

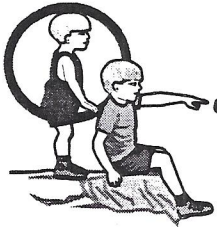
New Britain Borough



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Summer Recreation Program

The time has come again to think about summer activities. This year, as in the past, the Borough will sponsor a five-week program at Covered Bridge Park. The camp will operate daily Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from June 26 to July 28, 1995.

A new director, Anne Oldfield, and arts and crafts counselor, Elaine Hines, will join with several returnees to supervise daily programs that will include arts and crafts, special events and numerous sports activities. Children ages six through twelve years are eligible to participate. No groups from day-care or

babysitting services will be accepted.

The registration fee for the 5-week program will be \$60 for the first child and \$55 for each additional child. If the family is not a resident of New Britain Borough, the fee will be \$75 for the first child and \$70 for each additional child.

Registration will take place at the Park on Monday, June 26 beginning at 9 a.m. All checks should be made payable to New Britain Borough.

A large turnout is anticipated, so be sure that your kids are among the lucky participants.

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Post Your House Number

A reminder to clearly post your house number, in 3-inch letters, visible from the street. The numbers assure a quick response by emergency services. In addition, they are required and used by the U.S. Postal Service for mail delivery.

4th of July Celebration

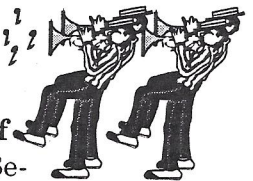


Celebrate the nation's independence right here in our community.

Begin your Independence Day festivities at our 4th of July Parade. Beginning at 9 a.m., the parade will march from Town Center, travel south on Route 202, north on Route 152 in Chalfont, right on Park Avenue and commence to New Britain Township Park.

The celebration will continue at the Park with music, food, children's activities, pony rides, antique cars and more.

The day concludes with an impressive fire works display on the grounds of the Shrine of Czestochowa on Ferry Road. Gates open at 6 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and a picnic dinner, and enjoy musical entertainment until the main event begins at about 9:30 p.m.





Come Join Us . . .

The New Britain Civic Association is devoted to maintaining and preserving our Borough treasure — Covered Bridge Park. The Civic Association has owned the Park since 1959 and the Park is used and enjoyed by residents year round. We urge you to become an active member of our Association.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall on Keeley Ave. (above the Police Station). All interested residents are welcome and encouraged to join us. We have lots of fun planning community events while preserving our Park. Membership dues are only \$5 per family.

New Britain Civic Association 1995 Calendar of Events

June 12	Annual Membership Meeting	7:30 p.m., Boro Hall
September 16 (raindate September 23)	Fall Flea Market	Town Center
October 28	Halloween Parade 	Town Center
December 6 (raindate December 7)	Santa Comes to New Britain 	7 p.m. Town Center

New Britain Civic Association

Peter LaMontagne, *President*
 Jackie Dieterichs, *Vice President*
 Amy Crasto, *Secretary*
 Malcolm Rollins, *Treasurer*
PHONE: 345-8750

Board Kermit Weitzel
Members: Mary Pat McGinn-Holewinski
 David McGinn-Holewinski
 Paul Tramo
 Peg Havener

Road Work Planned for 1995 Season

The following roadway projects are scheduled for construction during the summer and fall of 1995:

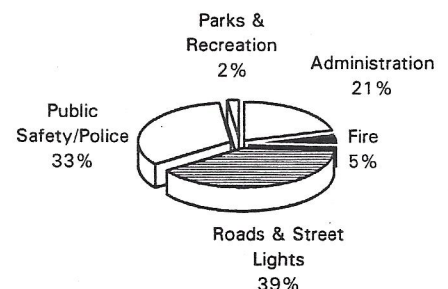
- Reconstruction (using the cold, in-place recycling method) of North Shady Retreat Road from Butler Ave. (Route 202) to Iron Hill Road.
- Micro-surfacing (using Ralimac) on Britain Drive in the industrial area.
- Widening of Sioux Road between Keeley Avenue and North Tamanend Avenue.
- Install handicapped ramps throughout Briarwood (at all intersections) and several locations on Maple Lane.

- Crack sealing on various streets throughout the Borough.
- Participation with Doylestown Township on the reconstruction of the intersection of Route 202 and New Britain Road.
- Repainting of all traffic lines throughout the Borough.

If anyone has questions concerning the roadways or storm drainage facilities within the Borough, please call the Borough office, 348-4586, (9 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday-Friday) and speak with the Manager, John Wolff, the Engineer, Bob Schaffer, or the Road Master, Ed Deschamps.

