

## A NOTE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The weather is warm, the buds are blooming, and everyone at the Borough has pulled out all the stops to set the stage for a rejuvenating spring and summer in New Hope!

If you're a newcomer to town looking for daytime strolls or bustling night life, a shopkeeper preparing for a reinvigorating season, or a long-time resident ready to rediscover all the joys that brought you to New Hope, we've got you covered.

Our traditional warm weather festivals are raring to return to full form. New Hope Celebrates will kick off PrideFest on May 20th, with the theme of "Dancing in the Streets." From the parade across the bridge, to the outdoor Pride Fair and a cocktail competition to cap off the week-long event, this May celebration helps kick-off the national June Pride season.

The New Hope Auto Show is slated for August 13th, with the Every Car Road Rally and Cars and Coffee events revving things up before a weekend showcasing some of the finest antique and classic automobiles in the country. This will be the 65th year that the New Hope-Solebury Community Association has sponsored this event.

Rounding out the summer, the 28th Annual Juried New Hope Arts & Crafts Festival is set for the weekend of September 24th. In addition to all the exhibitors, the festival features a full weekend of outdoor music and entertainment. It's all sponsored by The Greater New Hope Chamber of Commerce.



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Throughout the summer, the Bucks County Playhouse has a whole season of big shows on tap, with a new play and four musicals waiting to entertain you. The Playhouse has some new health and safety protocols in place to protect performers and players alike, so be sure you check out their website for more information.

Behind the scenes, our Parks & Recreation Board, under the direction of newly-elected Chair Beth Hasher, has been busy keeping the lamp post hanging baskets fresh and our parks brimming with new plantings. They're also working on some improvements to the Green Roof Park behind the Community Room, and are ironing out the details to bring Story Time back to the Green Roof.

At Council, we've learned a lot lately about how we can use technology to make our meetings more accessible, inclusive and transparent. We've started taking public comment, via email, at PublicComment@NewHopeBorough.org. Your ideas and opinions matter and everyone on Council is dedicated to hearing from you. Going forward, the Public Comment email address will be included in the Borough Contact Information section of the Newsletter.

I hope you'll join me at all these wonderful events, and take the time to rediscover New Hope and all our wonderful town has to offer!

Sincerely,

*Connie Gering*

Connie Gering  
New Hope Borough Council President

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## BOROUGH MANAGER'S MESSAGE

As we transition from spring to summer, we continue to see all aspects of the Borough busy at work.

Our Public Works Department has been cleaning up from the effects the winter brought us as they transition into the spring. Repairing the damage done by the remnants of Hurricane Ida was priority and they are currently working with FEMA to restore the Mechanic Street Bridge.

They have also turned their attention to preparing the parks for the summer months for all to enjoy. In conjunction with Parks and Recreation, new plantings and hanging baskets will spring up throughout the Borough, inviting residents and visitors to relax on a park bench or take a stroll down Main Street or along the canal towpath.

Our administrative offices continue to assist with the various services and information residents may be seeking out. It's a busy season for home improvement projects, and Borough staff are ready to help with any

HARB permits, construction permits, or any other type of service we can provide.

We know that the permitting process can be daunting and we're here to help. Our administration strives to keep things as simple and clear as possible, and we've been updating our forms and posting them on the Borough website to help speed things along. As always, our staff is here to answer any questions and walk you through the process.

We anticipate this summer being a busy time in town, for businesses and residents alike, as we emerge from what seems like a very long winter. As always, if we can be of continued assistance in any way, feel free to contact us at our office at 215-862-3347.

Thank you,  
Peter Gray



## NEW HOPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

New Hope has an elected 7-member Borough Council which plays a central role in borough government. Council sets policy, enacts legislation, adopts budgets, controls expenditures, appoints advisory commissions and boards, and hires employees. Council members are elected to four year terms, with either 3 or 4 members up for election every two years.

Council elects a President, Vice-president, and President Pro Tem from its ranks. The President, in cooperation with council, establishes standing committees and makes appointments thereto.

