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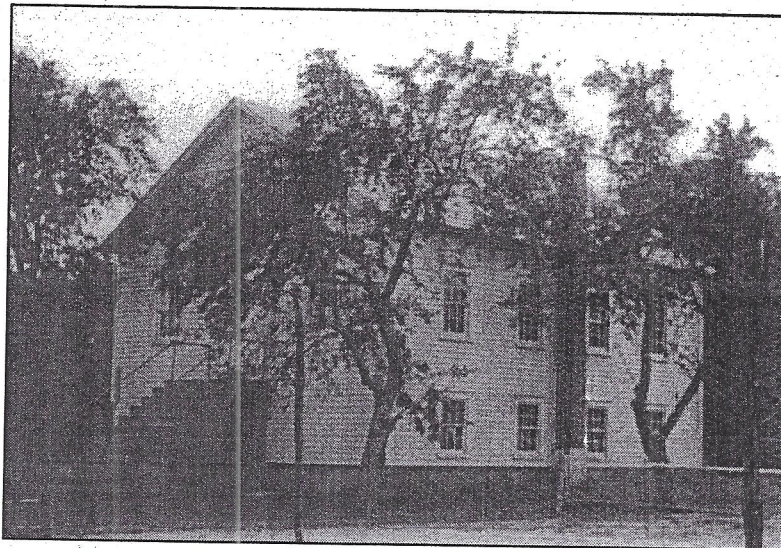
The History of New Britain Borough Hall

New Britain's Borough Hall is a vital part of our community, as it has been for nearly 90 years. Here is a brief history of this charming and well-used historic building.

gifted the property to New Britain Borough. Borough Council had been meeting in the upper level since its incorporation in 1928, and they continue to meet there today.

In 1908 Charles H. Conard founded the New Britain Literary Society. The motto of the organization was "Wisdom is Strength." In 1912 the group decided to build a literary building. They purchased ground from C.H. Conard along Keeley Avenue, land that had been in the Conard family since 1885. Construction on the building began in September 1913. Their collection of books were stored in the upper level. The Literary Society maintained the property until 1969, when the Society was disbanded and

The lower level was renovated to provide office space for the Borough's administrative staff and the Police Department. As the Borough experienced population growth, more office space was required. In 1991 the administration offices were moved across the street to their present location. The Police Department continues to occupy the lower level of the Hall.



Borough Hall building in 1925. In foreground is a tennis court, which served as a community gathering area.

The property on which the Borough Hall stands was once part of a large farm that extended south to the railroad, west to the Baptist Church and up behind the

present Borough Building to near the covered bridge. During the years of 1865 through 1885, the farm was owned by Rebecca Keely. The Keely homestead is the white farmhouse on Route 202 just east of Lamp Post Road. The Keely farm was the namesake of Keeley Avenue.

Today our Borough Hall reminds us of our rich history and continues to serve the community now and in the future.

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Borough Tax unchanged

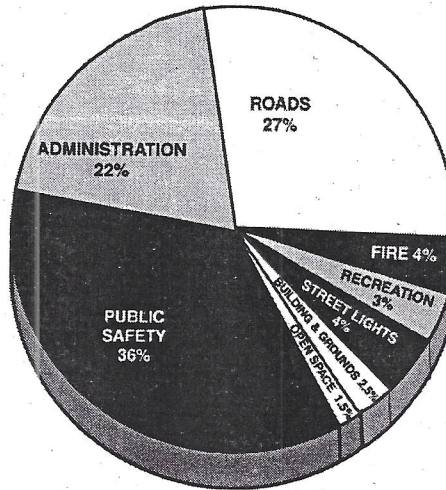
Borough Council approved a 2001 budget of \$891,758. Total anticipated revenue is \$755,900. In addition there are general and road fund reserves totaling \$155,300.

