

A NOTE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

It's been a busy spring and summer, with many projects that were on hold last year bursting to life as restrictions lifted with everyone eager to get back on track.

One of our major public works projects, the pedestrian improvements to West Bridge Street wrapped up just in time for fall. The new sidewalk and fencing replaces the 70-year-old log-lined, crushed stone walkway, providing much safer and ADA-compliant access to the shops along the road. The Borough was awarded a grant from the state to help pay for the project.

A private development that received a good deal of public attention completed its finishing touches this summer, as the renovated and expanded Logan Inn held its grand reopening at the end of July. Borough Council, along with three of its standing committees, logged many long hours over the last two years working with the new owners to find the best way to preserve the historic features of this landmark property.

The newly relocated Cannon Square Memorial is a result of this cooperative effort — an expanded plaza with public seating, featuring the Dahlgren Cannon and a plaque honoring New Hope's soldiers who fought and died in World War I. Together with the new Christmas pine tree planted last winter, this renovation is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when we keep the spirit of New Hope at the center of our plans.

In addition to highlighting these accomplishments, this newsletter reminds us of some ongoing commitments that need our attention throughout the year.

The Delaware Canal is literally at the heart of our community, and it is easy to take for granted its shaded towpath, calming waters and abundant wildlife. Keeping the canal fully watered and well-maintained is no easy task. Many hardworking volunteers at the Friends of the Delaware Canal devote their time and energy to preserving and improving all 59 miles of this historic watercourse.

Our portion of the canal relies on a pumping station at Centre Bridge to hold the water level steady – critical to

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Hometown Press, the publisher of your Hometown Newsletter, would like to send out a heartfelt, Stay Safe and Healthy message to all the residents, businesses, and municipal staff during this pivotal time in history.

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protecting the structure and keeping the water fresh. To keep the water flowing and pay for the ongoing beautification of the banks and towpath, the Friends have established "New Hope for Our Canal," a grassroots fundraising program dedicated to the Centre Bridge - New Hope connection. Your support helps keep this unique and historic landmark a vibrant part of New Hope.

We're happy to take note of a substantial state grant to the New Hope Arts Center, which will help pay for the installation of an elevator to take visitors up to the second-floor exhibition space. State Sen. Steve Santarsiero played an important role in securing the grant, the first public funding provided to the Center.

Council has collaborated in the development of a website, NewHopeApp.com, that allows visitors and residents to connect easily with local shops and events from any internet-connected device. New Hope restaurants and merchants can submit their information to the New Hope Partner Portal for free. Just visit www.newhopeapp.com/partners, fill in your information and click to submit your business.

As we move into the challenges of winter and the excitement of the holidays, Borough Council looks forward to helping the community navigate the ongoing guidance from the CDC regarding the pandemic. We are confident that the New Hope Community, as always, will maintain its strength and resiliency in these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Connie Gering

Connie Gering
New Hope Borough Council President



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BOROUGH MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Since our last report in the spring, the Borough has worked to exit the provisions related to the COVID pandemic, with the knowledge that we are still not fully out of the woods for the pandemic.

These past few months have seen more foot traffic in town, providing a boost for merchants and restaurants alike. We saw the reopening of the Logan Inn in late July to add to the services within the Borough.

Our Public Works Department has been hard at work maintaining all the landscaping and vegetation in the town

to provide a backdrop for the town and visitors to enjoy.

The Borough Administration has been hard at work assisting contractors and residents alike while they perform a multitude of projects on their properties.

At the time of this writing, we don't know what the future will hold for this pandemic, but we will remain strong and continue to provide the excellent level of services that the residents are familiar with.

Thank you,
Peter Gray

FALL REMINDERS FROM THE NEW HOPE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT



- New Hope/Solebury School District will begin classes on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Please be mindful of the school zones which are enforced on a daily basis at various times. In addition, please be cautious of students and other pedestrians in the crosswalks.
- Please be sure to clear your sidewalks of fallen leaves to avoid accidents. When it rains, the leaves get moist and slippery.
- Quarterly Parking Permits – 4th quarter payments will be due on October 1, 2021.
- Halloween is Sunday, October 31, 2021. NHPD will be handing out treats while patrolling the town and Riverwoods and Village II developments.



SPOTLIGHT ON JOANN CONNELL

Celebrating 20 Years with New Hope Borough

JoAnn started working with the Borough on August 1, 2001, in the 41 North Main St location. Even though Borough Administration moved to its current location MANY years ago, a number of residents still refer to 41 N. Main as "JoAnn's Office!" JoAnn's duties have evolved over the years and whenever we need something, we know JoAnn can offer direction.