These standing committees generally consider all matters pertaining to a particular area of public policy, such as land use regulation, historic preservation, or recreation, and make recommendations to the full council.

Monthly public meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Community Meeting Room at 125 New Street. Workshop meetings are held at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Community Room. Meeting dates and times are subject to change, so visit the Borough website for the latest information.



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Laurie McHugh  
Vice President



Tina Rettig,  
President Pro Tem



Dan Dougherty



Ken Maisel



Peter Meyer



Louise Feder

## BOROUGH MAYOR

The New Hope Mayor, Laurence D. Keller, has several roles:

- The Mayor works with the Police Chief to set police policy and work rules and is responsible for emergency proclamations.
- The Mayor attends Council meetings and generally votes when there is a tie.
- The Mayor also represents the Borough in local functions and events and may perform weddings.



## NEW HOPE BOROUGH ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR

The elected Tax Collector bills and collects all real estate taxes for the Borough, County and School District. Each taxing district sets its own tax rate and informs the elected Tax Collector. The Borough's elected Tax Collector is:

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## NEW HOPE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT ATTAINS FIRST PLEAC ENDORSEMENT



Chief Michael V. Cummings

In July of 2022, residents will soon see that there will be new PLEAC Accreditation stickers on our vehicles. The New Hope Borough Police Department began the process to pursue a police accreditation certification three years ago. The accreditation that is available to Pennsylvania police departments is awarded through the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation

Commission. This PLEAC Accreditation is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. The accreditation is based upon best practices generally accepted throughout the United States and Pennsylvania by law enforcement agencies. The arduous process entailed rewriting every existing policy and guidelines to comply to a series of set guidelines also known as standards. This process began with the implementation of a software program named Power DMS that allows the police department to track all policies and any changes that are made. It also documents all trainings and certifications obtained. The officers were required to read and learn all of these new procedures. The Power DMS program also gave us the ability to create tests on these new procedures to show the officers are fluent in the policies. This puts all the policies in the hands of every officer and they are accessible on their cell phones. This access allows officers to check any questions that they might have while being out in the field. This is especially important due to the number of part time officers that we utilize to perform police services in the borough. The police department was fortunate to obtain the services of LEAS (Law Enforcement Accreditation Services) to help guide us through the process. Corporal Candice Tremblay was assigned the task of working with LEAS to enter data and develop policies along with Corporal Dawn Haas and the chief of police, Chief Michael Cummings overseeing the entire project. The process took approximately 18 months from beginning to implementation. Several changes were made to the physical plant of headquarters. The holding room area was updated and brought into compliance with PLEAC standards and new cameras were installed in new locations in the building. The buy in from all the officers in the department was essential for this project to succeed. I am proud to say that all the officers were enthusiastic about the process and participated to make this a success. In March, a mock assessment was conducted by PLEAC and the department went through the process with little problem. Minor corrections were made and on March 10th and 11th, a full assessment was conducted by three PLEAC Assessors who went through the policies and compared them to our incident reports and arrest procedures. The assessors drove around with patrol officers learning about our jurisdiction and the problems we face. The PLEAC assessors passed our department with flying colors. The assessment team leader is recommending that the New Hope Borough Police Department be approved for PLEAC Accreditation at the quarterly meeting to be held at the 2022 Pennsylvania Police Chief's Annual Conference on July 26th. The approval does not end our participation in this program. Every three years the department will have to attain re-accreditation with a look back to make sure we have complied through that time frame with the policies and procedures. The assessment team will make sure that we remained up to date on any changes that have been made.

This accreditation is a pledge by the police department to keep current on the ever-changing landscape of policing in order to be professional in our goal of protecting and serving the residents of New Hope Borough.

This project was a joint endeavor of the police department, the borough government and residents to make this successful. Special thanks to Joan Schandelmeir from West Ferry Street who bequeathed, on her passing, most of the funds that paid for this accreditation to become possible. New Hope Borough Council also supported the police department in this endeavor by making a commitment to pay for the physical changes and additions to the police headquarters. It should be noted that only 145 departments in the commonwealth have attained this accreditation. There are 1,100 police departments in Pennsylvania. Of the 145 departments accredited, only 17 are boroughs.