The 27-mill Borough tax is comprised of:

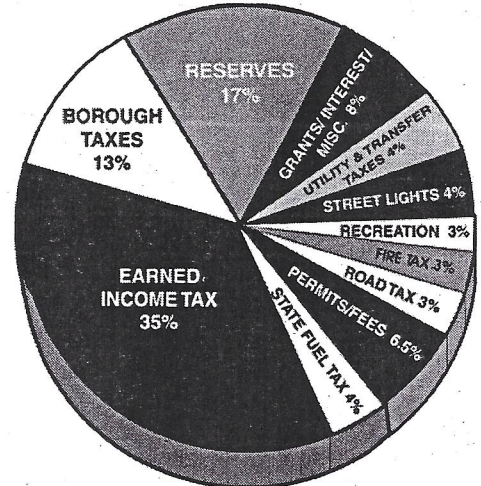
General.....	16%
Roads	3%
Recreation	3.5%
Street Lights	4.5%

In addition, a 3-mill Fire Protection Tax provides funds for the two fire companies that serve the Borough, Doylestown and Chalfont.

EXPENDITURES



REVENUE



Rid your household of hazardous waste

Many household products contain chemicals that when discarded contribute to the contamination of natural resources including water supplies. Bucks County's Hazardous Waste Collection Program provides residents with a way to reduce the amount of these hazardous materials that are routinely flushed down the toilet or sink or dumped in the backyard. It is the consumer's responsibility to use and dispose of household products safely. During the 2000 collection, nearly 2600 county residents disposed of 285,513 pounds of hazardous materials.

There are five Hazardous Waste Collection locations this year. The site most convenient to Borough residents is the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, 2740 Old York Road (Route 263) in Warwick Township, to be held on Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Common household items being collected include **caustics** such as oven cleaner and ammonia-based cleaners; **batteries** including rechargeable and button type as well as automotive; **pesticides** such as Chlordane, Seven and Malathion; **toxics** such as weed killer, pool and photographic chemicals, rust remover and wood preservatives; **flammables** such as oil-based paints, varnishes, gasoline and other solvents. **DO NOT BRING Latex Paint, appliances, asbestos, explosives or tires.** For detailed information, call 215-345-3400.



Summer Camp—Fun and Discovery

We proudly continue our Summer Recreation Program. The six-week session will be held at Covered Bridge Park on Keeley Avenue. The camp for children ages six (or beginning 1st grade in September) through 12 will operate daily Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from June 25 through August 3, 2001.

Supervised programs will include arts and crafts, sports and special event days. Registration forms will be circulated to local schools. Sign up at the Borough office.

The fee for Borough residents is \$135.00 for the entire 6-week program (\$130.00 for each additional child in family). Pre-registration is required. Borough residents should register at the Borough Administration Building (45 Keeley Avenue) on April 23-27.

Watershed Protection Organization Being Formed

A new citizens' organization is being formed to protect the North Branch Neshaminy Creek. The North Branch Neshaminy Creek Watershed Association will be comprised of members of the community interested in protecting the water quality and natural resources of the North Branch Neshaminy Creek and Lake Galena. The goals include community education, water quality monitoring, enhancement of recreational benefits, protection of stream buffers, and installation of stormwater controls. The first organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at Peace Valley Nature Center. Citizens are encouraged to attend and become involved in the North Branch Neshaminy Creek Watershed Association. For more information, call Rachel Mayette of the Bucks Conservation District at 215-345-7577.

Become a Firefighter

The Borough is served by two fire departments, Doylestown and Chalfont, two of the best all-volunteer fire companies in Bucks County. With the growth of the region, more volunteers are always needed. When volunteers are called to service, businesses allow them to leave work to perform their duties.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, call Fire Chief James Clements, 215-822-9685.

IMPORTANT NOTE—

Is it time to put fresh batteries in your smoke detector? Smoke detectors save lives, but only when the batteries are working.

Sidewalk Maintenance

Do you have a sidewalk on your property? Uneven sidewalks should be repaired promptly. In addition, tree and shrub branches should be properly trimmed so as to not impede pedestrian traffic.

Your cooperation will help keep our community safe and attractive.

