

New Britain Borough



NEWS

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Learn about our History

*Presented by the New Britain/Chalfont
Historical Group*

Saturday, April 30, 11:00 a.m.

Tour of the Bucks County Civil War Round Table
Museum, 32 Broad St., Doylestown (No cost)

Please call if you plan to attend: 215-822-3857

Monday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

"Delaware Valley College (Farm School) —

It's influence on Bucks County"

by Lew Fleck, Doylestown

(No cost)

New Britain Borough Hall

State Representative Katharine Watson visits Borough Police Department

State Representative Kathy Watson was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Chief Sempowski and Mayor Robert Snively, in recognition of her assistance in securing a \$20,000 grant to install Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) in our police cars. We sincerely thank Representative Watson and her staff for their determination in helping us secure this grant, which will cover the entire cost of the computer equipment and installation of the MDT's.



(l-r) Mayor Robert Snively, Rep. Kathy Watson, Police Chief David Sempowski

When it Rains it Pours

New Britain Borough is currently implementing storm sewer mapping, monitoring and water sampling as part of a storm water management program. The enclosed pamphlet produced by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection provides valuable information to residents and business owners about this environmental issue. Please help our environment:

- read the pamphlet and implement its recommendations
- post the pamphlet on your refrigerator as a reminder
- notify the Borough of any signs of illegal pollutants and excessive erosion.

Planning for a historic district

Planning for the formation of a historic district in the Borough is well underway. If you're interested in helping with the research for this project, please call the Borough office, 215-348-4586.

Summer Camp

June 20 to August 5, 2005 (7 weeks)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays

An exciting array of supervised programs are planned, including arts and crafts, sports and special event days.

Ages: Children age six (or starting first grade in September) through age 12.

Location: Covered Bridge Community Park, Keeley Avenue

Pre-registration is required at New Britain Borough Administration Building, 45 Keeley Avenue. **No on-site registration.**

Registration Dates:

New Britain Borough residents: April 18 - 22

New Britain Township and Chalfont Borough residents: April 25 - 29

All others: May 2 - 6

Fees: Residents - \$185 for the first child and \$180 for each additional child in the family.

Non-residents - \$235 for the first child and \$230 for each additional child in the family.



Plan now for the 4th of July Parade



The 2005 parade will be held on **Monday, July 4**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. It will start at Town Center on Route 202 and end at 207 Park Avenue. This tri-municipal parade is hosted by New Britain Township, New Britain Borough and Chalfont Borough.

Be part of the fun!

Floats from neighborhoods, organizations and businesses are welcome. Floats will be judged for Most Patriotic, Most Original and Most Humorous.

The parade will also feature marching bands, antique cars, and fire trucks. You're encouraged to decorate your bikes and baby strollers in a patriotic theme.

Call Jessi at the New Britain Township office, 215-822-1391, for more information. Call also if you'd like to be a sponsor of this family-oriented community event.



Census process is changing

Beginning this year, the US Census Bureau will conduct a rolling sample of households nationwide. The data collected will be similar to the census data previously collected every 10 years. This will enable our communities to have an annual "snapshot" of community characteristics to help access local needs such as new roads, schools or senior centers, and ensure that communities receive their fair share of government and business funding.

The American Community Survey will be sent to about 2.5 percent of the population each year. When your's arrives, please complete and return it as soon as possible.

Permits required for driveways

If you are planning to add a driveway or widen or reconstruct an existing driveway, you are required to obtain a permit from the Borough. For more information, call the office at 215-348-4586.

Hazardous waste collection Saturday, July 23

The county's Hazardous Waste Collection program provides an opportunity for residents to safely dispose of household hazardous waste. The location closest to the Borough is the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, 2740 Old York Road (Rt.263) in Warwick Township. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 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**; **toxics** such as weed killer, pool and photographic chemicals, rust remover and wood preservatives; **flammables** such as oil-based paints, varnishes, gasoline. **DO NOT BRING** latex paint, appliances, asbestos, explosives or tires. For details, call 215-345-3400.

Spring is Here!

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.

And remember — don't rake or blow grass clippings or garden debris into the street. This can cause backups to the storm drains.

New Police Vehicle



The NBBPD has purchased a new police car, replacing the 1997 Crown Victoria. The new squad car is a 2005 Dodge Durango. Having a four-wheel drive vehicle is a tremendous asset to this Department. It assists the Officers in safely responding to calls for service in inclement weather, making response time faster.

Remember to Recycle!

Recycling of paper, plastics and aluminum helps our community in many ways. It reduces the volume in our landfills and provides cost-efficient materials to produce new products. What you may not know is that the Borough receives a state grant each year based on the volume our residents and businesses recycle. So help the environment and your Borough's budget - RECYCLE.

BFI offers discount to seniors

Residents of New Britain Borough who are 62 years or older and customers of BFI Waste Services, are offered a reduced rate for this service. The senior rate is \$23.96/month. To obtain this rate, send or fax a copy of your driver's license along with your BFI account number to:

BFI Waste Services
731 E. Reliance Rd.
Telford, PA 18969 FAX: 215-723-3892

Sidewalk inspections complete

An inspection of all sidewalks in the Borough was completed last year. Residents will be notified this summer of any repairs that are required.

Underage Alcohol Bicycle Patrols and Tobacco Compliance Grants

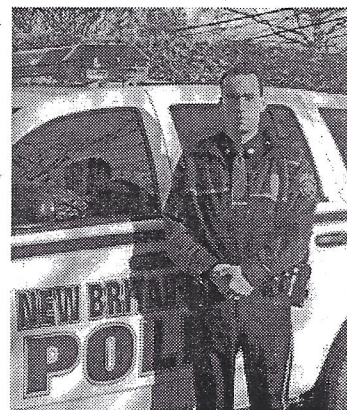
For the second year, we have received grant funding for the Underage Alcohol Bicycle Patrols and Tobacco Compliance Enforcement from the Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (BCCADD). The Underage Alcohol Bicycle Patrols enable officers to patrol out-of-the-way places where juveniles may gather to drink.

Tobacco Compliance checks are done monthly for a period of 6 months per year. A trained teenager, working in conjunction with a volunteer adult and a Police Officer, attempts to purchase cigarettes at local establishments that sell tobacco products.

Both of these programs have proven to be very effective here in the Borough. We are grateful to Jim Wall and the BCCADD for their help and dedication in keeping our youth safe.

New Police Officer

Officer Aaron Soldavin has joined the New Britain Borough Police Department as a full time Police Officer. His previous law enforcement experience has been with the Upper Makefield and Solebury Township Police Departments. He is a certified Traffic Accident Reconstructionist, and his duties will also include Bicycle Patrol.



Officer Soldavin is a graduate of Delaware Valley College, and is Chief Engineer for the Doylestown Fire Department. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his wife Kelly and their three horses.

Road projects scheduled

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

Lamp Post Road and Route 202 – intersection improvements.

Iroquois Circle – reconstruction

Cherokee – rolimac surface treatment

South Shady Retreat Road – rolimac surface treatment

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New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor: Robert Snavely

Council: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM
David Donahue, *President*; William Macklem, *Vice-President*; 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, *President*; David Holewinski, *Vice President*; Jane Kinyon,
Secretary; Karl Dieterichs; Wayne Kenton; Paul Land; William Macklem; John Remmey; William Schaefer

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 Margaret Shute, *Alternates*. Joseph Wagner, *Solicitor*.

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

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@comcast.net. 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