## OFFICER SPOTLIGHT - CANDICE TREMBLAY



Candice Tremblay is a corporal with New Hope Borough Police Department. She grew up on a small pig farm in Colorado. Candice enjoyed school from an early age and quickly became bored with public school and begged her parents to let her home school. From grade 8 to 12, she completed her education at home. Candice is a carpenter by trade and owned a construction company for 12 years. She also worked in the telephone field as a lead installer working as a contractor for BellSouth Telecommunications Company and traveled all over the southern states for several years. In 2002, Candice moved to Pennsylvania and helped establish a new company that bought properties for rentals and then managed over 100 units. During that time, Candice earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, concentrating on computer information technology. Using the degree, Candice moved into a help desk manager position. In 2010, Candice joined the police academy and, in 2012, was hired by New Hope Borough Police Department as a full-time officer. Since becoming an officer, Candice became a field training officer, works on all computer related crimes, updated the evidence room to include an electronic labeling system, became the evidence custodian, in-house computer technician, computer software manager, administration corporal, and most recently, the accreditation manager. While working full-time with the police department, Candice completed a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from South University. More recently Candice began working on a PhD in Criminal Justice from Walden University and plans to complete the degree early next year. Her future plans include research within the criminal justice field.

## GREATER NEW HOPE CHAMBER NEWS - by Michael Sklar, Chamber President

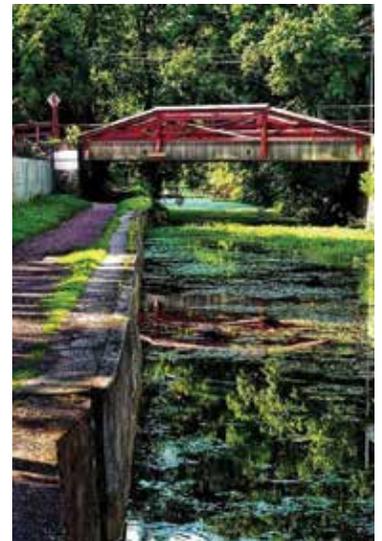


The Greater New Hope Chamber of Commerce has been busy planning an exciting Spring! While our mission is to focus on activities that promote businesses and causes within New Hope and the surrounding region, we recognize that our businesses would not be what they are without the support of our residents. With the warm weather upon us, we are excited

to kick off spring and summer with activities and events that will draw many people to our quaint little town. For Memorial Day, look for a display of American flags around town, when we will once again honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Those of you who have been New Hopians for some time fondly remember and look forward to the annual New Hope Arts & Crafts Festival. The 2022 event is scheduled and planning is heavily underway! The dates to mark on your calendar are Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th. Over 160 juried fine Artists and Craftsmen will exhibit using media such as oil paintings, watercolors, pastels, sculpture, fine and fun jewelry, ceramics, works in wood, fiber, furniture, wearable art, glass art, photography, outsider art, and more. The Festival will once again take place at the New Hope – Solebury High School parking lot, within walking distance from the center of the business district. A complimentary shuttle bus from the Bucks County Playhouse on South Main Street to the Festival lot will run during festival hours. Local artists and artisans interested in sharing your works can find an application on the Chamber's website, <https://www.visitnewhope.com/>.

Our Board is busily planning and cooking up ideas to keep New Hope as popular a place as ever! Stay tuned for some spooky Halloween happenings and more! As always, all our information can be found on our website, <https://www.visitnewhope.com/> and on Facebook and Instagram @VisitNewHope.



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## THE AMAZING MR. MARIS - BY ROY ZIEGLER



William Maris's Delaware House Hotel



Maris's Lepanto Wool Mill

When 31-year-old architect and builder William Maris arrived in New Hope (Coryell's Ferry) in 1812 from Delaware County, the town had already established itself as a force to be reckoned with for manufacturing in Bucks County. But Maris took the tiny borough to another level altogether. A chief rival of the community's patriarch, Benjamin Parry, Maris quickly made his mark.