Road Projects scheduled

The following road improvement projects are scheduled for for this spring. Your patience and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

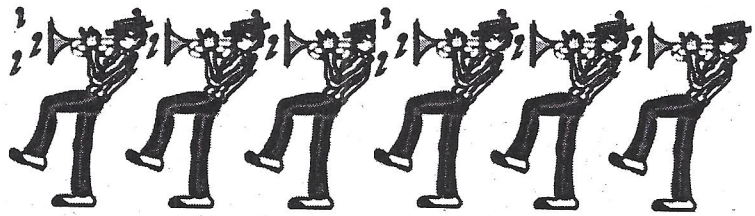
Crack sealing on various streets

Street sweeping

Cedar Lane - complete drainage work

Sioux Road - Reconstruction

Pueblo Road - Replace water main



Get Ready for the July 4th Parade

Wanted: Parade Floats! Join us in our annual July 4th Community Parade by entering a neighborhood, organization or business float. Floats will be judged for Most Patriotic, Most Original and Most Humorous.

Also wanted: Parade Marchers, decorated bikes and/or baby strollers.

The Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4 and begin at 10 a.m. at the Clemens Shopping Center on Route 202. It will end at North Branch Park. Bring the family!

The annual parade could not be possible without the generous support of the business community. We thank the following Borough businesses for their sponsorship of the 2000 parade:

Bitzer Dry Cleaners ✓

Bux Mont Party Centre

Dairy Queen ✓

D.B.A.Incorporated ✓

Domino's Pizza

The Eyehealth Alliance, LLC ✓

Keystone Truck equipment

McDonald's

North Penn Water Authority ✓

Rissi's Automotive Service, Inc.

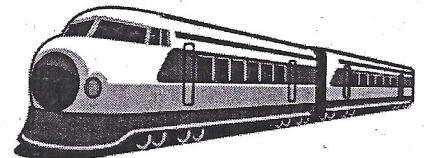
Saia's Family Chiropractic ✓

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Visit the New Britain Borough Police Department Website
www.nbbpd.org

We need your input!

If you use the local train station, we ask that you please answer the following questions so that we can work toward providing better service.



(Please complete, clip and return to the Borough Office 45 Keeley Ave., New Britain, PA 18901 — or email your response to nbboro@bux.com)

Train Station Survey — 2001

1. Do you drive to the train station ☐ Yes ☐ No
Number of miles you drive each way _____ miles
2. Are you dropped off and picked up at the train station? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Do you walk to the train station? on fair weather days? ☐ Yes ☐ No
on all weather days? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Approximately what time do you get the train? AM _____
PM _____
5. What changes would you like to see in the area surrounding the station (not the station itself). _____

Grass & Weed Ordinance

Property owners are required to keep grass and weeds to a height not to exceed 8 inches. The purpose is not only to keep the community neat and attractive, but to protect residents from possible health risks associated with overgrowth.



Change in Tax Collector hours

On Tuesday, June 19, the office hours for Ann Teschner, Tax Collector, will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Normal hours are Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor: Robert Snavely

Council: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM
David Donahue, *President*; Robert Belchic, *Vice-President*; Mary Pat Holewinski;
Bernie Peak; Nancy Schuyler; Kermit Weitzel; William Macklem

Planning Commission: Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 PM
William Buchanan, *President*; David Holewinski, *Vice President*; Jane Kinyon,
Secretary; Karl Dieterichs; Patrick Digangi; Paul Land; Stephan Laurie; William Macklem;

Zoning Hearing Board: Meets, as needed, 3rd Thursday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM
Robert Bair, *Chairman*; Tony Coia; Peter LaMontague; John Sullivan; John Wolff, Jr.;
Jeffrey Gilmore and Joseph Fluehr, IV, *Alternates*. Michael Goodwin, *Solicitor*

Tax Collector: Ann Teschner, 215-348-1638 (Tues. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.)

Solicitor: George M. Bush

Police Chief: David Sempowski, Office..215-345-1080

The following Borough personnel are located at the Borough Building, 45 Keeley Avenue.
Phone 215-348-4586. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Borough Manager: Robin E. Trymbiski
Treasurer: Lloyd J. Vansant
Building Inspector: Austin C. Brown (9-11 a.m., Mon, Wed.& Fri.)
Zoning Officer: Thomas Yatsky (9-12 a.m., Mon, Wed.& Fri.)

Borough Engineer Mark Hintenlang
Roads Superintendent: Edward Deschamps
Borough Secretary: Jane Kinyon

EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

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