

New Britain Borough



NEWS

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New Britain & Chalfont Historic Group

presents

Terry McNealy

speaking on

*"Inns & Taverns of
Bucks County"*

April 15, 7:30 p.m.

New Britain Baptist Church

Bucks County's many inns and taverns are rich in early American history. Everyone is invited to join us for this informative and interesting presentation.



Fountain House, Doylestown, Pa 1894

Terry McNealy is an author and Bucks County historian. He served as Librarian at the Spruance Library of the Bucks County Historical Society for many years until his recent retirement. Terry lectures extensively on local history and is co-chair of Buckingham Township's Historic Commission.

The Community Loses a Good Friend

Borough Manager Bob Schaffer passed away on January 7 after a brave battle with cancer. Bob assumed the manager's position in 1996 when John Wolff retired. He served as Borough Engineer from 1968 until 1996. Bob was a retired construction engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Bob was an active member of the New Britain Borough Civic Association and administered the Borough's Summer Recreation Program for many years. He is perhaps best remembered for his volunteer statistical work for the CB West Football Team.

In February, Borough Council appointed Robin Trymbiski to the position of Borough Manager. Robin is a graduate of CB West High School and earned a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Delaware Valley College. She has served as Borough Secretary since 1990. As difficult as this time is for the Borough administration, we are confident that Robin's experience and calm determination will make the transition as smooth as possible.

For Your Own Safety . . . Post Your House Number

Homeowners are reminded that their house number should be posted in front of their house and clearly visible from the road. Numbers should be a minimum of 3 inches in height. These numbers are required to insure a quick response by emergency services such as the police, rescue squad and fire company. They are also used by the U.S. Postal Service for mail delivery.

Youth Center Update

Our local Youth Center is fast becoming the spot where local teens meet to talk and socialize. The Youth Center is located at St. James Lutheran Church, Park Avenue and Main Street, Chalfont. Presently it is open Thursday, 3 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 3 to 11 p.m.

Planned events for the new year include live bands, special dances, a fashion show and discussion groups with counselors. There is an art teacher available weekly, and a fitness instructor monthly.

Volunteers are still needed. If you can donate just two hours once a month, it would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, call Elaine Arnold at 822-1063.

Donations being accepted:

Donations are being accepted to benefit the Youth Center in memory of Michele Belchic, daughter of Robert and Margie Belchic.

Nineteen-year-old Michele died tragically in a car accident in January. The Youth Center was an idea that Michele helped to nurture and its success was important to her and her friends.

If you'd like to contribute, please make your check payable to the Michele Belchic Memorial Fund and mail or deliver it to the New Britain Borough Administration Building, 45 Keeley Avenue, New Britain, PA 18901.

For further information, call Mary Pat Holewinski at 348-7292.

If
you
"love
a

parade" . . .



Mark July 3, 1999 on
your calendar

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

This year, why not arrange for your neighborhood to participate in the big parade. Groups are encouraged to create a float or other thematic presentation, join the parade, and compete for prizes in three categories: Most Patriotic; Most Humorous; Most Original.

The parade will begin at Town Center at 10 a.m. and march to North Branch Park.

For more information, call Denise Steskal at the Borough Hall, 348-4586.



Spring has arrived!

Grass & Weed Ordinance

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.

Borough Preparing for Y2K

The Millennium Bug, or Y2K Bug, as it is commonly called, is a general description of the problems caused by software and hardware not being able to correctly recognize the change from year 1999 to 2000. The Y2K Bug can affect not only computers, but alarm and emergency systems, heating and electricity and more.

The Borough is working toward achieving Year 2000 compliance under the able coordination of councilman Bill Macklem.

Historical Tidbit

Did you know . . .

Squire Boone, father of Daniel Boone, lived in New Britain Township near the Village of New Britain. Squire Boone, son of George Boone, Sr., married Sarah Morgan, daughter of Edward Morgan, September 23, 1720, on the record of the Gwynedd Meeting of Friends. Squire Boone purchased 147 acres of land in New Britain on December 3, 1728, though he and his wife were here before that time. They had nine children. Among them was Daniel, born August 22, 1734. In 1730 Squire Boone bought land in Exeter Township, now in Berks County. It is not known when the family moved from New Britain to Exeter. Some think Daniel, the great hunter and pioneer, was born in New Britain, but most believe it was in Exeter.

Pre-registration required for Summer Recreation Program



New Britain Borough will once again offer a Summer Recreation Program for children ages six (or starting 1st grade) through 12. The camp will be held at Covered Bridge Community Park on Keeley Avenue from June 21 through July 30. It will operate Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in fair weather only.

To simplify the registration process, this year pre-registration is required. Parents should pre-register their children at the Borough Administration Building, 45 Keeley Avenue, on **April 26 through 30, 1999**. There will be no on-site registration.