Parry and his business partners had already planned the first bridge to Lambertville, and Maris, visualizing the impact the bridge would have on travel through the small town, set about planning the construction of New Hope's largest building—the Delaware House Hotel, opening it in 1816. It's now the location of Starbucks at the northeast corner of East Bridge and North Main Street.

Maris married Jane Beaumont, the daughter of John Beaumont, a wealthy businessman who owned 600 acres including Bowman's Hill, once Beau Mont, in Upper Makefield Township across from Brownsburg. William and Jane had eleven children.

### About the Author:

Roy Ziegler is past president of the New Hope Historical Society and currently serves as a member of its board of directors. He has written three books about our area's rich history. *Unflinching Trust* (2019), *The Parrys of Philadelphia and New Hope* (2011) and *New Hope, Pennsylvania: River Town Passages* (2007).

## PUBLIC WORKS – 2022 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Public Works Department anticipates the following Borough roads to be part of the 2022 Borough Roadway Improvement Program.

### **West Ferry Street - W. Ferry & Stockton/W. Ferry & Old Mill St.**

Storm Drain Inlet Repair  
Pavement Repair

### **West Mechanic Street - New St. to Stockton Ave.**

Pavement Repair  
Mill and Overlay

### **Stoney Hill Road - W Mechanic St to 21 Stoney Hill Rd.**

Pavement Repair  
Mill and Overlay

**Stoney Hill Road - W Mechanic St/600' up from W Mechanic**  
Pavement Repair

Mill and Overlay

### **Sugan Road - 214 Sugan Half Lane**

Pavement Repair  
Mill and Overlay

### **Sugan Road - 200' East of Stoney Hill Half Lane**

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### **Turnberry Way**

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## READYBUCKS – EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

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## THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY IS 200 YEARS OLD!

The history of the New Hope Eagle Fire Company began on June 21, 1822 when a small group met for the purpose of forming a fire company – the name chosen was the “Delaware Fire Company”. It was decided, as well, that “members would be solicited from Lambertville and the station would be located as near to the bridge as possible so was accessible from both sides of the river”.

A building, near the New Hope entrance to the Lambertville-New Hope bridge was rented from the Delaware Bridge Company for \$1 per year. The original firehouse still stands on the north side of East Bridge Street. In 1973 the Eagle moved from its second home located at 41 North Main Street, to its current location at 46 N Sugin Road.

In celebration of this amazing milestone, the Eagle Fire Company is hosting an old fashioned Fireman’s Parade on June 11, 2022. The parade will stage at the New Hope Solebury High School and kickoff at 11am. The procession will travel east on Bridge Street and turn right on to S Main Street ending at the American Legion. For more information please go to [www.nhefco.org](http://www.nhefco.org)

On June 12th, the New Hope Historical Society and the Eagle have teamed up to create the Dash for the Axe 5K. This will be the inaugural run for the Dash and the route will take the runner/walker on a scenic tour of the back roads of the Borough. For more information on this event please go to [www.newhopehistory.org](http://www.newhopehistory.org).

Here’s to another 200 years!

See you in June!

Claire E Shaw,  
President,  
New Hope Eagle Fire Company



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“Eagle Fire Company” at 41 N. Main St



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## TALKING TRASH

### Keeping our Community Clean, Safe and Healthy

New Hope Borough residents and businesses are required to contract directly with Licensed Waste Haulers for solid waste collection and disposal services and the collection of recyclables. But, did you know that there's more to it than just "taking out the trash?"

Let's face it, trash is dirty. It's the stuff we're done with....used up....no longer having a purpose. YOU don't want to see your trash. So, it's safe to say.....nobody else does, either!

