

New Britain Borough



NEWS

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Important messages from the Police

Underage Drinking

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board grant awarded to the New Britain Borough Police Department (NBBPD) has allowed continued police presence throughout the community focusing exclusively on underage drinking education and enforcement. Officers have conducted over 45 specialized details from August through March with over 450 contacts with area youths and 27 citations being issued. NBBPD will continue this pro-active approach throughout the spring and summer.

T.E.A.M.

The NBBPD has kicked off its fourth year of T.E.A.M. for six graders at Pine Run Elementary School. The TEAM project, led by Sgt. Bishop, is a pro-active effort to make schools and communities safer. The lessons focus on safety, drug/alcohol/tobacco use, violence, and traffic safety. Students learn to take responsibility for their individual actions while working together as a TEAM to pursue solutions to problems facing their schools and community.

Contractor Scams

Police want homeowners to be aware of roofing and driveway contractor scams. Visit our website at nbbpd.org for examples of scams. Recently, the "Home Improvement Fraud Law" established guidelines, registration and penalties for contractors. Visit Pennsylvania's Attorney General's website for more details on this law (www.attorneygeneral.gov). Authorities need just one incident of alleged fraud to file a criminal charge. Please be aware that a majority of businesses are efficient and honest. If you have contact with a fraudulent contractor, report the incident. to NBBPD at 215-345-1080.

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Protect our streams Reduce flooding potential

As you know, we had a very wet winter and early spring which caused erosion and flooding along our streams. Let's do our best to protect our streams this summer. Some simple guidelines include:

1. Dispose of leaves, grass clippings and yard waste properly (outside of flood and waterways where they can be washed downstream causing pollution and possibly blocking pipes, inlets and restrictions in streams). If you notice a clogged inlet, either call the Borough or clear the grate and dispose of the debris properly.
2. Pool owners are required to discharge water responsibly as per Borough and PaDEP rules and regulations. The Clean Streams Act prohibits the discharge of chemically treated water into streams or storm sewers. When contaminated pool water makes its way to streams, it can damage or kill aquatic life.
3. Stormwater picks up pollutants as it travels toward streams. Limiting use of herbicides and fertilizers and disposing of hazardous materials properly will keep our streams clean. Store hazardous materials properly (paint, oil, anti-freeze, etc.) in safe places and dispose of the materials properly. See page 5 for details about Bucks County's Hazardous Waste disposal program.
4. Rain barrels are a great way to conserve water and save on your water bill during the dry summer months ahead. Simply place a 55 gallon drum under one or more of your downspouts with a valve and a hose bib at the bottom, then use to water your garden / yard. The rain barrels act as little detention basins that help decrease stream flooding.

If you notice illegal dumping or drainage activities, please report it immediately to New Britain Borough at 215-348-4586.

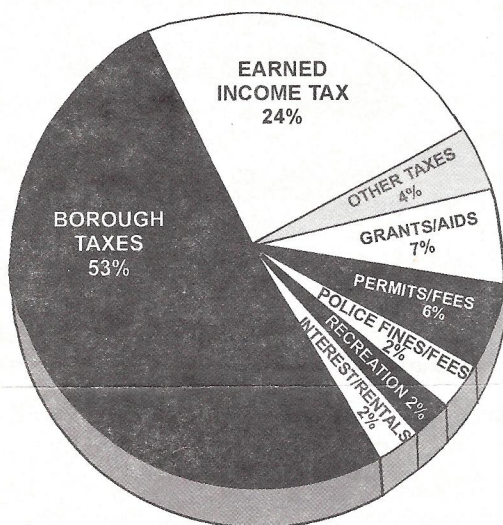
For more information, visit the New Britain Borough's website: www.newbritainboro.com Additional stormwater information is available at: www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdsms4/ms4cd/Education/RainDrainBrochure.pdf.

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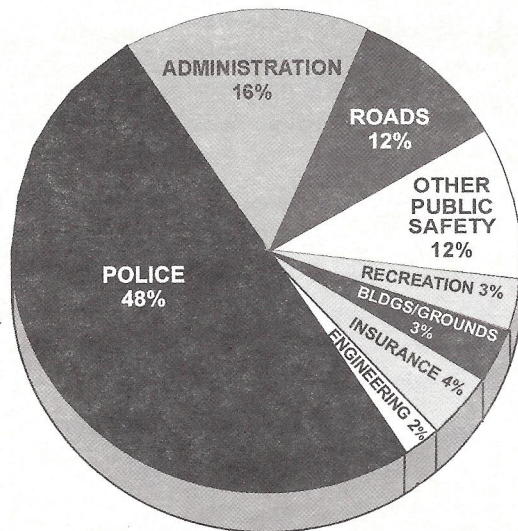
2010 Borough Budget

The pie charts below provide an overview of the Borough's projected income and expenses. The income from real estate taxes and building permits are stagnant this year as the economy continues to struggle. But expenses like health insurance and police presence keep going up. We will use some of our reserve funds to offset increasing expenses, and there is no Borough tax increase this year.

