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New Britain Borough Awarded the PECO Green Region Grant

Jackie D'Agostino ♦ *Shade Tree Commission*

Once again, our Borough was awarded a grant! The PECO Green Region Grant in the amount of \$10,000 will be used to replant the only public green space along Butler Avenue within our Borough, commonly referred to as "the islands."

The first island, known as "Island A," is located at the intersection of Tamenend and Butler Avenues. Unfortunately, the Ash Trees located there have been infested with the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive Beetle native to Asia which feeds on the inner bark of Ash Trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients which ultimately kills the tree. Despite attempts to treat some of these Ash Trees, they are now unhealthy, showing outward signs of Emerald Ash Borer infestation, and require removal. In fact, some are already dead.

The second island, known as "Island B," along Butler Avenue is located in front of the New Britain Post Office and is actually sectioned into two individual islands. Not only are many of the trees planted there Callery Pear Trees, an invasive tree which provides no benefit to the environment, but many of them have been badly damaged over the years by automobile accidents and less than ideal trimming practices.

Rather than just removing the trees and reseeding the areas with grass, this PECO grant will provide funds to help support replanting of these areas. Our New Britain Borough Shade Tree Commission will create the plans to landscape the islands with trees and shrubs that are more suitable and will better thrive in these locations.

A special thanks to Tess LaMontagne for applying for this grant so work can be done to improve these areas because properly planted trees can increase property values, provide shade to our walking paths, and improves our quality of life.

To learn more about more about the Emerald Ash Borer and other topics such as choosing the right tree or shrub to plant on your property, please visit the Borough's website at www.newbritainborough.com > Committees > Shade Tree Commission. You can also check out the *Fall is For Planting (Natives)!* article in this issue for other planting suggestions. 🍁



The \$10,000 PECO Green Region Grant check presented to the Borough on behalf of Council Members and the Mayor at the September 11, 2018 Borough Council meeting.

From left to right:
David Holewinski, Borough Mayor;
Mary Pat Holewinski, Councilmember;
Michael Peters, Borough Solicitor;
Tess LaMontagne, Committee Member;
Robert Binkley, Councilmember;
Theodore Dorand, PECO Representative;
Robyne Kelemen, Council President;
Tom Price, Councilmember;
Lori Kesilman, Councilmember;
Sam Bryant, Borough Manager;
Peter LaMontagne, Council Vice President;
Mark Hintenlang, Borough Engineer.

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Catching Up With Council

Robyne Kelemen ❖ Council President



This column discusses notable items from our recent Borough Council meetings. I thought it would be beneficial to highlight a few of the items covered and decisions made that may be of particular interest to residents and local businesses. Would you like to learn more? Join us for the Borough Council meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, or contact the Borough Administration office for more information.

APRIL: Council had voted last year to borrow up to \$1 million to fund improvements and acceleration of Borough road maintenance, including paving and resurfacing. The additional funding will allow the Borough to improve the overall condition of our roads faster, and give us better economies of scale when contracting for the needed repairs and maintenance. Funding for all of the road work (and loan payments) comes annually from Liquid Fuels funds provided by the State PennDot. To meet the requirements of the loan, the Borough plans to complete the repairs in three years. At an additional Council meeting held in late April, Council voted to hire Gilmore and Associates to prepare a revised roads maintenance plan and study for \$12,000. The goal is that these investments in the Borough will overall improve the local road conditions, which residents have expressed as an important ongoing need.

Also in April, Council approved Ordinance #385 changing the Borough's property and liability insurance provider to Delaware Valley Insurance Property and Liability Trust (DVLPT). The change provides lower costs, better coverage, and risk management advice.

MAY: As discussed at the May Council meeting, the Borough's new insurer (DVLPT) recommended against the Borough continuing to have responsibility for the summer camp at Covered Bridge Park. As a result, at the meeting, transfer of the responsibility for the summer camp to the New Britain Borough Civic Association was conditionally approved. The camp was subsequently held this summer and New Britain Civic Association will continue to be solely responsible for the camp in the future.