### In accordance with New Hope Borough Ordinance Chapter 223 Solid Waste, Article III Municipal Solid Waste Management, 223-24 Standards and regulations for storage prior to collection

Every person (or Business) shall provide adequate and sufficient containers for receiving and holding municipal waste. Municipal waste containers, other than those used for the storage and collection of recyclables, shall be made of durable, watertight, rust resistant material having close-fitting lids, doors or covers and handles to facilitate collections, or durable, watertight plastic bags. Only residential property owners may use durable plastic bags for storage and collection of municipal waste. Nonresidential uses and properties must use durable, watertight, rust-resistant containers for storage and collection of municipal waste.

- Municipal waste containers shall be of sufficient capacity to hold accumulated refuse until the time of collection.
- Municipal waste containers shall be maintained in good repair. It shall be the responsibility of the person occupying the premises to keep municipal waste containers in a sanitary condition at all times. The containers shall be free from all liquids and residual solids and shall be periodically cleaned.
- Municipal waste stored outside of buildings shall be stored in containers of suitable size, shape and material so as to prohibit the waste from being scattered by wind or rain and shall prohibit accessibility of such waste to rodents and other vermin.
- Municipal waste containers shall be adequately secured at all times to prevent waste from scattering from the storage or collection points.
- Municipal waste containers that are screened from public view shall be located no less than 10 feet from any public street, alley, or other public place. Municipal waste containers that are not screened from public view shall be located no less than 25 feet from any street, alley, or other public place.
- All municipal waste storage containers shall be subject to inspection by the Borough at any reasonable hour without prior notice.

### \* 223-25 Standards and regulations for collection

- Municipal waste containers shall be placed just inside the curb or street line, not less than five feet from any side property line, only between the hours of **4:00 PM** prevailing time on the day prior to the collection of refuse by licensed collectors or haulers and **7:00 PM** prevailing time on the day of collection of refuse by licensed collectors or haulers. No container may be placed in such a manner as to block a sidewalk or pedestrian walkway or to hinder the safe passage of motor vehicles.



As a side note, BOROUGH TRASH RECEPTACLES are not to be used for Business or Residential Waste. Doing so is a FINEABLE offense.

## CASH FOR TRASH - RECYCLING

### The Importance of a Licensed Waste Haulers and Single-Stream or Sorted Recycling

New Hope Borough has annually participated in the PA Department of Environmental Protection's Recycling Grant Program. Grant amounts are based on total tonnage for residential and commercial properties, as reported by the hauler.

#### As per the ordinance regarding **Municipal Waste Collection and Transportation \* 223-15. Reporting requirements**

- All licensed collectors and licensed waste haulers and collectors and haulers of source-separated recyclable materials operating within New Hope Borough shall participate in the Bucks County Municipal Recycling Documentation Program. Each licensed collector and licensed waste hauler and collectors and haulers of source-separated recyclable materials operating in New Hope Borough shall prepare and submit an annual report to the Borough on the official Collectors and Haulers Recyclables Documentation Reporting Form.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to recycle as much material as possible. Whether you have a separate recycling container or your hauler picks up "co-mingled" waste, every can, recyclable paper and plastic bottle helps the environment and the Borough!



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## SPRING HAS SPRUNG – PARKS & RECREATION - BY BETH HASHER, CHAIR



Spring is officially here and the NH Borough Parks & Recreation Board can't wait to fill the town urns, boxes and planters with beautiful flowers as well as adorn our light posts with beautiful hanging baskets. As newly elected chair of NH Parks & Recreation it is my honor and privilege to continue the tradition of beautifying our river town. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing chair, Pam Can, for her many years of dedication and tireless service to New Hope Borough. Pam was instrumental in many of the great programs that we currently have and she will be missed! Our mission is to enhance our unique and lovely town whenever and wherever possible and we rely on fundraising to accomplish our goals. Please look for the Parks & Recreation donation form on the Borough website and stay tuned for information regarding our upcoming event: Story Time on the Green Roof. Interested in joining us? Contact the New Hope Borough administrative offices for an application.

## SHADE TREES IN THE COMMUNITY!

*By Krayl Funch*



New Hope's 2022 Arbor Day event was held on April 22, on the grounds of the Parry Mansion on South Main Street. The event was an excellent example of public/private partnerships.

