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## REMEMBERING LAURIE MCHUGH



In August, the people of New Hope were shocked and heartbroken to learn of Laurie McHugh's tragic death in a car accident. She was only 58 years old.

Laurie was Vice President of New Hope Borough Council and acted as liaison to New Hope's Chamber of Commerce. She was a strong advocate for local businesses and worked especially hard to keep them afloat during the pandemic. She served on the Shade Tree Commission and sponsored Junior Council. She gave many hours to New Hope parking issues and played a key role in bringing lucrative parking kiosks to town. Moreover, Laurie could always be counted on to volunteer for community events such as the Arts and Crafts Festival and First Friday celebrations.

Laurie was also a successful businesswoman. She competed for and won a New Jersey award to establish a cannabis retail store. After years of work and planning on the project, this year she opened her dispensary, Union Chill, in Lambertville.

Perhaps the culmination of her lifelong love of water, in 2012 she co-founded Bucks Dragon Boat, a non-profit club. While several of the club teams pursued and won championships at regional and international levels, her emphasis was on welcoming everyone to the club, regardless of their skills.

Laurie's demeanor was more forward than reserved; more swashbuckling than timid. To any task she undertook, she brought energy, courage, and determination. To everything she did, she brought joy and playfulness. These traits, however, did not belie her tender side. She became a foster mother to a young girl who needed her. When homeless dogs were in need of kindness, she cared for them. She was a dear friend, loyal and reliable whenever she was needed.

Laurie will always be loved by her extended family, devoted brothers and sister, foster daughter, Union Chill staff, the dragon boat community and many, many friends.

New Hope's Borough Council, Borough Manager, staff and colleagues would like to extend our posthumous gratitude for all she has done for our town.

Those of us who knew her well find it difficult to walk the streets of New Hope without still seeing her in every shop and restaurant.

We miss you, Laurie, and will do so for many years to come.

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## A Note from the Council President

A Borough can only be as good as its infrastructure permits, and we've been working on upgrading New Hope's infrastructure for years. Some of our efforts have immediate and visible impacts, while other, less obvious improvements come about through good and careful planning.

One obvious change was the removal of parking meters and the installation of kiosks, which freed up space for pedestrian movement downtown. But it also had a less obvious impact: The kiosks permitted us to almost triple parking revenue while providing more parking for visitors.

A further pedestrian improvement is the new porous paving at the base of the shade trees on some of our busier sidewalks. The new material removed tree pits from our narrow sidewalks, making them more walkable. The paving is made from recycled material that still allows rain water to drain directly to the tree roots and thus does not add to stormwater runoff.

However, infrastructure should serve residents even more than visitors, and we have accomplished a number of improvements in local facilities across the Borough.

We certainly hope you've seen the wonderful landscaping work completed this spring and summer that revitalized Lenape Park, Ferry Landing Park and the Visitor Center with new plantings, mulch and bedding materials throughout the grounds. We also repaved the entrance path at Randolph Park, added more railings along the river's edge, and repaired some stormwater systems. Over at Lenape Park, we repainted the gazebo, improved lighting, and upgraded the water and electrical systems.

Sometimes our infrastructure projects depend on external funding, as has been the case with past sidewalk improvements. We work hard to seek funding from other sources to help ease the cost to local taxpayers, but that dependency on outside funds at times delays actions we would like to take. A prime example of that problem was the reconstruction of the West Mechanic Street Bridge, which was severely damaged by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. We were eligible for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but we did not want to spend local taxpayer dollars that would not be reimbursed if we started work without authorization. Thus, we worked

closely with FEMA to secure the funding and finalize the engineering to rebuild and strengthen this important span, restoring access from West Mechanic Street to South Sugas Road.

Some infrastructure projects involve preparing for possible problems. These activities are sometimes required by law. We are engaged in one such effort, improving our information infrastructure. As a result of our legal obligations as a river town, we have a special responsibility to protect the Delaware River from pollutants and other runoff that could damage the quality of the water downstream. The Borough engineers are in the process of mapping all of New Hope's stormwater infrastructure, determining the location of every pipe, culvert, storm drain and outflow point in the Borough's control that empties into local streams and, ultimately, the river.