JUNE: At the June Council meeting, Ordinance #388 was approved. This is a "Do Not Knock" ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to create a "Do Not Knock" list, where residents can report to the Borough Administrative Office if they do not wish to be solicited when someone obtains a solicitation permit. It would also allow residents

to put "No Solicitation" signs on their properties that the police could enforce. There are certain exceptions to the "no solicitation" rules for data collection surveys, such as the US Census, nonprofits, religious organizations, political campaigns, and children's fundraisers.

To sign up for the Borough's "**Do Not Knock**" list, please visit www.newbritainboro.com. Go to the Government tab and then choose "Do Not Knock." There is also a link to print a "No Solicitation" page to post in your home's window.

Also at the June meeting, a legal entity which will allow individuals to make donations to support capital improvements in the Borough, including the Nature Preserve, was created. "Friends of New Britain Parks" was created as a 509(a)(3) organization. The first donation to the fund was a significant gift, generously provided by Council Vice President Peter LaMontagne and family.

An administrative staff restructuring was approved by Council at the close of the meeting. Ms. Dawn Tremmel was hired as Office Manager and Assistant Treasurer, moving from part-time to full-time. Also, Mr. Alex Nagy was hired as a part-time Assistant to the Manager. Mr. Nagy had previously been an unpaid intern for the Borough. Congratulations to both on their moves.

JULY: The Borough approved Resolution 2018-07, the County Waste Plan, a ten-year plan for where and how waste is disposed. The plan requires approval from municipalities in the County prior to final adoption by the County.

Voted for advertisement in July (and subsequently approved at the August Council meeting) was Ordinance #390, an updated recycling ordinance. The new law expands the list of materials required to be recycled. It adds plastic to the recycling list, and provides separate recycling requirements for single-family residential properties versus commercial and multi-family properties. Businesses must provide a recycling container next to any interior or exterior trash container available to the public. In addition, it requires commercial properties with external trash receptacles to also provide recycling containers.

A number of discussions at Council Meetings and Executive Sessions were held in the past few months regarding plans and negotiations concerning the proposed land acquisition of two properties adjacent to the Nature Preserve (Miller properties). The Borough received a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant for \$210,000 toward these acquisitions last year.

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Getting To Know Members of Council

Peter LaMontagne ❖ Council Vice President



Q: *Peter, how long have you been a Borough resident?*

A: My family moved here from Westtown, PA in 1979 so we've been here for about 39 years.

Q: *Are you married? Do you have any children and/or pets?*

A: My wife and I met in high school and have been a couple ever since. I have three daughters and one grandchild. We have a cat named "Tabitha" and a new pup named "Little Guy." I'm sad to say that

the Borough's honorary "Dog Mayor," our beloved Mutley, recently passed on, but on a happier note, Tabitha and Little Guy are keeping us on our toes.

Q: *What is your profession?*

A: I have a degree in Chemical Engineering. In 1973, I joined Pennwalt Sharples in Warminster, manufacturers of very big centrifuges, which I introduced into wastewater treatment, now a huge market, and I've traveled professionally to five continents. Since 2011, I've been a consultant for centrifuge owners.

Q: *How long have you been on Borough Council and why did you decide to run?*

A: I've been on Council for about 10 years. I ran because the previous Council didn't seem responsive to much of anything new. It has taken two election cycles to reach the dynamic, exciting spot where we are in now.

Q: *Do you volunteer with any other organization(s) in addition to your Borough Council duties?*

A: In 1974, I worked with Charlie Moberg, who, with Eve Moberg, were prominent on Council. Charlie asked me to serve on the Civic Association Board. Sight unseen, I agreed, and then found there were limited financial resources in Civic Association's coffers and only two board members, Malcolm Rollins and Mary Kerner. Mary said she would be happy to answer any questions, but that was the extent of what she could do. We dug our heels in, recruited active volunteers, raised money with membership fees, donations, and flea markets which enabled us to buy the merry-go-round. Later, Council paid for the modern playground equipment, and I built the gazebo near the entrance to Covered Bridge Park. In 2015, with Civic's blessing, I raised the money and enlisted volunteers to design and build the new building in the park. In my professional life, I have published 20 technical papers and articles, and co-authored two books for the Water Environment Federation, the non-profit trade association for the water and wastewater industry.

