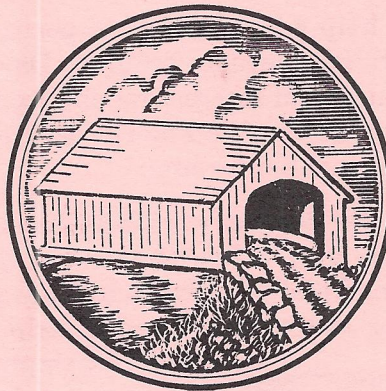


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New Parking Regulations

In September 1992, an updated Traffic and Parking Ordinance was adopted by Borough Council. Of particular concern was the need to clarify parking regulations on Borough roads.

While the previous parking ordinance allowed no parking on Borough streets, the new provisions take into account traffic patterns and widths of the roadways. The complete ordinance is available for review at the Borough Hall or Police Office. The following excerpt is the most pertinent.

"Parking shall be prohibited on the paved cartway at all times in the following locations:

Street	Side	Between
Aarons Ave.	Both	Entire Length
Access Road A	South	Entire Length
Access Road B	South	Entire Length
Barrie Circle	Both	Entire Length
Beulah Road	Both	Entire Length
Birch Road	North	Entire Length
Butler Ave.	Both	Entire Length
Bristol Road	Both	Entire Length
Cedar Drive	South	Butler Ave. to Vine St.
Cedar Drive	North	Curve
Elm Terrace	South & cul-de-sac	Entire Length
Evergreen Dr.	Both	Butler Ave. to barrier
Green Valley Dr.	Both	Boro Line to Cul-de-sac
Hawk Circle	Both	Cul-de-sac
Iron Hill Rd.	Both	Entire Length
Keeley Ave.	Both	Entire Length
Lamp Post Rd.	Both	Entire Length
Landis Mill Rd.	Both	Entire Length
Lenape Dr.	Both	Butler Ave. to Sious Rd.
Maple Lane	South	Boro Line West to Vine St.
Matthews Ave.	Both	Entire Length
Oak Dr.	Both	Entire Length
Route 202 (old)	Both	Entire Length
Sand Rd.	Both	Entire Length
Sandy Ridge Rd.	Both	Entire Length
Shady Retreat Rd. - North	Both	Entire Length
Shady Retreat Rd. - South	Both	Entire Length
Sioux Rd.	Both	Tamenend & Keeley Avenues
Spring Lake Dr.	Both	Entire Length
Stefan Place	Both	Entire Length
Tamenend Ave. South	Both	Entire Length
Ute Rd.	Both	Entire Length
Vine St.	East	Entire Length
Woodland Dr.	Both	Entire Length "

The placement of No Parking signs is planned for these areas.

If a street is not listed, parking is permitted on both sides.

What to do with all those Leaves!

All licensed waste haulers in the Borough must pick up leaf/garden waste at least once a month. Residents should contact their hauler for specific instructions.

Some environmentally sound ways to dispose of leaves include:

- ✓ Compost the leaves to create a valuable soil additive.
- ✓ Spread leaves in wooded areas of your property.
- ✓ Shred leaves on your lawn by running over them with your mower, leaving remnants to break down into useful mulch.

William Hirst of Highland Hill Farm in Doylestown uses leaves in his farm operation. Residents can drop off leaves at the farm located at 520 Dublin Pike, or call for pick up at 345-0946. A nominal fee will be charged based on volume.

Lastly, if you must burn your leaves, the Borough Ordinance sets forth rules, including:

- ✓ Do not burn when atmospheric conditions make fires hazardous. Choose a cool day with low atmospheric pressure (the smoke dissipates more rapidly). Burn when the wind is calm.
- ✓ Fires must be constantly attended until extinguished. Extinguishing equipment should be available.
- ✓ No fires are permitted after sunset.

Hazardous Waste Disposal – Saturday, November 14
Middle Bucks Vo-Tech School, Route 263, Jamison: Information Call 348-6414

Profile

David R. Sempowski
Chief of Police, New Britain Borough

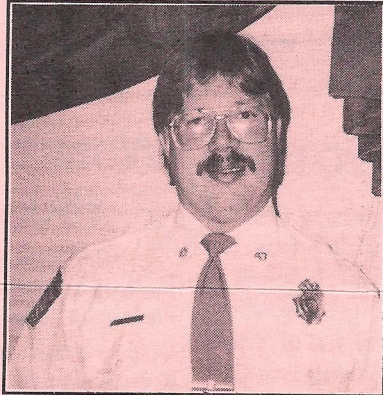
Chief Sempowski has been with the New Britain Borough Police Department for five years and has served as Chief since May 1989. Previously he was with the Doylestown Township Police and the Bucks County Dept. of Corrections. He served with the U.S. Air Force for 4 years in their Law Enforcement Canine Bomb Detection unit at Langley AFB in Hampton, Virginia.