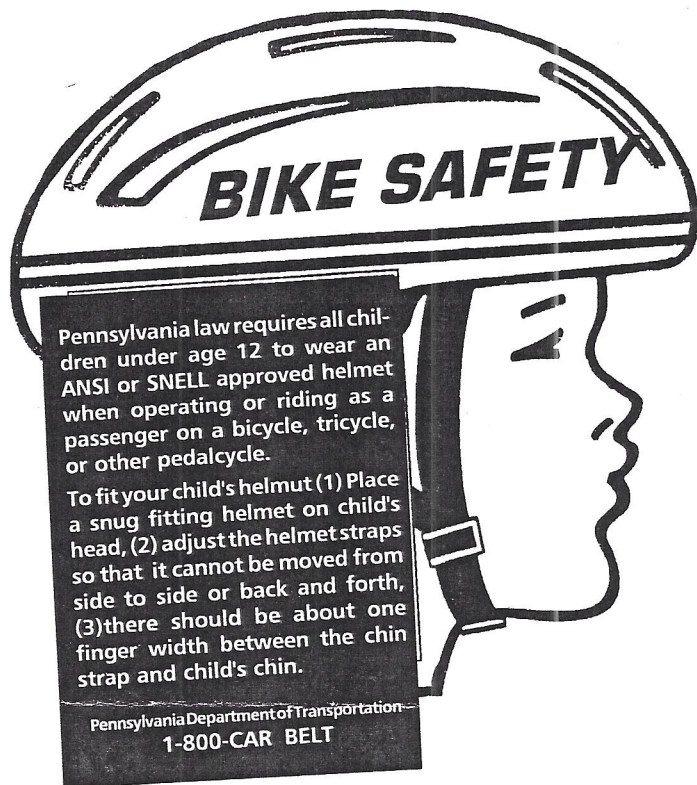
1995 Budget

The 1995 New Britain Borough budget has been approved and expenditures will total \$714,000. The real estate tax remains at 12 mills. There is a special 3-mill road tax.



A separate 3-mill Fire Protection Tax provides funds for the two fire companies serving the Borough.

Borough income is derived from property taxes, earned income tax, and real estate transfer taxes.



Youth Aid Panel Members Needed

The New Britain Borough Police Department is looking for volunteers to serve as members of its Youth Aid Panel. The Panel is a juvenile diversion program for first-time non-violent youthful offenders to keep them from going through the County Juvenile Court system.

The program allows young people who made a simple mistake to make up for it within our own community, and it provides an opportunity for conscientious citizens to become involved.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Youth Aid Panel volunteer, please contact John Wolff, Borough Manager at 348-4586 or Chief Sempowski at 345-1080.

The New Britain Store

"In the olden time, even more than at present, the village store in rural neighborhoods was not only an indispensable convenience, but prized as the center of local news, and the paradise of loafers. Seated on chairs, benches, boxes and barrels the choicest tid-bits of gossip were exchanged, especially by the boys and men folks. The local merchant tolerated all this with equanimity, as part of the incidents of his occupation. He really was interested in some of this gossip himself; he knew personally all these loafers, and they were his customers and all respectable people. There were then no daily papers from the city to bring the news of the wide world. Ofttimes the talk took a higher range. It reached into state and national politics. It was interwoven with historical reminiscence of the past and sometimes ventured into church matters and themes of theological discussion. Such were the characteristics of New Britain store in past times."

Bucks County Intelligencer, 1907

The stone building with frame addition on the Southeast corner of Route 202 and Tamanend Avenue played important roles in the life of early New Britain residents. It is situated on part of a tract of land bought by Thomas James of Kirkbride, England in 1731. The present building was probably preceded by an earlier house built around 1760. The house was rebuilt to its present state in 1845 and the frame section added. The owner of record at that time was Silas Kroner who was a shoemaker. The building housed his shop until it was turned into a general store in about 1857. According to records, the Kroner store was "a notable rendezvous of neighborhood

gossippers." A post office was established here about the same time. The property changed hands many times but remained a store and post office for many years. More recently the building housed a kindergarten. Today this historic structure continues its usefulness by providing professional office space.



Ordinance Review

Grass & Weeds

This Borough ordinance requires that grass and weeds must be cut or trimmed so that they do not exceed 8" in height. The purpose is not only to keep the community aesthetically pleasing, but to protect residents from possible health risks associated with overgrowth.

Pets

Pet owners are required by Borough Ordinance to be responsible for their animal not becoming a private or public nuisance. Please be considerate of public and private property and your neighbors.



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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*; Robert Belchic, *Vice-President*; Mary Pat Holewinski; Denise Steskal; Nancy Schuyler; Kermit Weitzel; William Macklem

Planning Commission: Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 PM
William Buchanan, *President*; David Holewinski, *Vice President*; Allan Scheckler, *Secretary*; Karl Dieterichs; Robert Leavy; Paul Land; William Macklem; Lynn Froehlich, *Consultant*

Zoning

Hearing Board: Meets, as needed, 3rd Wednesday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM
Robert Bair, *Chairman*; Warren Nace; Joe Johnson; James Davis; Peter LaMontague; Tony Coia; Joseph Wagner, *Solicitor*

Tax Collector: Ann Teschner 348-1638

EMERGENCIES: DIAL 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 3pm.

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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