Q: *What long-range goals do you have for the Borough?*

A: I would like the University Village to function as "West Doylestown." I would also like to see the Nature Preserve expanded to 80 acres without using much Borough revenue to accomplish that goal.

Q: *What is your vision for the Borough five years from now?*

A: Work started by Marie Coia, along with others, built the foundation onto which my wife, Tess LaMontagne, wrote and obtained well over \$1,000,000 in grant money for sidewalks and bike & hike trails, which focused on the hard infrastructure our Borough needed. As we close out those grants in the next three years, what remains is focusing on making all of the Borough aesthetically pleasing with healthy street trees, new benches, small landscaped areas, and the like.

Q: *What would you like people to know about you? Do you have any special hobbies, talents, or skills?*

A: I am a life long woodworker, and together with Tess, enjoy landscape gardening, and extensive independent travel overseas. One of my special skills is being good at chatting people up, and persuading them to become active in the Borough. At the same time, with light guidance, it's new volunteers that need to be the ones making a difference.

Q: *Who has inspired you in your life and why?*

A: My father, who pounded into my head that I was the equal when speaking with everyone I met. And also my mother, who instilled the notion that with planning, volunteers could accomplish pretty much anything they wanted to do.

Q: *If you could be a super-hero, what would you want your super-powers to be?*

A: Super-heros fight super-villains. Thankfully, we have no villains in New Britain Borough, so I'll leave my cape at home.

Q: *If you could have dinner with anyone from history, who would it be and why?*

A: Harry Truman. He came from humble origins, gave his life to public service, and pointedly never got rich doing it. He also lived during interesting times.

Q: *If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you have to have with you?*

A: You know I'm an engineer, right? Food, potable water, and hope.

Q: *You're a new addition to the crayon box, what color would you be (be creative with the name) and why?*

A: "Beauty." Indeed, there is nothing in human existence that would not be improved by a coat of "beauty"... perhaps two coats in my case.



Wreaths Across America

Jackie D'Agostino ❖ Historic Preservation Committee



Join us on Saturday, December 15, 2018 @ 12:00 PM
New Britain Baptist Church Cemetary

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide program to remember and honor our fallen heroes by placing holiday wreaths on the graves of Veterans laid to rest in cemeteries across the United States. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee is proud to sponsor Wreaths Across America again this year at the New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery and H. Walter Harvey World War I Memorial. The ceremony will start promptly at Noon on Saturday, December 15, 2018. There is no better time to express our appreciation than during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We hope you will join us to show our veterans that we will not forget the sacrifice they made for our freedom.

You can help honor the veterans buried in our historic cemetery by sponsoring a wreath. Each wreath is only \$15.00 and your donation is tax deductible. To sponsor a wreath, please make checks payable to "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" and mail or drop them off to:

*New Britain Borough
Attn: WAA
45 Keeley Avenue
New Britain, PA 18901.*

Donations can also be made to our location by visiting <http://www.wreathsaacrossamerica.org/>. Please search for New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery (PANBBC) to ensure your donation is applied to our location.

Donations should be received by:
Monday, November 19, 2018.

For more information about our upcoming Wreaths Across America ceremony, please visit our Borough's website at, <http://www.newbritainboro.com>

Philly Pretzel Factory

Welcome to the Borough!



Photo on left: Philly Pretzel Factory in New Britain Town Center.

Top Right: Merrick Borine twisting pretzels.

Bottom Right: Merrick's grandfather "Pop Lee" selling on the corner.