This information will speed up our ability to identify, and take immediate steps to stop, the flow of any hazardous material that enters our waterways, either from a storm or a spill.

As we look toward 2024, we have ongoing infrastructure improvement needs beyond the ongoing stormwater system mapping. One priority is improving access to convenient parking for borough residents and the employees of downtown businesses. That parking issue has been raised repeatedly at Council meetings. We also have incomplete sidewalks on Ferry and New Streets that should be addressed to improve pedestrian safety. While not an immediate issue, public charging stations for electrical vehicles may become available in the near future.

Both the sidewalks and the charging station may be at least partially financed with external funds through The Federal Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program, which was launched earlier this year. We plan or preparing applications to pursue funding in 2024.

Sincerely,

*Connie Gering*

Connie Gering, *New Hope Borough Council President*



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## BOROUGH MANAGER MESSAGE

Here at the Borough, we are working hard to assist our residents with anything they might need from their local government, and perhaps the most challenging part of the job is helping homeowners secure the proper permits for their improvement projects.



Peter Gray  
Borough Manager

We took a big step forward this spring in hiring a new, full-time Zoning Officer, Lisa Littlefield. Lisa joined us in April and quickly got to work on all things pertaining permits and zoning. Like the rest of us at Borough Hall, she's here to help, so feel free to stop in or give a call, or send your questions to [zoning@newhopeborough.org](mailto:zoning@newhopeborough.org).

We've had a very busy year with a number of projects around the Borough, and I'd be remiss if I didn't give a shout-out to Public Works Director Matt Decker. Matt took over the reins of the Public Works Department last year, and his first full year at the helm has been an active one.

Matt and his team have been busy refurbishing some of our parks, working with our contractors on the road improvement program, and keeping our public greens and grounds neat and trim. And if we get any snow this winter, they've got a new plow and salt spreader to make the work a little easier.

Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season,  
Peter Gray,  
Borough Manager

## A Word From Our Public Works Department

The road less traveled is open again! The West Mechanic Street Bridge is complete and safe to cross! We know navigation through town was difficult with the layers of road closures, delays, and rerouting. We'd like to thank you for your patience and understanding for the inconvenience. The necessary work performed to these roadways will ensure future operation, maintain safety and prevent further damage and erosion.

The following highlights the repairs completed in 2023.

- West Mechanic Street Bridge is complete!
- West Mechanic Street has been patched, milled and paved.
- Old Mill Road has been graveled and reggraded.
- The 2023 Road Improvement Project consisted of the following repair work is complete:
  - ◆ Inlets on Ferry Street
  - ◆ Paving on Mechanic Street from New St. to Stockton Avenue Bridge
  - ◆ Paving on two sections on Stoney Hill
  - ◆ Paving on two sections on South Sугan Road
  - ◆ Complete mill and overlay on entire length of Turnberry Way
- Sугan Road was resurfaced from Old York Road to Stoney Hill and Stoney Hill past St. Andrews Court.
- Stockton Avenue Bridge, which had rehabilitation work performed by Bucks County, reopened for travel in October.
- Sections of Kiltie Drive had PECO service upgrades on the roadway and across Bridge Street. The road restoration will be performed by PECO.

Reconstruction work to the New Hope-Lambertville Toll Supported Bridge will commence soon. Please visit their website for more information. [www.drjtbc.org](http://www.drjtbc.org)

Matthew J. Decker  
Director of Public Works, New Hope Borough



## 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 6:30 PM in the Community Meeting Room at 125 New Street. Workshop meetings are held at 4 PM 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.



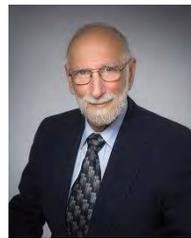
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Laurence D. Keller  
Mayor

### 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.



Denton Kanouff  
Tax Collector

### 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:

Denton Kanouff  
P. O. Box 444  
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Phone: 215-862-1430



Frank DeLuca  
Constable

### NEW HOPE BOROUGH ELECTED CONSTABLE

A PA State Constable is a sworn peace officer of the executive branch who is directly elected by and answerable to the voters of their borough. Along with other duties, Constables are charged with keeping order at the election polls and ensuring that no qualified voter is obstructed from voting.

