

New Britain Borough



NEWS

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Seven Weeks of Summer Fun

Registration begins April 22

This year the New Britain Borough Summer Camp program held at Covered Bridge Community Park will run for seven weeks instead of six.

Dates: June 24 to August 9, 2002

For: Children six years (or starting first grade in September) through age 12

Pregistration is required at New Britain Borough Administration Building, 45 Keeley Avenue. **There will be no on-site registration.**

Registration Dates:

New Britain Borough residents: April 22 - 26

New Britain Township residents: April 29 - May 3

Chalfont and all other residents: May 6 - 10

Fees: New Britain Borough residents—\$155 for first child, \$150 for each additional child in the family

Non-residents — \$195 for first child, \$190 for each additional child in the family

*Camper
have a visit
from our
local fire
company*



An exciting array of supervised programs are planned, including arts and crafts, sports and special event days. Complete calendars of events are available at the Borough office. Here's a sample of the activities planned:

Baseball	Scavenger Hunt	Bingo
Dance Contest	Karate Day	Soccer
Water Play	Family Day party	Magic Show
Movie Day	Football Clinic	Kickball

Learn about our History

**New Britain/Chalfont Historical Group
presents 2 spring programs:**

April 15, 7:30 p.m.

The Doan Brothers

Speaker: Terry McNealy, Bucks County historian
New Britain Borough Hall

May 20, 7:30 p.m.

"The Good Wife"

Speaker: JoAnn Rufo
portraying Mrs. Benjamin Franklin
Mercer Museum Elkins Gallery, Doylestown

Residents urged to conserve water

In February, Governor Schweiker declared a Drought Emergency in Bucks and 23 other counties in Pennsylvania. While we have had some precipitation in the last few weeks, rain amounts remain well below normal. "Groundwater levels are dangerously low in southeastern Pennsylvania," Gov. Schweiker said. The Commonwealth has imposed certain restrictions on the following:

- Watering existing lawns;
- Watering gardens, trees, shrubs and outdoor plants, except by bucket between 5 and 9 p.m.;
- Washing paved surfaces, such as streets, sidewalks, driveways, garages, parking areas, tennis courts and patios;
- Operating water fountains, artificial waterfalls and reflecting pools;
- Washing vehicles;
- Filling and topping off swimming pools.

Detailed information can be obtained by calling the drought hotline, 1-888-457-6653, or on the internet at www.state.pa.us, Keyword "Drought". (continued on p.2)

A Message from Council President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The events of 9/11 have caused many of us to think about things in a very different way. We have come to realize that tragedy can strike us at any time and that no one is immune. We have also been reminded that fire fighters are real heroes in our society. We may not all be aware that organized fire fighting began in our very own city of Philadelphia. These men were volunteers who at a moment's notice were willing to risk their lives to protect the lives and properties of their neighbors.

My friends, we are blessed to have this same dedication and heroism in our very own community today. Our Chalfont and Doylestown Fire Companies serve us with the same commitment as their fallen brothers in New York. As volunteers, our men and women give of their

time and risk their lives on our behalf with little thanks and no pay.

There is, however, a growing crisis — the need for men and women willing to join the ranks of fire fighters and rescue workers. This is an opportunity for you to take a pro-active role — to serve your community and our great country.

All of us need to be mindful of these men and women who protect us. At any opportunity please take the time to thank these fire fighters and ambulance workers and tell them you appreciate what they do. Support their fund-raisers, show them you care and most importantly, **JOIN THEM!**

Thank you.

*Dave Donahue, President
New Britain Borough Council*

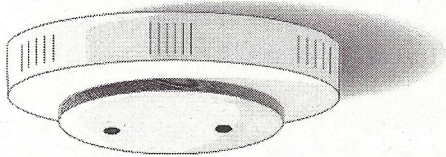
Borough Council approves 2002 budget

Borough Council approved the 2002 budget and the first tax increase since 1997. While the budget shows a 3-mill increase in the general fund and a 2-mill increase in road maintenance, the tax rate for fire protection, recreation and street lighting will remain the same.