Merrick Borine recently became the operations managing partner at the Philly Pretzel Factory (The Factory) located in the New Britain Town Center on September 1, 2018. The Factory relocated from Chalfont to New Britain in January, 2018. Merrick has been a chef and in the catering business most of his career, and he also managed the previous location in Chalfont. He has decided to come back to The Factory to create fresh, hot pretzels for everyone to enjoy! Every day at The Factory, they mix freshly made dough and hand twist each and every pretzel. From their award-winning soft pretzels to crowd-pleasing party trays, every menu item is guaranteed to be fresh baked and served hot outta the oven!

Merrick is a resident of Chalfont Borough, and has lived in the area with his wife, Meredith, two children, Mason and Mackenzie and two dogs, "Sam" and "Florence" for the past 18 years. Merrick's grandfather, "Pop Lee" used to sell pretzels on the corner of Welsh Road and Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia, so you could say that Merrick was meant for a career in pretzels! He loves to greet everyone with a smile on his face and hopes you will leave with one too! Come and see them for Twisted Tuesday's where there's usually a special deal!

Like them on Facebook, "Philly Pretzel Factory – New Britain," to be notified of happenings and specials! They even have an app with a rewards program for cash back to use in the store! Download it from the App Store or Google Play.

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2nd Annual Pop-Up Park

Pop-Up Park took place in the Town Center on September 21st thru 23rd. Officially called "PARK(ing) Day," this is an annual global event where citizens, artists, and activists collaborate to temporarily transform parking spaces into "PARK(ing)" spaces, which are temporary public places with a collective goal of continuing a discussion about community and open space.

Councilwoman Lori Kesilman spearheaded this year's Pop-Up Park in coordination with Birdtown Committee members and an abundance of enthusiastic Borough volunteers, too many to mention by name! Thanks to this hard-working crew, a few centrally located PARKing spaces in Town Center were transformed into a beautiful temporary park. This wonderful event featured native plants for sale from Gino's Nursery, a beautifully constructed koi pond, and three arbors designed and custom-built by Bob Binkley, Peter LaMontagne, Dan O'Leary, and Halsey White and two were sold to Dale Rimmer to help with funding.



Arbor designed by Peter LaMontagne.

Bucks-Mont Party Rentals provided the tent, tables & chairs. Theater Arts Center's members entertained with a dance show, Action Karate put on a great demonstration, live music was featured along with BYOB outside dining which featured food from Sakana and Nico's. Pop-Up Park in New Britain Borough has truly become a community event!



*Clockwise from top: Koi pond and native plants from Gino's Nursery.
Arbor designed by Dan O'Leary.
Arbor designed by Halsey White.*

Moments with the Mayor

David Holewinski • Mayor



Fall is upon us and the colors will soon be brilliant and picturesque. Although trees will begin to shed their leaves, this is a great time to have a picnic, and ironically, there is a great picnic opportunity at Covered Bridge Park. The Park's pavilion is an ideal place to hold a family reunion or just relax and mingle with friends and neighbors. You can enjoy plants and trees and just have some fun.

I know winter is coming, a time to look forward to fire pits with toasted marshmallows, an enjoyable drive to the mountains for a hike in the fresh cool air, a last round of golf, or just a relaxing moment with loved ones on your deck or patio. Yes, it is a beautiful time of year to enjoy the outdoors and reap the last rewards of vegetables planted while flowers complete their summer brilliance.

Other wonderful aspects of the fall season are that the oppressive heat is going to be gone, yard work will be tapering off, and the time with family seems to increase. Yes, the holidays are coming as well; which is your favorite? Mine is Thanksgiving; family, food and a chance to watch college football for a whole day! Christmas preparations will begin after Thanksgiving at our home, it's a wonderful time of year.

In the Borough, there is some activity with developers. At long last, the Knoll property is moving in the right direction and I believe once they get a shovel in the ground, we'll see more development of nearby properties that have been purchased and are on hold. New homes are in the process of being built on the corner of East Butler and Shady Retreat Roads; there will be four farm style homes in addition to the existing home on that corner property.

So, I hope to see all of you during the fall and early winter months at the shopping center, perhaps at a function at the firehouse in Chalfont, or at the polls in November. Until then, I wish each and every one of you a safe, happy, and prosperous fall.