Pre-registration forms will be circulated to local schools and are also available at the Borough Building.

The fee for New Britain Borough residents is \$120.00 (\$115.00 for each additional child in the family) for the entire 6-week program. Checks should be made payable to New Britain Borough Recreation.

Daily supervised programs will include arts and crafts, sports, and special event days.

This is a popular program and space is limited, so please remember to pre-register on April 26-30.

A Message from the Chief of Police

While New Britain Borough continues to be an enjoyable and safe community in which to live, Police Chief Sempowski reminds residents that minor thefts and burglaries do occasionally occur. Some ways in which you can help protect yourself and the community include:

1. Remove valuables from your vehicles.
2. Always lock your vehicles.
3. Keep doors and windows of your home locked. Install lighting around your home.
4. Call the Police if you *think* you see something suspicious. You can call the office, 345-1080, or the radio room, 348-3524 with concerns or questions. Call 911 for emergencies.
5. Call the Police office when you need to leave your home unattended for a period of time. They will perform house checks.

For more information on how to make your home and community a safer place, please call the Police office.

Council approves 1999 Budget

The 1999 budget approved by Borough Council totals \$819,539. Total anticipated revenue in 1999 is \$666,600. In addition, there is a Road Construction Fund balance of \$77,180 and a cash reserve of \$75,959. There will be no change in the Borough tax rate for 1999.

The 27-mill Borough tax is comprised of:

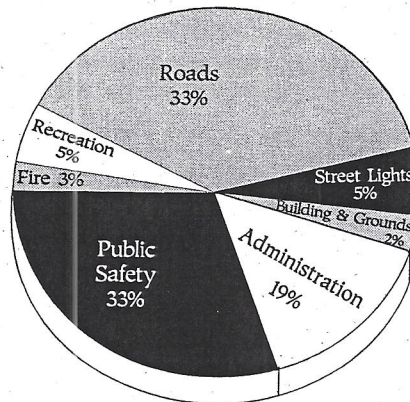
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| General | 16 |
| Roads | 3 |
| Recreation | 3.5 |
| Street Lights | 4.5 |

In addition, a 3-mill Fire Protection Tax provides funds for the two fire companies that serve the Borough, Doylestown and Chalfont.

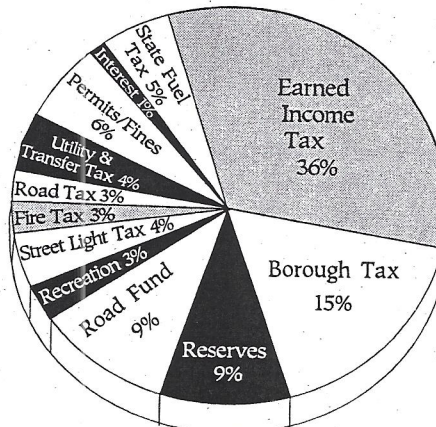
Can You Help?

There is a vacancy in the New Britain Borough Zoning Hearing Board. An applicant must be a Borough resident. The Zoning Hearing Board meets as needed on Wednesday nights. If you would like to get involved with your community, please consider applying for this position. Call the Borough Office for information, 348-4586.

EXPENDITURES



REVENUE



Upcoming Roadway Improvements

The following work is planned for Borough roads during 1999:

Road reconstruction/new water main:
Pawnee Road between Lenape & No. Tamanend

Road resurfacing:

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| Carousel Circle | Green Valley Drive |
| Pavillion Way | Evergreen Drive |
| Lenape Drive | Barrie Circle |
| Stephan Place | Heritage Lane |

Surface Treatment (oil & chips):

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| Maple Lane | Hawk Circle |
| Maple Court | Lampost Road |
| Keeley Avenue | Beulah Road |
| Landis Mill Road | Cedar Lane (part) |
| Britain Drive | Sand Road |

Drainage Improvements:

Hawk Circle & Cedar Drive

The Road Department will also be checking all sidewalks in the Borough for possible hazards.

Hazardous Waste Collection — Central Bucks Area

Saturday, June 19, 1999, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, 2730 Old York Road, Jamison

For specific information, call 215-238-9991

New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor: Robert Snavelly

Council: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM
David Donahue, *President*; Robert Belchic, *Vice-President*; Mary Pat Holewinski;
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; Patrick Digangi; Paul Land; Stephan Laurie; 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*; Tony Coia; Peter LaMontague; John Sullivan; John Wolff, Jr.
Bernie Peak; Michael Goodwin, *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 Borough Building, 45 Keeley Avenue.
Phone 348-4586. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Borough Manager/Zoning Officer: Robin E. Trymbiski

Treasurer: Lloyd J. Vansant

Building Inspector: Austin C. Brown (Hours 9-11, Mon, Wed. & Fri.)

Roads Superintendent: Edward Deschamps

Borough Secretary: Denise Steskal

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