## ALERTS SIGN UP

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT – Chief Michael Cummings



As we ring in the new year of 2024, we will be saying farewell to Chief of Police Michael Cummings. Chief Cummings has served New Hope Borough for the past 15 years. His dedication to the residents of New Hope will always be remembered. Mayor Larry Keller, New Hope Borough Police officers and staff want to express their heartfelt thanks to Chief Cummings for his professionalism, dedication and outstanding service to the community of New Hope Borough.

Chief Cummings obtained his BA in Sociology/Criminology from Temple University, completed Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in the School of Police Staff and Command, and graduated from Federal Bureau of Investigation in the FBI National Academy United States Department of Justice. In addition, he holds certificates in the following areas: Rational Emotive Therapy from the Albert Ellis Institute; basic and advanced negotiation training from the FBI in the Philadelphia region; crisis intervention specialist with the Montgomery County Department of Mental Health.

Chief Cummings' career started out in Doylestown Borough Police Department as a patrol officer and K-9 officer. He quickly rose through the ranks of patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, and lieutenant. Upon his retirement from Doylestown Borough Police Department, Mayor Larry Keller swore him in as the Chief of Police in New Hope Borough on January 27, 2009.

Chief Cummings is a member of the Central Bucks Special Response Team. He has held the position of team leader for the Crisis Negotiation Team for 25 years. Over the last 23 years, Chief Cummings served as the president of the Delaware Valley Negotiators Association. Chief Cummings held the office of president for the Bucks County Police Chief's Association from 2021-2022.

Throughout the 15 years of his career as New Hope Borough Police Chief, Chief Cummings' accomplishments include hiring five full-time officers and numerous part-time officers. During his time as chief, Chief Cummings was responsible for the relocation of the new police department building to 125 New Street, the implementation of body worn cameras, and upgrading the records management system. While serving as chief, the department has received several grants, saving taxpayers over \$100,000.

Chief Cummings' final act was to obtain accreditation. New Hope Borough Police Department became accredited on March 11, 2022. Chief Cummings oversaw many changes of policies, procedures, and renovations that took place during the accreditation process. This was an immense accomplishment, as only 25 out of 184 boroughs in Pennsylvania have accredited police departments.

New Hope Borough police officers are all the wiser from the many stories the Chief told of his illustrious career. The stories included a multitude of drug busts and many arrests alongside his K9 partner Bergey. As the Chief of New Hope Borough, Chief Cummings led by example and was a working Police Chief. Mayor Larry Keller said it best: "He was the 'People's Chief,' often seen walking the streets throughout town, interacting with the residents, business owners and visitors, either listening to their concerns or simply saying hello. Community policing was a priority for the Chief so he led by example which is why he was embraced by the residents of New Hope." "While I will miss the camaraderie we shared during his tenure," continued Mayor Keller, "he was and always will remain a friend for me and all of New Hope. Please join me in wishing Chief Cummings a happy retirement with his wife Betty and his family."





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## New Hope Historical Society Launches Parry Mansion Environmental Conservation Project

*Story and photographs by Roy Ziegler*

Partnering with the New Hope Shade Tree Commission, A Garden in Thyme, Hugh Marshall Landscaping and Best Buddies Landscaping, the New Hope Historical Society's Nature Trail Team early this year began a three-year project to renovate, refresh, beautify, preserve, and share the beauty, serenity, and wildlife

*Nature Trail along the Aquetong Creek West* on the Parry Mansion property.

Direct support for the project is provided by the Shade Tree Commission supplying native tree species and guidance with plantings. Hugh Marshall's crews and equipment have created a nature trail along the Aquetong Creek. Private donations will help fund the overall project and a team of nine Historical Society volunteers for the Stewardship Crew will weed and water the new and existing landscape.