Steven W. Gieseler
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Spotted Lanternfly



The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is an exotic yet invasive insect that was first discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014 and is now prevalent throughout New Britain Borough. It is a major pest

for agriculture as it can damage fruit trees, vegetable plants, herbs, flowers, ornamental & woody trees, vines - almost any plant in its path. Although they do not bite or sting humans, they can swarm in large numbers. The SLF isn't actually a fly, it's a plant hopper that feeds on plants by piercing them to get at sap which also leads to ant & wasp infestations of the plant. In the feeding process, SFL excrete liquids that also cause wounds on the plants which facilitate mold growth and compromise the health of the plant or tree.

Of all the sweet-sap vegetation in our area that SLF feed on, Tree Of Heaven appears to be their preference, which they feed upon before laying eggs. Fall and early winter are when the egg masses are laid on smooth surfaces such as tree bark, fence posts, smooth rocks, and outdoor equipment such as boats and trailers, so at this time of year, be on the lookout. Egg masses are 1-2 inch long gray mud smears with 30-50 brown eggs beneath.



Tree Of Heaven; Image Credit, Iowa State University Extension



Adult SLF, wings closed; Image Credit, L. Barringer,

There are no known biological controls for the SLF. Egg masses can be scraped from surfaces and double-bagged and disposed of in the trash. Insecticides can also be used to effectively control SLF but simply squashing them works as well. If you see any SLF in any of its life stages, please don't hesitate to kill them. SLF threatens Pennsylvania's \$20.5 million grape industry, \$134 million apple industry, \$24 million stone fruit industry, and \$12 billion hardwood industry.

For more important information on the SLF please go to: www.agriculture.pa.gov and under "Hot Topics" choose the "Spotted Lanternfly" link. Another great resource that includes excellent information and 10 great tips to eradicate this pest: www.frenchandpickering.org/lanternflies/

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Weather Changes Can Cause Safety Issues in the Home

Mike Italia ❖ Building Inspector/ Zoning Officer

Fall is around the corner and with the seasonal change comes crisp nights and falling leaves. The Borough's Code Department would like to remind residents to clear their gutters of leaves so that rain can properly drain away from your house.

Along with colder nights comes turning on your heater and possibly lighting a fire in your fireplace or wood stove so please be sure to have your chimney swept annually, as creosote will build up in your chimney as a result of burning. A permit is required if you are installing a heating stove or replacing your liner. A required permit brings about an inspection after the work is finished and this is for your safety and to make sure that all connections are complete and correct. A disconnected liner in your chimney can cause harm to you and your family.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas. It comes from anything that burns fuel. A carbon monoxide detector should be located on the lowest living space in your house. Be sure to have your heater serviced annually as a number of carbon monoxide incidents come from heaters that are not functioning properly. When starting your car to warm up in the garage, please make sure that the garage door is raised because your car emits the highest levels of carbon monoxide during the warm up period.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Borough's Code Enforcement Department by calling 215-348-4586.



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A Message From Our Borough Engineer

Mark Hintenlang ❖ Borough Engineer & Roadmaster

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

For traffic visibility purposes, please make sure that all vegetation is trimmed 8' over sidewalks, around street signs and at driveway and street intersections.

Level or replace sidewalk, curbing, or driveway aprons which have settled, creating tripping hazards.

Mailbox faces must be positioned 6"- 8" back from the face of curb/edge of road such that they are not affected by plows this winter (the top of box should be 42"- 46" above the lawn surface). Please ensure that the mail box posts are solid.

Be Kind to the Environment

STREAM PROTECTION

Limit use of herbicides and fertilizers. Dispose of hazardous materials such as oil, paint, medications, etc. to a hazardous waste drop-offs, never flush or dump. Maintain your vehicle by checking and repairing oil and antifreeze leaks. Any illegal dumping or drainage activities should be reported immediately to New Britain Borough. If you notice any signs of stream pollution or have any questions, notify the Borough administration office @ 215-348-4586.