"I love working in local government and being a part of the special and eclectic community of New Hope. Throughout my 20 years, I have been lucky enough to watch our families grow, be it a marriage or birth of children and grandchildren. I've also seen the changes of residents retiring to other states and welcoming new residents to share in the special community that is New Hope."

You can always count on a treat, when visiting the Administration office, as JoAnn is known to be ready with a stash of sweets, such as chocolates or bubbles to put a smile on people's faces.

"It has been such a privilege to also help the business community grow. The shops in New Hope are a staple in this community and has become a vacation destination for many people to visit due to the fun and creative stores our town has to offer.

I will always be grateful to Borough Council and the Borough Manager for allowing me to expand and grow in my position here and for the opportunity to continue serving this wonderful community!"



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SENATOR SANTARSIERO PRESENTS \$116,000 IN STATE FUNDS TO NEW HOPE ARTS



Connie Gering (New Hope Borough Council President), Senator Santarsiero, Larry Keller (New Hope Arts Board Chair and New Hope Mayor) and Carol Cruickshanks

BUCKS COUNTY - July 8, 2021 - Senator Steve Santarsiero (D-10) visited New Hope Arts Center today to present the organization with a check for \$116,000 in state funds. The grant is for the installation of an elevator so that the exhibition space, located on the second floor, is accessible to all visitors.

"New Hope has long been a beacon for locals and tourists interested in its thriving arts and cultural scene," said Sen. Santarsiero at a press conference. "New Hope Arts has the admirable mission of lifting up new artists and providing a space for those who would not traditionally get a gallery showcase. I was proud to work with the state to secure these funds for the installation of an elevator, which will make the gallery accessible to a broader audience, boosting New Hope Arts as an organization, the impressive artist it features, and the vibrant New Hope community."

Senator Santarsiero was joined at the press conference by members of the New Hope Arts Board of Directors, local elected officials, and supporters of the organization.

"Since we opened 11 years ago, this is our first opportunity to allow everybody to come to our events, shows and the New Hope Arts Festival," said Larry Keller, Board Chair of New Hope Arts and Mayor of New Hope. "I'm giddy and appreciative that Senator Santarsiero has helped us get

public support for the first time in our history. This is a turning point that will help us provide accessibility to the arts, so no one is left out." New Hope Borough Council President Connie Gering echoed the effects this grant will have on the arts community in New Hope saying, "This is such a vision for the leadership of the New Hope Arts Center to bring grant money in. New Hope has been known as an arts community and New Hope Arts is the center of that for New Hope. Thank you Senator Santarsiero for making this vision possible. This will be an asset to our town to be able to bring more visitors."

Carol Cruickshanks, Executive Director of New Hope Arts noted that the grant for the elevator will help to expand the opportunities for the organization, saying "We look forward to expanding even more with this great benefit that we have been provided with, and we thank Senator Santarsiero for this opportunity."

"New Hope Arts is an incorporated non-profit arts center that showcases the work of contemporary local artists. Established in 2002, New Hope Arts presents six to eight exhibits annually, often featuring emerging artists. More information about New Hope Arts, including current exhibit information, can be found on the organization's website www.newhopearts.org

PUBLIC WORKS AND THE COMMUNITY

- Wednesdays, starting in October and ending in early December. Public Works will pick up leaves. All leaves must be placed in plastic or paper bags. Bags must be tied and placed at the curb for pick up.
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- Tips for Snow Removal
- Wait until the snow plows have made a first pass before clearing your driveway. Be sure snow piles are located to the right of your driveway. This way, less snow will be re-directed into the driveway with each passing truck.
- Clear your sidewalks and curbs. Neighborhood children need safe access to schools and bus stops throughout the winter months. Clearing your sidewalk helps children travel to school safely.
- Be patient. State, county and Borough crews will work around the clock, if needed, if ensure all roadways are cleared as quickly as possible.
- The property owner is responsible to remove snow and or ice from the sidewalks or pedestrian walkways within 24 hours after the end of a storm.
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LOGAN INN EXPANSION ENHANCES NEW HOPE'S CANNON SQUARE MEMORIAL



*Roy Ziegler
Cannon Square at the Logan Inn, New Hope
Photograph by Roy Ziegler*

The recently completed expansion of the Logan Inn added a new plaza enhancing the display of the historic Dahlgren Cannon that has graced the center of New Hope since 1907. This nine-inch Dahlgren smoothbore gun was placed there to mark the colonial approach to town from the ferry landing. The gun is on loan to the borough of New Hope from the United States Navy. It was cast in 1855 at the West Point Foundry and installed on the USS Minnesota where it saw action at the Battle of Hampton Roads between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (Merrimack) on March 9, 1862. Years later it was installed on the USS Richmond which saw action in Admiral Farragut's fleet. It was fired 108 times as of September 1888. Bucks County native, Admiral John Dahlgren, invented the cannon during the Civil War for use on ships and for field artillery.