Society president, Frank Policare, noted, "The origin of this project stems from recent floods, devastating tree losses and other weather-related incidents and in our interaction with the Shade Tree Commission. Our greatest need is to leave our "green" fingerprint in New Hope for conservation history. The ultimate goal is to extend our outreach to the community and visitors with a welcoming nature trail stretching from the sidewalk on South Main Street, close to the bridge over the Aquetong Creek, winding along the northern side of the creek to our western property line, and over to the gated walkway entrance on West Ferry Street; and securing a conservation easement of the Parry property along the Aquetong Creek."

The new project aims to retain and shore up the existing, but slowly eroding waterside property and restore native riparian barriers and incorporate a butterfly and native plant habitat Nature Trail along Aquetong Creek East (Roy Ziegler) into the landscape of the Parry Mansion. Five garden areas will be maintained and interpreted for five distinct historical time periods of Parry Mansion matriarchs. Walkers and visitors will be able to appreciate the new plantings and the existing landscape and will soon be welcomed by butterflies and hummingbirds as they stroll along a meandering path by naive sanctuaries, and historic markers that will demonstrate the rich history of that area along the Aquetong Creek.



*Nature Trail along Aquetong Creek East*

## News from Parks and Recreation:

*By Beth Hasher, Chair – New Hope Parks and Rec*



We had a very busy summer season which brought to fruition the much needed renovations to our Visitor Center and Lenape Park. We hope that you've had an opportunity to see both of these spaces, especially Lenape Park, with the water feature operating again, new landscaping, and the new lighting that affords leisurely strolls during the evening hours.

As a testament to our work, I recently read an article on best small towns to visit and our beautiful park with its enchanting lights was mentioned! We're fortunate that we get to enjoy it every day!

Lenape Park also hosted the Greater New Hope Chamber pre-fireworks festivities this past summer with food, music and lots of fun. We hope to have more musical opportunities in the park during the upcoming seasons.

Fall and winter are special times in the Borough, filled with festivities and happenings throughout town. We hope you enjoy our fall plantings and decorating, as you stroll through with friends and family.

*Beth Hasher*

*Chair, New Hope Parks & Rec*

## What is HARB and why is it important?

In 1961 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approved The Historic District Act to provide municipalities with a tool to protect "...those historical areas within our great Commonwealth, which have a distinctive character recalling the rich architectural and historic heritage of Pennsylvania." The Act authorized the establishment of local Historic Districts and Historical Architectural Review Boards. In 1987, the New Hope Borough's Historic Districts were identified and our Historical Architectural Review Board was established to demonstrate the commitment of the citizens of New Hope to preserve and protect buildings of architectural and historic significance and the cultural heritage of the community. If you live in the Historical District and are looking for guidance on home projects, HARB has created an easy read to help you through the process. The flowchart with active links to appropriate documentation can be found on the Borough website in the "How Do I..." dropdown or on the HARB page.

## Greater New Hope Chamber Of Commerce Events

As we embrace the vibrant colors and crisp air of fall, I wanted to fill you in on some delightful plans we've been brewing for our beloved town.

We're absolutely thrilled to have brought back First Fridays this year! We've missed the vibrancy and spirit it brings to our town. Keep those eyes peeled and ears open for when they come back full swing, and expect the usual New Hope charm and then some.

October brought a cauldron of festivities. Hopefully you weren't too startled by our scarecrow pals popping up in unexpected places, and enjoyed our amazing business's sprinkle of Halloween magic. We were stoked to see how our town got into the spooky spirit and we weren't disappointed. It shaped up to be a BOO-tiful month! Perhaps we'll share some photos in our next update!

As we roll into the heart of the holiday season, there's plenty in store. The Logan Inn is set to dazzle during our **Tree Lighting** ceremony on **November 26th**. The twinkle of the lights and the ambiance always make it a special evening. And guess what? Just when you thought we were slowing down, **December 3rd** brings back the ever-popular **Holiday Parade**. The joy, the music, and maybe a dash of hot cocoa—perfect, right? If there are any interested participants, please reach out to us at [newhopechamber@gmail.com](mailto:newhopechamber@gmail.com).