RAINWATER RUNOFF

Consider reducing runoff to help your downstream neighbors by installing rain barrels on your downspouts, lowered planting beds (rain garden), connecting roof drains to stone pits, etc. These methods provide ground water infiltration and help to mitigate rainwater runoff.

POOL WATER DISCHARGE

Pool owners are required to dispose of water properly. Waste water containing chemicals such as chlorine and muriatic acid must be neutralized prior to disposal. Filter backwash should also be discharged to a grassy area, and never to a street, pond, stream, or toward your neighbor's property. If you have any questions, please contact the Borough office @ 215-348-4586

CONSTRUCTION

Stormwater controls are required for most additions of impervious surfaces, which may require permits. Please contact the Borough office to determine if permits are required, 215-348-4586.

STORMWATER INFORMATION

Additional information is available at: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgmt/wc/npdms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf> and the Borough's website: www.newbritainboro.com

Thank you. Please feel free to call with any questions.
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TRUNK OR TREAT!

Join us for a fun Halloween community event at American Heritage Federal Credit Union on the evening of **Tuesday, October 30th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.**

This is a safe way for kids to enjoy Halloween. Please come out and enjoy games, refreshments, and family fun. Come dressed in a costume to Trick-Or-Treat and enjoy fun activities for the whole family!



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The Covered Bridge is Lit!



On June 23rd there was a grand illumination and fireworks festival to celebrate the Pine Valley Covered Bridge's 175th Birthday. Special thanks to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make this an enjoyable and memorable event for local residents. The bridge is now lit every evening and it's beautiful!

❖ Happy Birthday, Pine Valley Covered Bridge!!! ❖

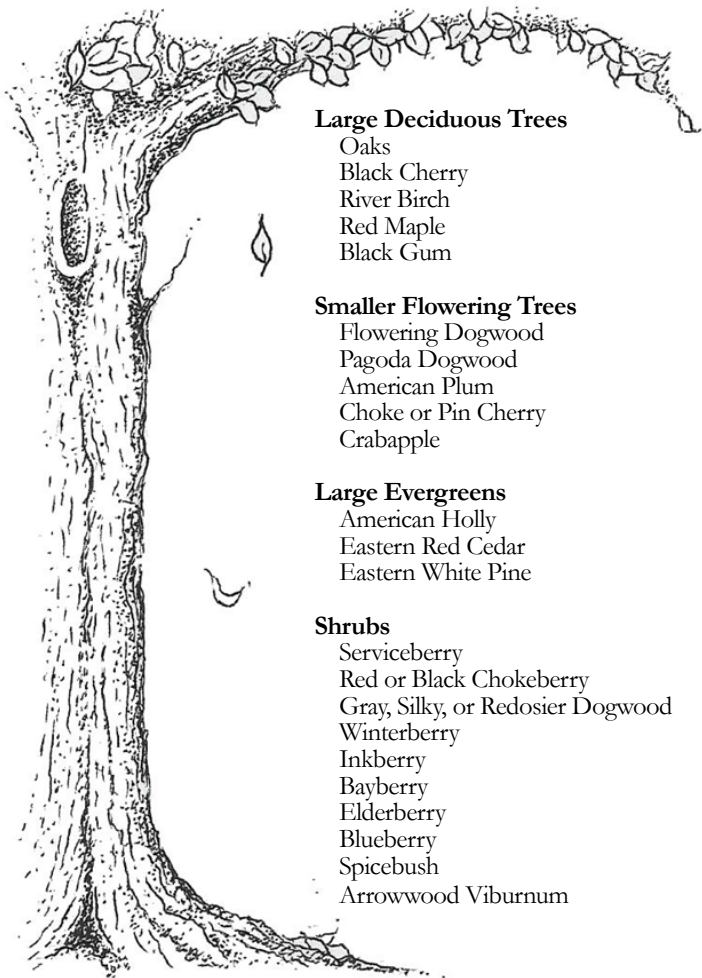
Fall is For Planting (Natives!)