David has lived in Bucks County since the age of 11 and attended the Allentown Policy Academy. He lives in Warrington with his wife and 20-month old son -- another child is on the way.

For as long as he can remember, Chief Sempowski knew he was going to be a Police Officer. As a child, he read every police/mystery novel he could get his hands on. An active Boy Scout, David achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. "My entire family," says David, "is service oriented." He too wanted

to help people and be a positive influence on his community. David wanted an interesting and exciting career -- he knew a desk job was just not for him.

While paperwork is, to his chagrin, part of his job, most of the time Chief Sempowski is helping - or looking for ways to help --



people. He emphasizes that a police officer's job is much more than patrolling and preventing crime. He feels education is the key to helping people in the community lead a full and healthy life. He has developed and presented

drug and alcohol abuse programs to all ages of our youth, preschool to college, and he is available to speak to groups on topics such as drug abuse and crime prevention.

Chief Sempowski encourages residents to stop by his office or call to speak with him about any matter of concern. "My door is always open," says David. "This is your Police Department," he reminds us, and comments and suggestions are welcome at any time.

Police Survey

Our last newsletter provided a brief survey form to solicit comments and suggestions from the community about the service of our Police Department. While several responses have been received, Chief David Sempowski wants to encourage more residents to respond. Please take a moment to jot down your comments, positive or negative, about the services our Police Department provide. Have you had an experience you wish to comment on? Do you have suggestions for ways to improve or enhance the services? Do you have any questions? Do you think a Town Watch program is a good idea for New Britain Borough?

Address your comments to New Britain Police Dept., 56 Keeley Ave, New Britain, PA 18901.

Educational Pamphlets Available

The Borough Police Department has educational pamphlets available on a variety of topics including crime prevention and traffic safety. Call 345-1080 for more information.

Zoning Ordinance Revision

The New Britain Borough Planning Commission has been working on possible revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. Professional consultant, Lynn Froehlich, has been retained to assist in the revision process. Town meetings will be held prior to adoption to solicit community input. These meetings will be announced in advance and probably be held next Spring. We hope the community will be involved as we plan for our Borough's future.

Startling Statistics

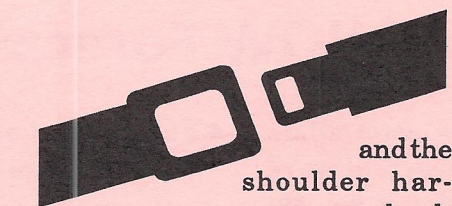
- ✓ Between 1900 and 1984, 2, 533, 765 Americans died in motor-vehicle crashes -- that's more than twice the number of Americans killed in all of the U.S. wars since the Revolutionary War.
- ✓ A crash at only 30 MPH is about equal in force to the impact of falling from a three-story building.
- ✓ The annual cost of all U.S. motor vehicle crashes is \$74 billion (the annual cost of personal crime is \$14 billion).
- ✓ The probability of being involved in a motor vehicle accident during a 75-year average lifespan is better than 86%.

Wear Your Seatbelts

by Chief David Sempowski

During my tenure as Police Chief, I have seen a great need for education in the usage of seatbelts. The two seconds it takes to "click" your seatbelt in place could mean the difference between safety and severe injury or death. I have personally witnessed numerous accidents where the simple use of a safety belt could have prevented the need for a trip to the hospital. My goal is to have all Borough residents using seatbelts and child restraint devices every time they enter a vehicle.

In order to use belts properly, make sure that they are not tangled. Pull them across your body so that the lap belt rests across your hips



and the shoulder harness goes across your shoulder and chest bone. Listen for the click of the belt fastening together and then pull the belt snug across your body. This will allow the belt to properly stop the force of your body upon impact in the event of an accident and spread the impact across the stronger parts of your body.