Amidst all these plans, do keep an eye out for our **Business Card Exchange**. It's in the pipeline, and while we're finalizing a date and location, it promises to be a laid-back evening full of chatter, connections, and maybe a bit of networking magic.

For all you social media savvy folks, get the latest buzz and a peek behind the curtains by following us on Facebook and Instagram @visitnewhope.

That's the latest from our end. Your feedback, participation, and passion drive us forward. Here's to making more memories, fostering stronger connections, and celebrating all the moments that make our town truly special. Cheers to the journey ahead, and see you around town soon!

Michael Sklar  
President  
Greater New Hope Chamber

## Fall Stormwater Tips



Fall is the time of year when school starts back up and the leaves begin to fall. As you are working outside and enjoying the cooler weather, remember these tips to protect our environment and water.

### Leaf Litter and Yard Waste

Leaf litter and any yard waste can cause harmful nutrient accumulation in nearby waterways. Dispose of leaf litter and yard waste in a compost pile or use for mulch or fertilizer. Do not rake leaves into storm drains, streets or waterways.

### Plant a Tree

Fall is a great time to plant a tree. Trees absorb the runoff and reduce amount of water that will runoff into the streets and waterways.

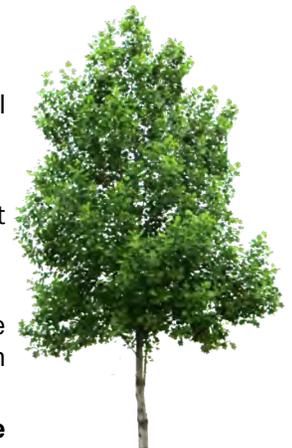
### Prune your Trees and Shrubs

Pruning trees and shrubs in the fall will give them a good start in the spring growing season. It will also help them to use more water in the spring to reduce the runoff.

### Aerate your Lawn

Aeration involves perforating the soil with small holes to allow air, water and nutrients to penetrate the grass roots for a healthy lawn. Aeration helps the roots grow deeply, reduces soil compaction and restores your lawns natural draining ability resulting in less runoff to our streams.

**If you observe pollutants entering the storm sewer or stream, please contact New Hope Borough at 215-862-3347.**



## Mapping of the Storm Sewer System

In the coming months, you may see surveyors in town to identify and map the storm sewer system in the Borough. As part of our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit with the Department of Environmental Protection, we are required to have a map showing the storm sewers in the Borough. The mapping is required to show all piping, storm drains, and each location where the storm sewer system discharges into a stream or the Delaware River. The purpose of the mapping is to provide information so that the Borough can better maintain the system, and so that, in the event of a pollutant spill, the Borough can easily identify what pipes or drainage channels are located downstream of the spill and where the system may discharge into a stream or the Delaware River. With this information readily available, measures can be taken to reduce any potential environmental impact to the waterways.



To further protect the water quality of our nearby streams and river, the Borough would request that if anyone were to notice pollutants entering a storm drain, a stream, or the river, please contact the Borough at (215) 862-3347.

## A Note From Code Department—*New Hope Sidewalk Safety*

We are extremely fortunate to live in a “walking town,” with the ability to take a short stroll for coffee, shopping and the like. As a popular tourist destination, our streets and sidewalks host thousands of visitors in a single weekend.

Did you know that living in a walking town adds to property value, not to mention the health benefits to all who take advantage of the walkability!

The importance of safe, well maintained sidewalks is a priority in our Borough, but who is responsible and what, exactly, should be addressed?

Chapter 233 Streets and Sidewalks §233-3 of the Borough Code of Ordinances outlines the property owner’s responsibility for repairs within 20 days of a notice of violation and notes that failure to make the repairs can result in fines, but how do we avoid violations, possible fines and potential trip and fall situations?

### **The answer-Be proactive!**

As with your home or building, keep your eyes open for potential problems. Periodically examine your sidewalks and driveways for any broken or heaved slabs, step separation, and cracked concrete. Also be mindful of settled areas that can trap water and always watch tree root damage!

Remember addressing any issues on a PennDot roadway or within the Historic District may require special attention. Our Code Enforcement department is available to answer all your questions and will happily take a look at anything you may identify as a concern, then direct you as to the proper steps to take for your particular property.