In addition to providing a generous amount of space and seating for viewing the cannon, the new cannon square plaza also exhibits a memorial to New Hope citizens who answered the nations' call for duty during World War I. That

memorial, once obscured from view for decades behind the cannon, is also prominently displayed to honor the borough's brave warriors.

The Dahlgren cannon, an American Civil War weapon, marks the location of one of three cannons that had been set up to protect the ferry landing from would-be British invaders during the Revolutionary War. Another was positioned on West Bridge Street at the flat iron across from the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury, and a third cannon was placed in a fortification on the hill over West Mechanic Street near New Hope Borough Hall. Those three fortifications helped ensure that the British never crossed the Delaware River in New Hope, known as Coryell's Ferry, during the Revolutionary War.

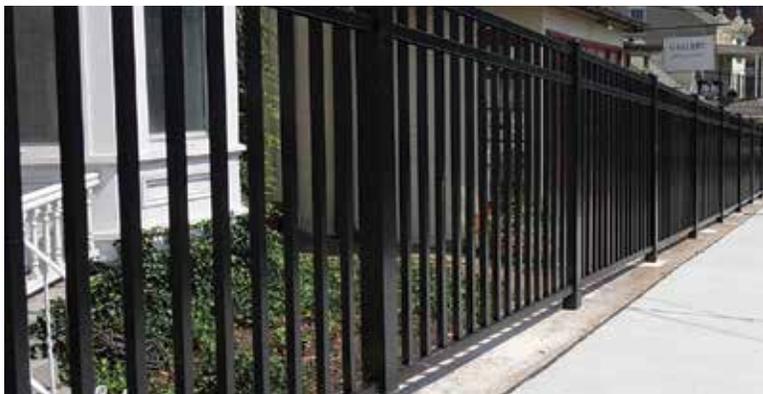
WEST BRIDGE STREET SIDEWALK AND FENCING PROJECT

This year the Borough reconstructed the sidewalk located on the north side of West Bridge Street. The existing curb along the street and the crushed stone walkway were replaced with new concrete curb and sidewalk. The existing stone pillars and log fence were replaced with a 4-foot fence to protect pedestrians from the grade difference between the sidewalk and access to the storefronts below street level.

The former walkway and stone pillars with the log fence were installed by PennDOT back in the 1950's. This walkway provided years of service but was not ADA compliant and with age, weather and usage it was time for a full scale replacement.

This newly installed sidewalk and fence was designed for safety and greater access for residents and tourists while providing ADA accessibility.

This sidewalk and fencing improvement project was funded in part through a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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New Hope Community Room:

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A GRAND TIME ON MAIN STREET

On Wednesday, July 28th, the Logan Inn held their Grand Re-Opening Bash! From musical performances with Constantine Maroulis, delicious food and cocktails, and a ribbon cutting with the Mayor of New Hope Larry Keller, a good time was had by all! The Logan Inn is a 38 room boutique hotel, event space and Ferry + Main Restaurant with a large dining and bar area in the heart of New Hope, PA. They opened their doors to the public August 5th. Please visit the website for more information: loganinn.com

Photo Credit: Drew Noel Photography



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What can you do?

Simple. These tips will help prevent pollutants from entering our streams, lakes and rivers:

- Keep all litter off the street and place it in receptacles so that it does not get washed down the storm drains.
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, and fertilizers out of storm drains.
- Do not dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain.

NEW HOPE FOR OUR CANAL

Bicyclists, walkers, kayakers, nature lovers, businesses, neighbors and all who love the Delaware Canal – we need your help to keep water flowing through New Hope and Solebury!

Structural damage at the northern end of the waterway has long blocked the Lehigh River from replenishing the canal. Instead, a pumping station at Centre Bridge draws water from the Delaware River, keeping the canal flush with fresh water down through the Borough.

