



**E**STABLISHED in 1681, Historic Bristol Borough is located on the banks of the Delaware River in scenic Lower Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

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## JOIN THE BBBA

### **T**HE BRISTOL BOROUGH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

welcomes local businesses, entrepreneurs, civic groups, and non-profit organizations interested in working collectively to empower each other and the community for success.



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## MISSION

### **T**HE BRISTOL BOROUGH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

exists to promote the town and its businesses and to attract consumers and new businesses through events, promotions, advertisement, tourism, and more.

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BristolBoroughBusinessAssociation



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GROWING TOWARDS THE FUTURE.

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## HISTORY

*“Whereas, the success and prosperity of said merchants is directly connected with the health, happiness, and growth of the community.”<sup>1</sup>*

What started over 100 years ago with an informal group of business men intent on improving their economic status, as well as the quality of life of all residents, has continued throughout the century. The current members of the Bristol Borough Business Association (BBBA) strive to uphold the integrity and tenacity of its predecessors.

*“If a man does not take pride in his own town, he isn’t likely to give a rap for his country.”<sup>2</sup>*

Through changing economies, trends, and members, the BBBA has remained steadfast in its shared vision to ‘further their own promotional efforts and to take part in community projects.’ The business association has been instrumental in the development and implementation of countless projects, ventures, and events, which include:

- the erection of a municipal water and filtration plant
- filling in of the canal basin & leveling off the unfinished parking grounds behind Mill St.
- the creation of the municipal parking lot & a direct road into the lot from Route 13
- widening of pedestrian walkways & working with the PA Rail Road to eliminate the tracks along Pond St.
- improving traffic conditions & the installation of parking signs and improved lighting
- donations to and participation in various community groups, educational programs, and social causes

- exceeding the War Savings Bond Sale Drive goal of \$100,000
- providing an influential role in the formation of the Bristol Planning Commission
- preserving the historical integrity and aesthetic atmosphere of the borough
- partaking in economic and employment-stimulation programs such as the ‘Charge-It System’ and ‘Buy Now for Lower Bucks’
- organizing festivals and celebrations, many of which still continue today (i.e., Antique Auto Show, Mill Street Run, Mill Street Trick or Treating, Holiday Tree Lighting, Parade, & visit from Santa Claus)

*“Then all hail to a Bristol new, To the old we will bid adieu, For whether on water or whether on land, We will always stand ready to lend a hand, All hail to a Bristol new!”<sup>3</sup>*

To be part of a town so rich in history and beloved by its inhabitants, both past and present, is a privilege that is immeasurable. The Bristol Borough Business Association continues to be...

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1. William C. Peirce, 1906; 2. Joseph R. Grundy; 3. William C. Peirce, 1906

## ANNUAL EVENTS

See website for specific dates and locations.

**First Fridays:** Shop ● Dine ● Explore  
Specials, activities, and give-aways the First Friday evening of every month.

**Meet & Greet Peter Cottontail:**  
Peter Cottontail is hopping excited to be in Bristol Borough, Palm Sunday weekend!

**Auto Show:**  
Held annually the first Sunday in May since 1978, this event is the longest running and largest free exhibition antique auto show in Bucks County.

### Mill Street Run:

Lower Bucks County’s longest running road race held the Saturday after Labor Day since 1967.

### Sidewalk Sale

Enjoy the end of the summer sales the Thursday through Saturday after Labor Day.

### Pumpkin Painting:

Celebrate Historic Bristol Day, held the third Saturday in October, with this family friendly activity.

### Mill Street Trick or Treat:

The Historic Bristol Shopping District becomes alive with goblins, ghosts, and goodie bags, every October 31st from 3-5 pm.

### Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony:

Experience a small town Christmas celebration as it was meant to be! Held the Friday after Thanksgiving.

### Holiday Parade:

Join us the Saturday after Thanksgiving as we gaze, cheer, and revel in the best hometown parade ever.

### Santa Claus Comes to Mill Street:

A 70-year tradition continues with children of all ages enjoying a visit with Santa. Friendly pets are welcome.



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