Whether you’re the property owner or a tenant, it is your responsibility to address any unsafe issues, such as heaved slabs, step separation, and paver irregularities. A vertical displacement, at any point on the walkway, could cause pedestrians to trip.

- Spalled areas and cracked concrete. Fragments of concrete or asphalt separated from the surrounding paving and holes and rough spots could cause pedestrians to trip.
- Settled areas that trap water. Sidewalk segments with depressions, reverse cross slopes, or other indentations may create depressions that trap silt and water on the sidewalk and may reduce the slip resistance of the walking or create tripping hazards.
- Tree root damage. Roots from trees growing in adjacent landscaping that cause the walkway surface to buckle and crack could cause pedestrians to trip.



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## SHADE TREE COMMISSION – By Krayl Funch

### ***New Hope is Awarded 2023 Tree City USA Growth Award!***

The Tree City USA Growth Award is presented by the Arbor Day Foundation to participating Tree City USA communities that demonstrate higher levels of tree care and community engagement during the calendar year.

In order to qualify for the 2023 Tree City Growth Award, the New Hope Shade Tree Commission received an increase in budget, which allowed the completion of installation of Porous Pave in eleven tree pits.

### ***Porous Pave Project Continues***

As you may know, one of the Commission's main objectives in 2022 was to identify and install Porous Pave in tree pits, in the main business area, that have healthy trees and minimal sidewalk obstructions to prove the ability to install the material in pits with existing trees.

With this method a team from Hugh Marshall Landscaping were able to revitalize eleven tree pits in last Fall. The work will continue into Spring and Summer of 2023 with approximately 25 more tree pits being updated on Main and Bridge Streets! These will also include more challenging pits where sidewalk damage exists or where tree replacement is required.

The benefits of the use of Porous Pave:

- allows 60% water flow through to roots, reducing the roots from bulging up on the sidewalks;
- reduces tripping hazards; allows wheelchairs, strollers, etc to roll over a larger surface;
- uses recycled tires and reduces weed growth.

### ***Embracing the Power of Native Trees and Plants in Climate Action***

In the face of climate change, native trees and plants emerge as unsung heroes. They've evolved over the years in our Pennsylvania ecosystems, adapting to our unique climate conditions. These local champions, resilient to shifting weather patterns and pests, hold the key to our climate resilience.

The recent wildfires serve as a reminder of the consequences of neglecting our natural surroundings. To improve our region's climate resilience, it is important that we collectively continued to add native trees and plants to our landscape plans. This not only ensures the survival of our unique ecosystems but also reinforces our commitment to mitigating the impact of climate change.

Planting native species isn't just about aesthetics; it's a powerful climate action. Native vegetation captures carbon dioxide, curbing global warming. It creates homes for local wildlife, and improves our air and water quality. By choosing natives, we collectively fortify our region against climate change and reduce our environmental footprint.

### ***Callery Pear in Pennsylvania: A Mixed Blessing***

Callery Pear trees, scientifically known as *Pyrus calleryana*, have been a familiar sight in New Hope for decades. Often planted for their aesthetic appeal and hardiness, these trees have graced our landscapes with their elegant white blossoms in the spring. However, as time has passed, we've come to realize that the Callery Pear, particularly the Bradford variety, comes with a significant downside.

The Callery Pear has demonstrated a propensity to escape cultivation and invade natural areas. It crowds out native species and reduces biodiversity, leading to imbalances in local ecosystems; its branches are prone to splitting during storms, posing a danger to property and people.

As of November 2021, the Callery pear has been added to the Pennsylvania noxious weed list. Enforcement of the ban on sale and distribution of Callery pears will be phased in over 3 years concluding with an on-the-ground ban in 2024.

As responsible stewards of our community, the New Hope Shade Tree Commission strongly feels we must all seek alternative native species that offer beauty to our community without the ecological drawbacks.

### ***Stopping Spotted Lanternfly: A Collective Effort***

The Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) has emerged as a serious threat to Pennsylvania's agriculture and natural environment. This invasive insect, originally from Asia, feeds on a wide range of host plants, including native trees, grapevines, and fruit trees, causing significant economic and ecological damage.