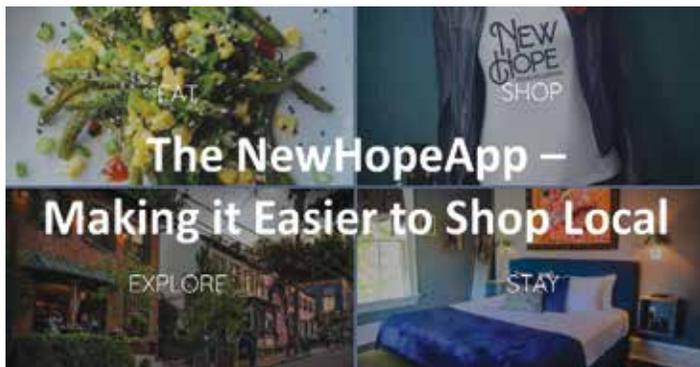
Maintaining the centrifugal pump and paying for its electricity is the decade-long mission of “*New Hope for Our Canal*,” a grassroots organization that works with the non-profit Friends of the Delaware Canal to preserve the Centre Bridge – New Hope section of the 58.9-mile-long watercourse.

Contributions from people like you to “*New Hope for Our Canal*” keeps the pump running and the canal full, preserving an iconic New Hope feature for visitors and residents.

Here’s how it works: The Friends manage our “*New Hope for Our Canal*” donations and use them to pay the monthly electricity bill for the Centre Bridge pump. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources oversees the operation, ensuring a water level that benefits the environment and protects the structural integrity of the 190-year-old canal.

Working together, we can continue to bring water into the Canal and help to beautify Solebury and New Hope. A water-filled Canal creates a vibrant setting for all to enjoy – both people and wildlife!

To contribute, please go to www.fodc.org/join-donate/join-the-friends/new-hope-for-our-canal or send a check to Friends of the Delaware Canal, 145 South Main Street, New Hope, PA 18938 noting that it is a donation for New Hope for Our Canal.



HOLIDAY PARADE - Following CDC guidance, we hope to bring Holiday Cheer to Main Street with the return of the Annual Holiday Parade to complement the tree lighting!

LIGHT UP NEW HOPE – The Light up New Hope decoration contest will also return! Local merchants are encouraged to enter and be juried by residents and shoppers!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
visit www.visitnewhope.com

New Hope Borough and the New Hope Visitor Center are pleased to present the New Hope App website!

New Hope Borough Council has unveiled the [New Hope App](#) a new website that highlights all of our Local Businesses.

In an effort to boost local shopping and, in collaboration with Landmark Hospitality, the Borough is offering merchant advertising at no cost to our merchants or users. The website, which doesn’t require any mobile app downloads, invites our Community and Visitors to EAT, SHOP, and EXPLORE all that our downtown has to offer, and STAY at local accommodations.

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THE RETURN OF THE NEW HOPE AUTOMOBILE SHOW

By New Hope-Solebury Community Association

The best of the best in show cars rolled into New Hope August 14 and 15, 2021 for the return of The New Hope Automobile Show. Presented by the New Hope-Solebury Community Association for 63 years and counting, the Show is known for featuring the finest in classic and antique, foreign and domestic vehicles. This year, in recognition of the ever-growing depth and breadth of the collector car hobby, the Show expanded the range of vehicle types, makes, and models that qualified for entry to include Rods, Tuner, and Display Only classes.

The Saturday, August 14 edition of the Show featured Domestic vehicles. Best in Show was awarded to Ed Koch for his 1953 Nash-Healey Convertible. Foreign vehicles were the focus on Sunday, August 15, where Robert Dusek won for his 1956 Ferrari 250 GT Berlinetta Tour de France by Scaglietti. The New Hope-Solebury Community Association has expanded their community efforts in 2021, adding a Summer Concert Series, Youth Tennis Tournament, an Adult Tennis Tournament with New Hope Celebrates, and a Youth Baseball Tournament. New Hope Automobile Show fans also look forward to the annual Road Rally and Cars and Coffee Meetups.

Proceeds from these events provide funds for local New Hope-Solebury community projects and charitable organizations throughout the region. They happen thanks to the New Hope-Solebury Community Association's dedicated volunteers. Community members who enjoy having fun while doing good are encouraged to join these efforts. Call 215-862-5665, visit www.newhopesolebury-ca.org or www.newhopeautoshow.com to learn how to get involved.



Ed Koch in his 1953 Nash-Healey Convertible receiving the Best in Show – Domestic award



Robert Dusek in his 1956 Ferrari 250 GT Berlinetta Tour de France by Scaglietti receiving the Best in Show – Foreign award

Photo Credit: Jay Hirsch

SHADE TREES IN THE COMMUNITY!

New Hope's 2021 Arbor Day event was held on April 23rd, at the New Hope Shopping Center, Bridge Street. The event, an excellent example of public/private partnerships drew great participation from local merchants and like-minded organizations.

