

## NEW BRITAIN RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S



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## Staff Spotlight

Emily Delgado, Site Supervisor at the EKC After School Program at Holmes, brings creativity, leads with patience, enthusiasm, and makes a meaningful impact.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!



"Hello New Britain! As we kick off a new season (and our new newsletter), I'm excited to share a little about what's happening in the Recreation & Community Services Department. Our team has been hard at work planning programs, events and activities that bring people together, support families, and make our city an even better place to live, play, and connect. We're looking forward to a year full of energy, creativity, and community pride. One of our biggest goals this year is strengthening Community Engagement & Outreach. That simply means getting out into neighborhoods more, talking with residents, and making sure we're hearing what matters most to you. Whether you stop by one of our events, share feedback about a program, or talk with our staff at a park or school, your voice helps us shape services that truly meet the needs of New Britain's families. We're also focused on Program Development & Enhancement, which is all about offering activities that are fun, inclusive, and accessible. From youth programs and sports leagues to senior services and special events, we're working to expand what we offer and make our programs even better. If you haven't checked out something new in a while, this season is a great time to jump in. Behind the scenes, we're improving Operational Efficiency; basically, making sure everything runs smoothly. That includes updating systems, supporting our staff, taking care of our facilities, and finding new ways to stretch our resources so we can offer the best possible experience for everyone. Thank you for being part of our community. Your participation, enthusiasm, and ideas make New Britain a great place to live and play. We can't wait to see you at our programs and events this season!" - **Mallory Deprey, Director of the New Britain Recreation and Community Services Department**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Winter Basketball

**Jamboree:** Saturday, December 6, 2025 at Roosevelt Early Learning Center, 40 Goodwin St.

### 48th Annual Holiday

**Bazaar:** Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 9:00AM-2:00PM at the New Britain Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.

### Breakfast With Santa:

Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 9:00AM-11:00AM at the New Britain Senior Center, 55 Pearl St.

### Happy Hole-A-Days:

Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at the Stanley Golf Course, 245 Hartford Rd.

### Merry & Bright House Decorating Contest

### Registration Deadline:

Saturday, December 13, 2025

**Recreation****New Winter Basketball Teams to be Celebrated in December**

Photo by Melody Rivera

Anthony Littlejohn coaches Winter Basketball players in grades 3-4.

Teams have been selected for the Winter Basketball 2025-2026 Season, which is officially starting on Saturday, December 13, 2025! Our new players will be celebrated at the Winter Basketball Jamboree on Saturday, December 6, which will be located in the Roosevelt Early Learning Center. The Jamboree begins at 9:00AM for Grades 7-8, 10:30AM for Grades 5-6, and 12:00PM for Grades 3-4.

**You Better Watch Out! Santa is Coming to New Britain!**

Breakfast with Santa takes place on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00AM-11:00AM. Preregistration is required and tickets cost \$5 per person. The deadline to register is Friday, December 12 at 12:00PM.

**Deck the Halls for our Annual House Decorating Contest!**

Registration for the Merry & Bright House Decorating Contest ends on Saturday, December 13, 2025. Pre-registration is free and you must be a New Britain resident in order to participate! Judging will occur from Monday, December 15, 2025 to Thursday, December 18, 2025 and all nominees will be notified to have their lights on starting at 6:00PM during this time. The winners will be announced on Friday, December 19!

**Community Services****Love Wins as Community Services Partners with the Ana Grace Project**

Photo by Omar McDew

Community Services ready to give away warm clothing items at the Love Wins Drive in 2024.

Love Wins Community Drive, hosted by the Ana Grace Project, is partnering with the Local Youth Prevention Council and Police Department to distribute toys on Sunday, December 14 at Osgood Park. Donations and volunteers are encouraged and welcomed! Call Community Services ASAP to register, as this allows a toy for your child.

**New Career Closet is Collecting Clothes**

Career Closet at the New Britain Public Library is accepting donated business/professional clothing on Thursday, December 18 from 8:30AM-12:00PM. Clothes will be ready for pick-up on every Friday starting on January 9 for those who need them.