Education and community involvement are essential components of these efforts, as informed and engaged residents can play a pivotal role in identifying, reporting, and managing spotted lanternfly populations in our community. For more information visit the New Hope Shade Tree Commission page on the borough website.

### ***Remembering A Champion of Our Community***

The New Hope Shade Tree Commission will sorely miss the Borough Council liaison, Laurie McHugh. She was a terrific champion of the initiatives to ensure a healthy tree canopy for businesses and residents.



*Laurie McHugh, Gloria, Krayl, Frank, Anita*

# The New Hope Automobile Show Revved Up the Summer of 2023

**67th Annual Event Celebrated Four Auto Anniversaries:  
70th Anniversary of Corvette, 100th Anniversary of MG,  
75th Anniversaries of Porsche and Lotus**

The skies were blue and the show field was full of all types of vehicles at the 67th edition of The New Hope Automobile Show, which took place on the grounds of the New Hope-Solebury High School August 12 and 13, 2023. This year marked the celebration of four major auto anniversaries, honoring the 70th anniversary of the Corvette, the 100th anniversary of the MG, the 75th anniversary of Porsche, and the 75th anniversary of the Lotus. The 2023 poster car, a 1971 Lotus Type 69 Formula 2 race car, was on exhibit the entire weekend. Domestic vehicles were featured on Saturday, August 12, and foreign vehicles were on display Sunday, August 13. The Show continued its tradition of presenting the finest and most rare classic and antique, foreign, and domestic vehicles. From Rolls Royce to Tuners, there was something for every automotive fan.

A complete list of the weekend's winners and photo gallery can be viewed at [NewHopeAutoShow.com](http://NewHopeAutoShow.com). Keep

up with The New Hope Automobile Show via Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on their events throughout the year, including the annual Road Rally and Cars and Coffee Meetups.

The New Hope Automobile Show is presented by New Hope Helping, a volunteer organization whose mission includes raising funds for New Hope-Solebury High School scholarships as well as local New Hope-Solebury community projects and charitable organizations throughout the region.

New Hope Helping has continued their expanded efforts to include a Summer Concert Series, Youth Tennis Tournament, and the Steve Buck | Hardy Bush Memorial Golf Tournament. Since 1949, New Hope Helping has donated over \$1.6 million to local causes and education and is grateful for the community's ongoing support.

Members of the community who enjoy having fun while doing good are encouraged to join New Hope Helping. Call 215-862-5665, visit [www.newhopehelping.org](http://www.newhopehelping.org) or [www.newhopeautoshow.com](http://www.newhopeautoshow.com) to learn how to get involved.



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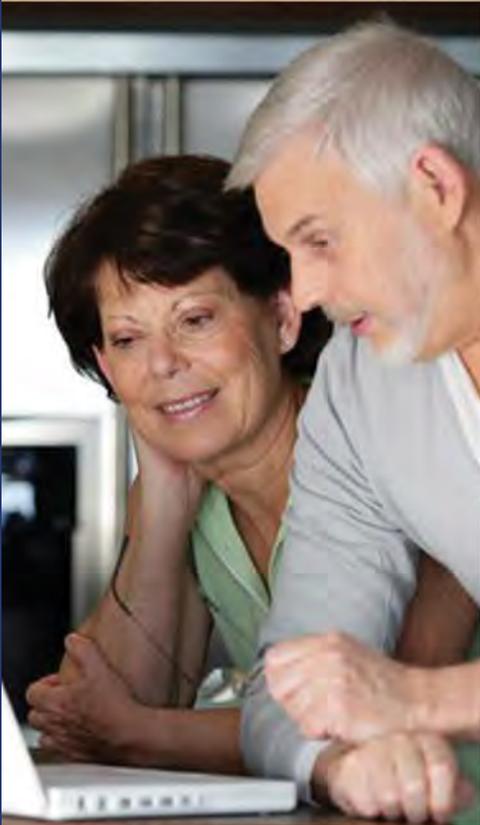
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