

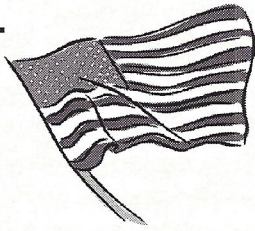
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The New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee

invites you to join us to
Honor our Veterans

on the

**Traditional Memorial Day,
Friday, May 30, 2008**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

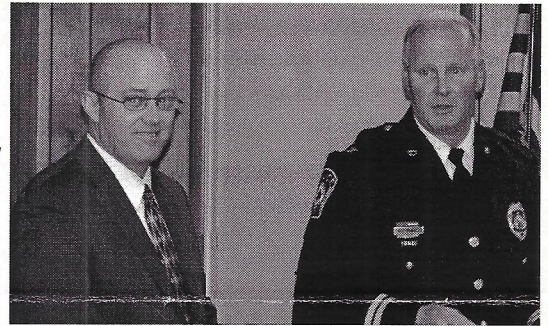
**for a walking tour of the
New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery**

The presentation will include short vignettes of the lives of some of the Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans who are buried in the cemetery.

The program will conclude with a moment of silence in remembrance and respect honoring all of our nation's war heroes, including those currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Borough Police announce promotion

*Chief Donald
Bowers (right)
congratulates
James Bishop
on his
promotion*



The New Britain Borough Police Department and Borough Council are proud to announce Officer James Bishop's promotion to Patrol Sergeant on February 19, 2008.

Sergeant Bishop's performance has been exemplary as he has consistently led the Department in "officer-initiated activity." He has also generated numerous letters of appreciation and compliments from those he comes in contact with, both officers in other agencies, as well as constituents.

Sergeant Bishop brings extensive experience to his new position from both the San Diego Police Department and Chesterfield County, VA Police Department. He also served as an acting Sergeant in San Diego for over two years and was an active Field Training Officer for ten years.

Chief Bowers noted "Sergeant Bishop has been and will continue to be a valuable asset to our Department as a Patrol Sergeant and second-in-command."

Spring is Here!

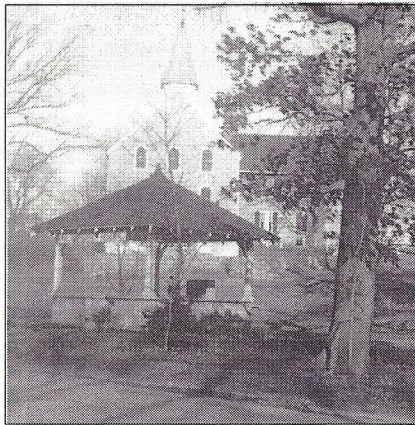
Property owners are required to keep grass and weeds to a height not to exceed 8 inches. The purpose is not only to keep the community neat and attractive, but to protect residents from possible health risks associated with overgrowth.

House for Rent – Historic 1812 stone house in the Nature Preserve in New Britain Borough. Long term rental. Wonderful restoration. 2-3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, new kitchen, C/A, grand living room. Walking distance to train station and shopping center. \$1500/mo. Call 215-348-4586.

Honor local veterans this Memorial Day

With Memorial Day coming up at the end of May, we remember the many friends, relatives and neighbors who have served in the military to preserve the freedom that we all enjoy.

New Britain has a long list of war veterans, starting with the Revolutionary War, and including the War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, and actions in Iraq and Afghanistan.



This historic photo shows the WWI memorial on the church property

The New Britain Library and Literary Society, with community support, erected the H. Walter Harvey Memorial on the grounds of the New Britain Baptist Church on Tamenend Avenue in 1931 to honor him and other veterans who served in WW I. Harvey was killed in action in France in 1918. Unfortunately, all that is left of the memorial is the concrete foundation along Tamenend Avenue below the church.

The memorial was built over a spring, and watercrest grew in abundance in spring-fed waters along Tamenend Avenue. Borough residents harvested this healthful food for many years.

Other residents are immortalized on a brass plaque that hangs in the Borough Hall. Ethel Malcolm was a nurse who served in France. George Rowland was wounded, H. Parmalee Burkart was sent to Fort Leavenworth to guard German prisoners. Frank Crouthamel was a cook and was also involved in four battles in France.

In addition, the plaque lists George Mathews, Howard Crouthamel, John and George Williams and Harold Haldeman. Three veterans who are not listed on the plaque are Wilson Rosenberger, Wilfred Childs and a man named Schlow. All of these veterans were from families that settled in our area many years ago.

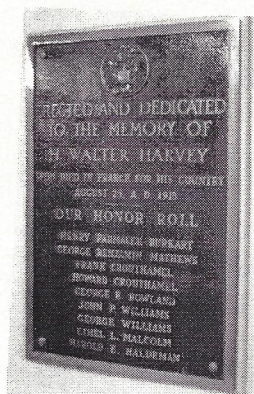
World War I ended ninety years ago and the only known US-born veteran is Frank Woodruff Buckles of Charles Town, West Virginia, who is 107 years old.