Tom Price ❖ Bird Town Committee

You’ve probably heard the expression, “Fall is for Planting,” and it’s true. The cooler Autumn months are the best time to plant many trees and shrubs. At this time of the year, the soil is still warm, but the temperatures are cool. There is less of a threat to plants from pests and disease and there is less of a chance that new plants will be stressed by a lack of water. The roots of trees and shrubs planted in the fall are better prepared to start growing in the spring and those deeper, more established, roots are better able to handle drought when summer comes.

When planting trees and shrubs at any time of the year, choose species that are native to our part of the country. Native plants are part of the local ecosystem and are a crucial part of the food chain that support the birds, bees, butterflies, and other pollinators that inhabit our yards and gardens. Native plants are both beautiful and easier to maintain than non-native plants, which are less adapted to growing here.

So what to plant? Here is a list of some of the very best native trees and shrubs that benefit birds in two very important ways: these species all serve as a host plant for the insects and caterpillars that all birds need to feed their young in the spring, and they also provide nuts or berries that birds eat at other times of the year.



Large Deciduous Trees

- Oaks
- Black Cherry
- River Birch
- Red Maple
- Black Gum

Smaller Flowering Trees

- Flowering Dogwood
- Pagoda Dogwood
- American Plum
- Choke or Pin Cherry
- Crabapple

Large Evergreens

- American Holly
- Eastern Red Cedar
- Eastern White Pine

Shrubs

- Serviceberry
- Red or Black Chokeberry
- Gray, Silky, or Redosier Dogwood
- Winterberry
- Inkberry
- Bayberry
- Elderberry
- Blueberry
- Spicebush
- Arrowwood Viburnum

For more specific information on how native plants are crucial for the survival of birds, read Doug Tallamy’s book, Bringing Nature Home, which the Borough’s Bird Town Committee offers for sale. For more extensive lists of native plants that benefit birds and pollinators, check out the resources available on the Bird Town page of the Borough website. www.newbritainboro.com



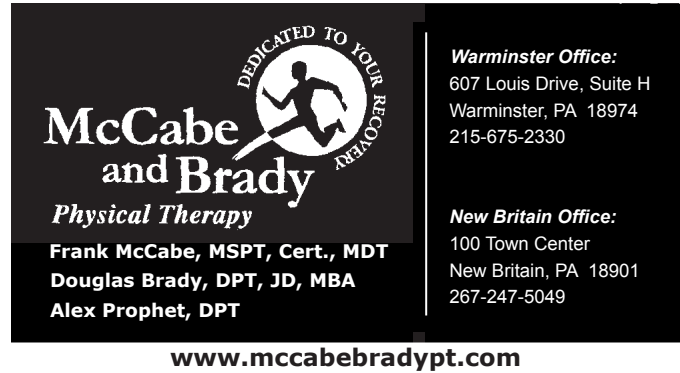
**The Nature Preserve
Could Use Your Help!**

Tom Price ❖ Bird Town Committee

The Borough’s Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve is managed and maintained by a small Borough committee of volunteers. The members of this committee, as well as other volunteers who turn out on work days, have spent countless hours in recent years working to improve the Preserve. In pursuit of the goals outlined in the Preserve’s Strategic Plan, these volunteers have installed hundreds of native plants and removed hundreds of invasive species. They have mulched, weeded, and watered. They have constructed, installed, and maintained nesting boxes, signage, benches, and trails. They have worked extremely hard at all these tasks, and as a result, were the recipients of this year’s Land Ethics Award, given out each year by Bowman’s Hill.

Now, we are asking for your help. Our work days are always well-attended, but there is more we could do if you participated, as well. There is still a work day scheduled for this fall – Saturday, November 10th (9:00 AM until noon). Please consider coming to this work day, and bring your family, neighbors, or friends. A recognized strength of our Borough has always been the many volunteers that support it. Please consider becoming part of that volunteer base.

