

# CITY OF NEW BRITAIN



Office of the Mayor

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## **Mayor Waives Downtown Parking Meter Fees for Remainder of the Holiday Shopping Season**

**NEW BRITAIN**—Mayor Erin E. Stewart announced today that beginning Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, she will suspend parking meter fees in the downtown area to provide up to two hours of free parking for holiday shoppers. Regular meter rates and enforcement will resume at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

“I hope that by making it easier for residents to shop local that they will support the many unique businesses that we have in New Britain,” said Mayor Erin E. Stewart. “These businesses add to our city’s identity and will fade if we don’t support them.”

The Mayor added: “I’m a big supporter of shopping local and reinvesting our hard earned dollars back into our community, so I hope you will consider taking advantage of this free parking to start—or finish—your holiday shopping.”

Meters subject to this suspension include those on Main Street, West Main Street, Arch Street, and the Szczesny and Badolato parking garages. The Blogoslawski/courthouse parking garage will still charge normal parking rates. Handicapped parking rules will be strictly enforced during this holiday period so that persons with disabilities will have full access to parking in the downtown district.

City parking agents and NBPD patrols will continue to operate in the downtown area, enforcing the two hour limit. Vehicles left beyond the limit will be subject to ticket and/or towing at the owner’s expense.

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