*"Go the extra mile, it's never crowded" is a motto I think is very important to keep in mind when helping all the vulnerable populations.* -**Kelly Murphy, Community Services Program Manager**



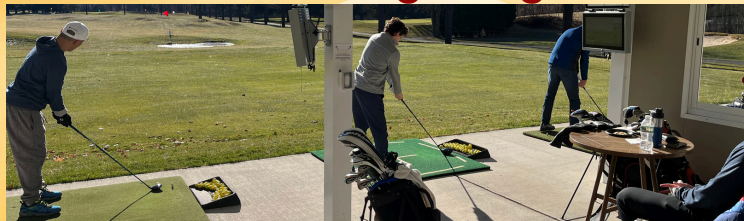
**Stanley Golf Course****Happy-Hole-A-Days to Lead  
New Winter Driving Range Series**

Photo by Howie Friday  
Golfers preparing to swing their golf clubs at Happy-Hole-A-Days in 2024.

Happy Hole-A-Days kicks off on Saturday, December 13 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at the Driving Range! The contests will have three categories: Men, Women, and Juniors (17 and under). Winners will have a chance to win a foursome with carts! Music, food, and hot chocolate will be provided.

*"It's a golf event for everyone! It's a mini carnival that isn't serious about your golf game, it's meant to be a fun experience! - Howie Friday, Head Golf Professional"*

- The Golf Shop will have a Holiday Sale from Monday, December 1 to Wednesday, December 24.
- Stanley Golf Course will be closed along with its Golf Shop from Thursday, December 25 until March.
- New events, Winter Wonderland (Saturday, January 3, 2026) and Frosty Challenge (Saturday, February 7, 2026), will be from 11:00AM-2:00PM at the Driving Range.

**New Britain Senior Center****Seniors Prepare for  
Holiday Season**

- Rehearsals for the Bee-Sharps' Choir will take place every Friday before December 18 at 10:00AM to prepare for the Christmas Party and Christmas Caroling.
- The Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00AM-2:00PM. Bake Sale items must be brought to the Senior Center by Friday, December 5! If you're interested in being a vendor, please fill out a vendor form at the front desk of the Senior Center. The vendor fee is \$25 for a 6-foot-table.
- The next Commission on Aging meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, December 8 at 1:00pm.
- Thursday, December 18 is when the Christmas Party commences and it will be from 11:00AM-2:00PM at the VFW at 41 Veterans Dr. Tickets are \$2 per person (members only).

**Fairview Cemetery****Fall Cleanup has Ended**

Fairview Cemetery has officially concluded its Fall Cleanup! The entire 100-Acre Facility has been cleared of Fall leaves and residents now have the ability to place new decorations on their departed loved ones' graves. If you have any questions about protocols regarding decorations and when the next cleanup will take place, please make a call directly to the cemetery.



**Persons with Disabilities****Opportunities for People with Disabilities (and Caregivers)**

- November was National Caregiver month. To celebrate, a self-care workshop for caregivers was held on Saturday, November 22 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at Osgood Park.
- City Hall's C.L.I.M.B. Cart has returned! Breakfast food is available for purchase every Friday morning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to give young adults with special needs the opportunity to work and volunteer!
- The Commission meets on the first Monday of every Month in Room 504 on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall at 5:30PM. Anyone can participate in the Public Forum portion of the meeting where you can share concerns and thoughts with the Commission.

**Contact Us!****Recreation:** (860) 826-3360**Community Services:** (860) 826-3366**Stanley Golf Course:** (860) 827-8570 (Golf Shop) (860) 827-1362 (Tee-Times)**New Britain Senior Center:** (860) 826-3553**Fairview Cemetery:** (860) 826-3495**Disability Advocate:** (860) 826-3368**Veterans Affairs:** (860) 826-3362

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AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



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**Veterans Affairs****Wreaths Across America Continues in New Britain**

Photo by Paul Salina

Sponsored wreaths placed on Fairview cemetery gravesite in 2024.

The national non-profit organization, Wreaths Across America, will hold its ceremony on Saturday, December 13 at 11:00AM. Wreaths will be placed on the graves of the city's departed veterans in Fairview Cemetery, 120 Smalley St. Sponsors for next year's ceremony are already being accepted! For more information, please send an email to [info@davchapter8.org](mailto:info@davchapter8.org)

**Suggestion Box**

Do you have any event or program ideas? Please reach out to us so we can see if we can make it happen! We're also very open to any feedback you have, whether it's about our newsletter or our department in general!

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