The 35-mill Borough tax is comprised of:

General.....	19
Roads	5
Recreation	3.5
Street Lights	4.5
Fire Protection	3

Anticipated expenditures are \$863,050 with the police department being the single largest cost at \$342,355.



New Fire Chief stresses importance of smoke detectors

The new Fire Chief for the Chalfont chemical Fire Engine Company No. 1, Randy Teschner, addressed Borough Council in February. He stressed the importance of smoke detectors and the need to regularly change the batteries. Smoke detectors save lives, but only when the batteries are working.

With the growth in the region, more volunteer firefighters are always needed. Call Chief Teschner at 215-822-9685 to find out how you can help.

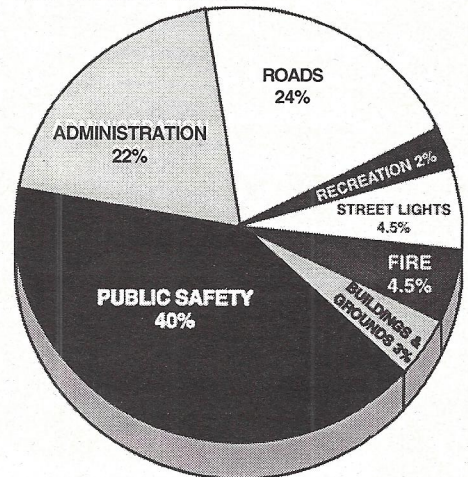
Conserve Water

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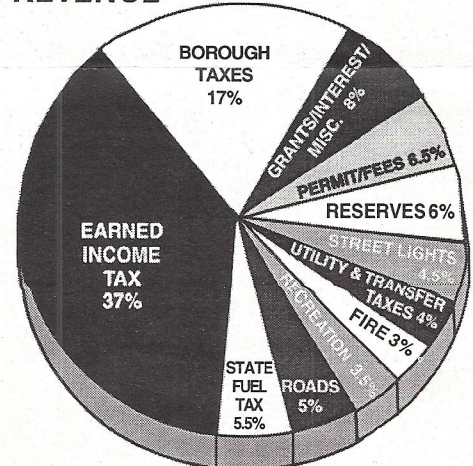
Here are some suggestions for conserving water:

- Check for household leaks; toilet leaks can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day.
- Turn off faucet while brushing your teeth. Use a glass of water for rinsing your teeth.
- Install low flow plumbing fixtures;
- When shaving, use a sink filled with rinse water. Do not let the faucet flow.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to hold in moisture.
- Refrigerate a bottle of drinking water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water is cold enough to drink.
- Turn the faucet off while cleaning vegetables. Rinse them in the sink with the drain closed or in a pan of water.
- If you wash dishes by hand, do not leave the faucet flowing for rinsing. Instead, use a dish rack and spray device to rinse them.

EXPENDITURES



REVENUE



Rid your household of Hazardous Waste

Borough residents may take their accumulated hazardous waste to one of the following sites in Bucks County:

July 20th – Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, 2740 Old York Road (Rt. 263), Warwick Township

August 10th – Upper Bucks Vocational Technical School, 3115 Ridge Road, Bedminster Township

September 21st – Quakertown Community Pool, Mill Street, Quakertown

Collection sites will be open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine.

Collectable items include:

Pesticides – Sevin, Chlordane, Malathion, and DDT

Toxics – pool chemicals, weed killers, paint removers, photo chemicals

Flammables – oil based paint, varnish, kerosene, gasoline, other solvents

Gas Cylinders – 20 lbs or less

Caustics – household lye, ammonia products, oven cleaners

Batteries – automotive, household button and rechargeable type

Residents may take up to 25 gallons or 225 pounds of materials. Whenever possible, items should be in original containers. No material will be accepted from businesses. Unacceptable items include latex paints, asbestos, biological waste, explosives, tires, and appliances.