The Shade Tree Commission and Hugh Marshall Landscaping have generously donated their time and services to the Historical Society, assisting with the planting of four new trees on the grounds of the Parry Mansion, replacing trees lost in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida. These trees, selected by A Garden in Time historical gardening services, replace others lost in recent years to storms, age, and other damage, and are a vital part of maintaining the ecosystem of the Aquetong Creek, which runs through the Mansion's grounds.

The celebration included walking tours of the four newly planted trees and the Parry Mansion grounds, botanical lectures, face painting, food and drinks. Mayor Laurence Keller presented a proclamation commemorating Arbor Day, and Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve and Friends of the Delaware Canal joined the Borough in marking the occasion.

Last year's event was held at the New Hope Shopping Center on Bridge Street. The 2021 celebration featured 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. This year, those trees are doing very well and will be treating us with blooms and blossoms for many years to come.

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 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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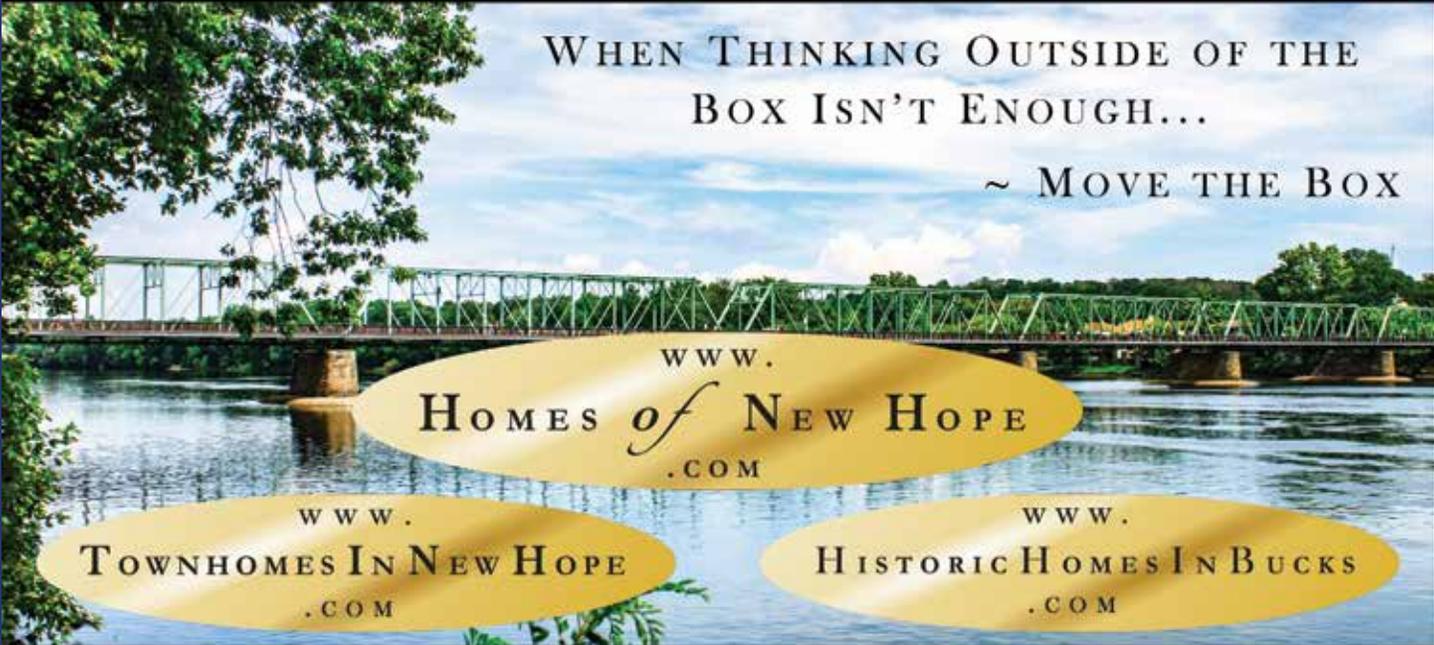
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