In World War II Milton Wallace was killed, and James Williams lost his life during the Vietnam War.

One serviceman from the area served in the Spanish-American War. Charles Kratz, of the 6th Infantry Calvary, saw action in Cuba during the San Juan battle of that war.

There are 70 veterans buried in the New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery prior to World War II. In addition, five pre-WWII veterans are laid to rest in the Buelah Cemetery, including H. Walter Harvey.

So this year on Memorial Day, please remember all those men and women who have served our country.



Memorial plaque in the Borough Hall

Discharging water on to a street is prohibited

Regulations make it unlawful for an individual or business to discharge roof water, cellar water or drainage of any kind on to the legal right-of-way of any street, road or public thoroughfare in New Britain Borough in such a manner as to cause damage to any such street, road or public thoroughfare or as to create or tend to create a hazardous condition. Please also note that water discharged to the street enters the road bed and can cause the pavement to deteriorate.

The Borough's state-mandated stormwater responsibilities requires it to increase ground water infiltration and yard flow times where possible and to eliminate direct discharges. Furthermore we are required to perform laboratory testing on all outfall locations and report the findings to the PA Department of Environmental Protection.



Safely dispose of household hazardous waste

Saturday, July 19

Bucks 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 household hazardous waste will be collected at that site on Saturday, July 19, from 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. They will also accept old **computer equipment**. For details, call 215-345-3400.

Understanding Stormwater

When it rains, water flows across the ground and pavement. While some water seeps into the ground, most drains into storm sewers. This stormwater eventually flows directly into our lakes, streams and wetlands. Stormwater becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows. Any pollutants carried with stormwater empty into our waters, untreated.

New Britain Borough is currently implementing storm sewer mapping, monitoring and water sampling as part of a stormwater management program. But we need your help to protect our waterways.

What everyone can do to help

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as oil, paint and cleaning supplies. Never pour them on the ground, pavement or down storm drains.
- Use herbicides and fertilizers properly and efficiently.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. Wherever pets make a mess, stormwater can carry it to the drain and eventually into a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute stormwater indoors, in containers that do not rust or leak.
- Properly maintain your vehicles to prevent fluids from dripping onto the ground or paved areas.
- Dispose of swimming pool water properly; it is illegal to discharge chlorinated water.
- Notify the Borough of any signs of dumping of illegal pollutants or excessive soil erosion from construction sites. Phone: 215-348-4586; email: nbboro@comcast.net.

For additional details about stormwater, read the document Rain Drain brochure available on our website, www.newbritainboro.com.

What happens when it rains?

Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do damage. Problems related to stormwater runoff can include:

- Flooding caused by too much water flowing over hard surfaces such as roads and parking lots.
- Increased spending on maintaining storm drains that become clogged with debris.
- Decreased sport fish populations because stormwater carries sediment and pollutants into the streams.
- More expensive treatment technologies to remove pollutants carried by stormwater into drinking water supplies.

We can help rain restore its good reputation while protecting our health and environment and save money for ourselves and our community.

Summer Camp

June 23 to August 8, 2008 (7 weeks)

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays (fair weather only)

An exciting array of supervised programs are planned at this year's summer camp 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 14-18

New Britain Township and Chalfont Borough residents: April 21-25

All others: April 28 - May 2.

Registration forms are available at the Borough office or on the Borough website: www.newbritainboro.com.

Fee for 7-week program:

Residents - \$190 for the first child and \$185 for each additional child in the family.

Non-residents - \$240 for the first child and \$235 for each additional child in the family.



Plan now for the 4th of July Parade

The 2008 parade will be held on **Friday, 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. Also needed are marching bands, Scout Troops, dancers, etc. Prizes are awarded and complimentary refreshments provided to participants.

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

Local businesses are encouraged to get involved with this family-oriented community event. Please consider becoming a sponsor. Call the New Britain Township office, 215-822-1391.

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New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor: Robert Snavelly

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;
Margaret Remmey; Craig Sturza; Kermit Weitzel;

Planning Commission: **Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 PM**
David Holewinski, *Chairman*; Karl Dieterichs, *Vice Chair*; Jane Kinyon, *Secretary*;
David Donahue; Rick Eggleston; Paul Land; 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.;
David Ziegfried and Jeffrey Gilmore, *Alternates*. Joseph Wagner, *Solicitor*.

Tax Collector: Richard Sabol 215-489-8658 (*Hours: Tuesday, 6 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.*)

Solicitor: Michael Goodwin **Police Chief:** Donald Bowers, 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.
Website: www.newbritainboro.com Email: NBBORO@comcast.net

Borough Manager: Robin E. Trymbiski *Dan Jenkins*
Treasurer: Lloyd J. Vansant *Keystone Municipal Serv.*
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
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