The celebration included walking tours of the seven newly planted trees (two Redbuds, two Hornbeams and three Pear) to restore and beautify both the median adjacent to West Bridge Street and the shopping center parking lot area.

Other festivities included the reading of the Arbor Day proclamation by New Hope Mayor, Larry Keller, the presentation of a flag to the New Hope Borough in recognition of the boroughs Tree City USA status from Rosemary Wuenschel, Chief of Staff to Pennsylvania State Senator Steve Santarsiero, numerous prize giveaways and a generous amount of positive community connection!

New Hope Borough's Shade Tree Commission regulates the planting, removal, and maintenance of shade trees located on public streets and highways throughout the Borough.

A Borough Shade Tree is any tree or shrub that overhangs a public sidewalk or street within the Borough. To ensure the proper care and continued health of our trees, the Shade Tree Commission conducts annual inspections of the Shade

By Krayl Funch

Tree inventory, and reports back to Council on condition, necessary maintenance, recommendations for future activities, programs and annual budgets.



The 2021 Street Tree species analysis shows our current inventory of 487 trees, is 49% native species and 51% non-native species. Overall, 12.5% of street trees are Norway maples and 6.9% Callery pear. Both species are non-native and can be invasive.

With the help of SavATree and the iTree app the Commission has determined the current percentage of tree canopy coverage is approximately 47%. We hope to continue to increase this percentage year after year!

To encourage the diverse planting of native trees the Commission publishes a List of Approved Plants and Shade Trees. This year the Commission underwent a thorough review and update to this list. New species were added to include more native species and species that can better tolerate climate changes for heat and drought. The updated List of Approved Plants and Shade Trees is available on the Borough website.

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Well, it was nice while it lasted. After an all-too-brief return to “normalcy” earlier this summer, the coronavirus again reared its ugly head and sent cases soaring around the county. As we move into the

fall, the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury strives to provide services to the community. For more information on all of our events and services, please visit our website at nhslibrary.org.

A Place for Programming: We’ve decided to keep our programming virtual through the fall, offering a number of free programs on Zoom. Rest assured if the situation improves, we’ll resume in-person programming. Please keep your eye on our calendar for additions throughout the year.

Yin Yoga: Tuesdays from 6-6:30pm.

Storytime on Zoom: Tuesdays at 10:30am

Virtual Book Club: Tuesdays at 1pm

Virtual Art:

Black Cat Acrylic (Children): Thursday, October 28 at 3:30pm

Colored Pencil Maple Leaf (Adults and Teens): Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30pm

Dancing Penguin Acrylic (Children): Thursday, December 2 at 3:30pm

Watercolor Panda (Adults and Teens): Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30pm

A Place to Vote: We are happy to announce that our location has been selected by the Bucks County Board of Elections to host a ballot drop box for the upcoming November election. The box will be located inside the library two weeks before Election Day and monitored by a member of the Board of Elections. More details will be posted on our website closer to the election.

A Place for Books and Beyond: Most people love visit the library for books, but did you know there are a number of ways you can obtain great reads from the library?

Come in and Browse: Public access to our collection is currently available beginning at 10:30am. At present, we have no intention of closing our doors to the public but things can change in a heartbeat. Please wear a mask and keep socially distant when you visit.

Curbside Delivery: We will deliver your holds to your car for you. This service is available any time during regular hours of operation.

E-Library: You can download and read books electronically on your phone, iPad or computer using our Hoopla or CloudLibrary platforms. Need help? Call us during our regular hours of operation or visit our website.

And Beyond: Looking to binge watch TV during the cool fall evenings? The library has a Roku streaming stick with subscriptions to Netflix and Acorn TV. Preloaded tablets for adults and children offer challenging brain games and our variety of board games will keep your family anything but bored. All available for checkout on your library card.

Thank you to our wonderful community for making all of our programs and services possible.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION - SUMMER PLANTINGS

Members of Park and Recreation and several volunteers did their spring and summer planting in the pots throughout town. Their creative floral combinations continue to dazzle and a touch of natural beauty to our wonderful town.

A HUGE thank you to Girl Scout Troop 21724!

As they work towards becoming Bronze Award Girl Scouts, several of the Girl Scouts from Troop 21724, under the leadership of Troop Leader, Lori Subotkowski, helped to spruce up Lenape Park. They washed the gazebo, cleaned up the fall/winter foliage and planted a butterfly garden near the Ferry Street entrance. They’ll also created a fairy scavenger hunt in the park for children to enjoy.

Please stop by and enjoy the new additions to one of New Hope’s beautiful parks!

If you’re interested in helping with the Fall or Holiday plantings, please contact Pam Can at can0789@aol.com or 609-651-6710.



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