Please do not believe that you are such a good driver that you don't have accidents -- you cannot account for road conditions or other drivers. Do not think that you can brace yourself in anticipation of an impending impact. You may brake your arms, be thrown from the vehicle or may impact with objects in

the vehicle. In addition, you cannot always see the onset of an accident.

Wearing your belt will keep you in the vehicle and in control of your car to avoid other impacts after the initial crash. If you do not have your seatbelt on, you may be thrown from the vehicle and sustain additional injuries by impacting with trees, poles, other vehicles, or the road surface itself.

The excuse that you're only traveling a short distance and will be driving slowly is unwarranted. Three out of four accidents occur within 25 miles of your home and 80% happen at speeds under 40 miles per hour.

For those concerned with being trapped in an auto crash which may include fire or water hazards, consider that those types of accidents occur only 1% of the time. And if you don't wear the belt you may be knocked unconscious or injured seriously enough that you won't be able to exit the vehicle.

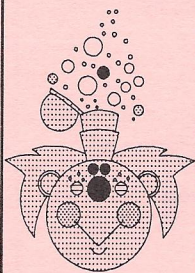
If your car is equipped with airbags, you still need to wear belts. It will keep you in place for the air bag to provide cushion. If you have manual shoulder belts, please remember to buckle your lap belt.

Most people would never consider putting a small child in a car without using a safety restraint. Wear your belts for the same reason. That child needs for you to be safe too. Also, please do not succumb to the child who cries asking to sit in your lap. A child cannot be adequately held in place upon impact and your body may increase the likelihood of crushing the child. Also, don't put a child in your belt with you since belts were not designed for this purpose and that alone could cause serious injury.

Seatbelts are a reliable means of keeping you safe in an accident. They do not wrinkle your clothes or mess up your hair! They are designed to give you freedom of movement while providing the safety we so desperately need.

Fun For All at Summer Recreation Program

A group of 134 lively children -- ages 6 through 14 -- participated in the 1992 Summer Recreation Program sponsored by the New Britain Civic Association. The 5-week program ran Monday through Friday, June 22 through July 24.



Four experienced counselors supervised daily activities which included Arts & Crafts, Sports, and Special Event days. The children enjoyed their own Hawaiian Luau, participated in the Camp Olympics, and kept cool on Water Play Days. Young imaginations thrived on "Be A Clown Day" and "Halloween in

July." Special visitors included a magician and the Chalfont Fire Company.

Look for the announcement of the 1993 Program in the Spring newsletter, and plan to have your little ones join the fun next year!



The children learned about fire safety from the Chalfont Fire Co. & enjoyed "water play."



The SNOW Forecast!



The Farmers' Almanac and furry caterpillars seem to be unanimous in their prediction that we're in for a lot of snow this winter! Whether or not you believe in such prophecies, you should be familiar with the various snow ordinances in the Borough -- regulations for YOUR protection.

- Sidewalks should be cleared of ice and snow by at least 12 hours after the snow stops falling.
- Parking on any Borough street is prohibited during and after snow fall until the roads have been cleared. If snow is predicted, do not park your car on the road.

New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor: Robert Snavelly

Council: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall
David Donahue, President; Robert Belchic, Vice-President; Tara Gladysz; Don Noll; Nancy Schuyler; Kermit Weitzel; James Williams

Planning Commission: Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office
William Buchanan, President; Jan Conover, Vice President; Allan Scheckler, Secretary; Robert Leavy; Paul Land; Bill Macklem; Dave Donahue

Zoning Hearing Board: Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month in Borough Hall
Warren Nace, Chairman; Joe Johnson; James Davis; Robert Bair; Karl Dieterichs; Tony Coia; Joseph Wagner, Solicitor; Susan Eggleston, Secretary

Tax Collector: Ann Teschner 348-1638 **EMERGENCIES:** **CALL 911**

Solicitor: George M. Bush **Police Chief,** David Sempowski, Office . 345-1080

The following Borough personnel are located at the new Borough Building at 45 Keeley Avenue. Phone 348-4586. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9am to 12 noon.

Borough Manager/Zoning Officer: John K. Wolff
Treasurer: Lloyd J. Vansant
Building Inspector: Austin C. Brown (Hours 9-11, Mon, Wed. & Fri.)
Roads Superintendent: Edward Deschamps
Borough Engineer: Robert A. Schaffer
Borough Secretary: Robin E. Trymbiski

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