INCOME



EXPENSES



Police (continued from front page)

Skateboard Ordinance

As a reminder, skateboarding in parking lots and on Borough roads is prohibited. Please encourage youngsters to adhere to this ordinance. Citations can be issued for violating the ordinance, with fines up to \$300.

Vacation House Checks

Vacation season will soon be upon us. Call the NBBPD to request a vacation house check while you're away. An officer will check the exterior of your home at various times during your absence.

Merger

Talks concerning a merger with Chalfont Borough Police have fallen through. Currently NBBPD is in a fact finding stage with other neighboring communities.

Safely dispose of household hazardous waste

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting our air, water, or soil.

Bucks County's Hazardous Waste Collection program provides an opportunity for residents to safely dispose of household hazardous waste.

There are six drop off locations; the three closest to the Borough are:

June 12, 2010, Upper Bucks County Area Vo-Tech School, 3115 Ridge Road – Bedminster Township

July 10, 2010, CB South High School, 1100 Folly Road, Warrington Township

September 25, 2009, Quakertown Community Pool, Mill Street – Quakertown Borough

What can you bring?

As many as three old computers and up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products. Hazardous products will have cautionary words on the label; for example: Danger, Warning, or Caution. Other words that can signal hazardous products include: poisonous, hazardous, combustible, flammable, corrosive, volatile, caustic, irritant, explosive, toxic, use with adequate ventilation, or avoid inhaling.

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 additional information on disposal options, contact the Bucks County Planning Commission at 215-345-3400 or visit buckscounty.org.

Summer Camp

June 22 to August 6, 2010 (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. Note this year camp begins on Tuesday, June 22, because of the school calendar.

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

Location: Covered Bridge Community Park, Keeley Avenue

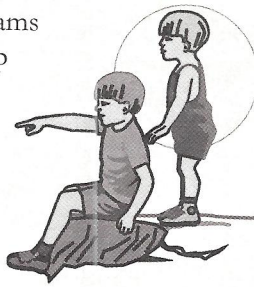
Pre-registration is required at New Britain Borough Administration Building, 45 Keeley Avenue. **No on-site registration.**

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

Fee for 7-week program:

Residents - *\$210 for the first child and \$205 for each additional child in the family.*

Non-residents - *\$260 for the first child and \$255 for each additional child in the family.*



Events for Bucks County Seniors

The Bucks County Agency on Aging offers a number of events throughout the county for folks 50 years and older. Co-sponsors include the Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation and Independence Blue Cross. Events local to the Borough include:

June 3 Health Expo 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Delaware Valley College. Features health screenings, seminars, entertainment and refreshments.

June 1 to 11 Senior Games 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Competitive events held throughout the county in track and field, badminton, tennis, golf, swimming, and more. Registration deadline May 3.

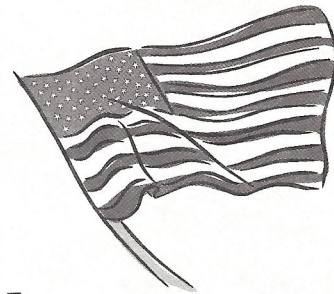
For details, registration forms and complete list of events, call 215-348-6116 or visit www.buckscounty.org/government/departments/HumanServices/Aging/.

Chalfont Fire Company

Events planned for 2010 benefit our local Fire Company. All are held at the Fire House on Main Street in Chalfont.

May 15	Turkey Hoagies	9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
June 6	Chicken Bar-b-que	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 26	Flea Market	8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Turkey Hoagies	9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Buffet Breakfast	8 a.m. - noon

The Fire House is available for banquets, receptions and meetings; call 215-822-9685 for more details.



Plan now for the Annual Independence Day Parade

The annual parade will be held on **Saturday, July 3rd**, 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.

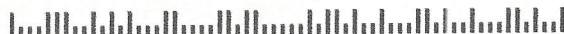
The parade will also feature antique cars, and fire trucks. You're encouraged to decorate your bikes and baby strollers in a patriotic theme.

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: David Holewinski

Council: **Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
David Donahue, *President*; Robert Belchic, *Vice-President*; Mary Pat Holewinski; Peter LaMontagne;
Margaret Remmey; Craig Sturza; Kermit Weitzel

Planning Commission: **Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 p.m.**
David Holewinski, *Chairman*; Karl Dieterichs, *Vice Chair*; Jane Kinyon, *Secretary*;
Jack Brady; David Donahue; Rick Eggleston; Paul Land; John Remmey

Zoning Hearing Board: **Meets, as needed, 3rd Thursday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 p.m.**
Robert Bair, *Chairman*; Tony Coia; John Wolff, Jr.; David Ziegfried; Jeffrey Gilmore
Alternates: William Schaefer and Andrea Antell. *Solicitor*, Joseph Wagner

Tax Collector: Richard Sabol, 215-489-8658 (*Hours: Wednesday, 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
Treasurer: Lloyd J. Vansant
Zoning Officer: Thomas Yatsky
Building Inspector and Fire Marshal: Dan Jenkins, Keystone Municipal Service
Assistant Austin C. Brown

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