Thank you . . . to those residents who responded to our Train Station survey. It would appear that major changes to the station and surrounding areas are not a priority at this time.

Plan Now for the 4th of July Parade

Wanted — Parade Floats!

Start planning now for this year's 4th of July Community Parade. Floats from neighborhoods, organizations and businesses are welcome. Floats will be judged for Most Patriotic, Most Original and Most Humorous.

Also wanted — Parade marchers, decorated bikes and baby strollers.

The parade will be held on Thursday, July 4, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Clemens Shopping Center on Route 202 and ending at North Branch Park.

Bring the family!

The annual parade would not be possible without the generous support of the business community. We thank the following Borough businesses for their sponsorship of the 2001 parade:

Bitzer Dry Cleaners

D.B.A. Incorporated

North Penn Water Authority

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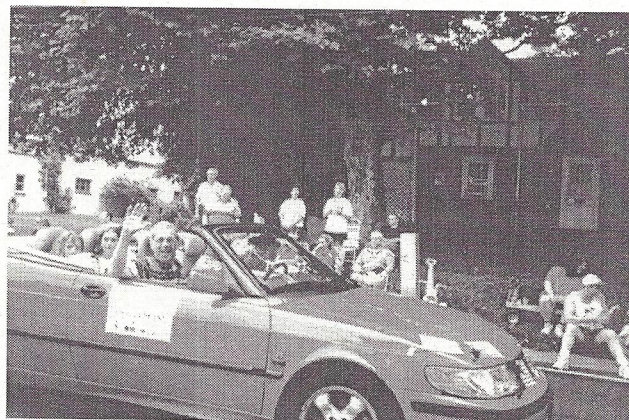
Dairy Queen

The Eyehealth Alliance, LLC

Saias Family Chiropractic

Please call the Borough Office, 215-348-4586, to offer your support for this year's parade.

*New Britain Borough
Mayor Robert
Snaveley greets parade
watchers in 2001.*



*Live Musical
Entertainment comes to
Covered Bridge Park
Sunday, June 9, 2002*

New Britain Civic Association hosts a family outing featuring quality live performances of Bluegrass, Folk and downright good, enjoyable music. Refreshments too...bring the family! Call 215-345-0616 for more information.

The Civic Association is always happy to welcome new people to our organization. For information about your association and how to become involved, call 215-348-5567.

Road projects scheduled

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

Sand Road reconstruction (between Route 202 and the Railroad)

Pueblo Road resurfacing

Crack sealing on various streets

Street sweeping

The roof at Covered Bridge Park was upgraded by Economy Roofing of New Britain. It's nice to have a quality roofer in our home town!

Are you willing to serve your community?

New Britain Borough is seeking applications for one vacancy on the Borough's Planning Commission. The Commission meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 p.m. The Planning Commission provides essential services to Borough government. If you're interested, please call the Borough office (215-348-4586).

New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor:	Robert Snavelly
Council:	Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM David Donahue, <i>President</i> ; William Macklem, <i>Vice-President</i> ; Robert Belchic, Mary Pat Holewinski; Bernie Peak; Nancy Schuyler; Kermit Weitzel;
Planning Commission:	Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 PM William Buchanan, <i>President</i> ; David Holewinski, <i>Vice President</i> ; Jane Kinyon, <i>Secretary</i> ; Karl Dieterichs; 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, <i>Chairman</i> ; Tony Coia; Peter LaMontague; John Sullivan; John Wolff, Jr.; Jeffrey Gilmore and Joseph Fluehr, IV, <i>Alternates</i> . Michael Goodwin, <i>Solicitor</i>
Tax Collector:	Ann Teschner, 215-348-1638 (Tues. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.)
Solicitor:	Michael Goodwin
	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.; email: NBBORO@home.com. 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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