If you can’t come to this scheduled work day, but would like to be notified of additional opportunities to do service work in the Preserve throughout the year, please send your name and email address to the Nature Preserve Committee’s chairperson, Tom Price, at pricet@newbritainboro.com. We would like to build a list of residents (“Friends of the Nature Preserve”) who might be available for this purpose. Thanks, in advance, for your support.



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Fall Calendar of Community Events

Oct. 17.....	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.....	Volunteer Information Night @ Chalfont Fire Co. ♦ 301 N. Main St., Chalfont
Oct. 20.....	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.....	LVPC Craft Fair @ Lenape Valley Presbyterian Church ♦ 321 W. Butler Ave., New Britain
Oct. 27.....	9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.....	Craft Show @ Chalfont Fire Co. ♦ 301 N. Main St., Chalfont
Oct. 28.....	3:00 PM to 4:15 PM.....	Symphony Band and Jazz Concert @ Del Val University ♦ 700 E. Butler Ave., New Britain
Oct. 30.....	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.....	Trunk-Or-Treat, Safe Halloween Fun @ American Heritage Credit Union 765 E. Butler Ave., New Britain
Nov. 10.....	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.....	Nature Preserve Work Day • Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve ♦ Mathews Ave., New Britain Parking for Preserve available on Landis Mill Road and/or Mathews Avenue, New Britain
Nov. 25.....	4:30 PM to 6:00 PM.....	Community Christmas Sing @ Chalfont Fire Co. ♦ 301 N. Main St., Chalfont
Dec. 5.....	7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.....	Community Tree Lighting Ceremony ♦ New Britain Town Center (Shopping Center)
Dec. 9.....	3:00 PM to 4:15 PM.....	Annual Holiday Concert @ Del Val University ♦ 700 E. Butler Ave., New Britain
Dec. 15.....	12:00 PM.....	Wreaths Across America Ceremony @ New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery and H. Walter Harvey War Memorial Cemetery ♦ 22 E. Butler Ave., New Britain

Come and See the New Display
At Burkart Hall

Marie Coia ❖ Historic Preservation Committee


The Borough’s Historic Preservation Committee is highlighting nine borough properties that are on the Heritage Conservancy’s Register of Historic Places. Current pictures of the properties as well as a brief history of each property is now on display on the 2nd floor of Burkart Hall. In addition, there is a book with more historic and architectural detail and the original application filed to be considered for inclusion on the Register. Heritage Conservancy’s Register of Historic Places brochures will also be available.

If you are interested in registering your property with Heritage Conservancy’s Register of Historic Places, their criteria for qualifying properties is as follows:

- The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our local or national history; or
- The property is associated with the lives of persons significant in the past; or
- The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of an important architect, or that possesses high artistic values; or
- The property has yielded or may be likely to yield significant historic or pre-historic archaeological resources.

Any structure that is approved for the Register of Historic Places is eligible to display a plaque to recognize its historic and/or architectural elements. Listing on the Conservancy’s Register of Historic Places does not impinge upon the rights of property owners in the maintenance, modification or sale of their property.

Please contact the Borough office @ 215-348-4586 for times when the second floor of Burkart Hall is open and/or more information about this program. Burkart Hall is located at 56 Keeley Avenue.



**New Britain Civic Association’s
Community Tree Lighting
12/05/18 @ 7:00PM - 8:00PM
New Britain Town Center**

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The effort toward acquisition of these properties, which would expand the Borough’s Nature Preserve by 3.45 acres, is still ongoing at this time.

Additionally, at several of the past few monthly Council meetings, informative presentations were again provided by Borough Historian Mr. Bruce Burkart. We thank him for his educational and interesting talks. The content of his presentations may be found in the video recordings of the Council meetings. Links are provided at the borough’s website, www.newbritainboro.com. Go to the “Government” tab, choose “Borough Council,” and then choose the “Council Meetings [Videos]” link to reach our YouTube channel.

Recently adopted Borough laws including the ordinances described in this column may be found at the Borough website at the following address: <http://www.ecode360.com/laws/NE3059>



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