each additional child in family: \$245



4th of July Parade

The 2013 parade will be held on **Thursday, 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.

Be part of the fun!

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.



Please support the New Britain Civic Association

Annual Membership Dues

☐ Family \$15 (all members of othe 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.

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New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor:	David Holewinski
Council:	Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM Robert Belchic, <i>President</i> ; Margaret Remmey, <i>Vice-President</i> ; Mary Pat Holewinski; Peter LaMontagne; Joseph Cangelosi; Jeffrey Gilmore; Craig Sturza
Planning Commission:	Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 PM David Holewinski, <i>Chairman</i> ; Karl Dieterichs, <i>Vice Chair</i> ; Denise Spence, <i>Secretary</i> ; Jack Brady; Joseph Cangelosi; Paul Land; Michael T. Parke; John Remmey
Zoning Hearing Board:	Meets, as needed, 3rd Thursday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM Robert Bair, <i>Chairman</i> ; Andrea Antell; Anthony Coia; John Wolff, Jr.; David Ziegfried; <i>Alternates</i> : William Schaefer and Jackie D'Agostino; <i>Solicitor</i> , Christen Pionzio
Tax Collector:	Richard Sabol, 215-489-8658 (<i>Hours: Tuesday, 6 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - noon</i>)
Solicitor:	Michael Goodwin
	Police Chief: James Donnelly, Office 215-345-1080
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

Borough Manager:	Robin E. Trymbiski	Borough Secretary:	Jane Kinyon
Treasurer:	Lloyd J. Vasant	Zoning Officer:	Thomas Yatsky
Roadmaster	Mark Hintenlang		
Building Inspector and Fire Marshal:	Dan Jenkins, Keystone Municipal Services		
Assistant	Austin C. Brown		

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