

# New Britain Borough



# NEWS

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## ***Youth Center to Open this Fall***

St. James Lutheran Church has agreed to provide a place where our young people can meet and socialize on weekdays after school and for special events on weekends. Plans are to open the Center at the start of the school year this September. The organizing committee, headed by Borough Council member Bob Belchic, is seeking adults who are interested in planning and supervising events and activities. In addition, the group needs young people to form a Teen Advisory Panel to help plan for the Center. Interested people should call the Borough office at 348-4586.

Another successful Teen Dance was held on Friday, May 8 at Highpoint. The next social event will likely be held at the St. James Youth Center.

This important youth program is the result of planning by New Britain Borough, New Britain Township and Chalfont Borough.

## ***Dispose of your Hazardous Waste***

Bucks County is providing an opportunity to safely dispose of household hazardous materials. On Saturday, June 27, a collection will be held at the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology on York Road in Jamison, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items being collected include pesticides, toxic chemicals, batteries, oil-based paint and caustic household cleaners.

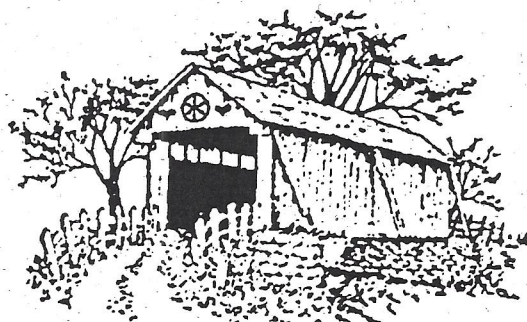
For specific information on the materials being collected, call 345-3400.

## ***Support your Civic Association***

The New Britain Civic Association supports the maintenance and preservation of our local treasure, Covered Bridge Park. Recent improvements include picnic tables and a playground. The Association sponsors many community events such as the recent Spring Flea Market held on Saturday, May 9 at Town Center. Association meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. – all are welcome.

Unfortunately the Park has recently be plagued with vandalism, including broken picnic tables and benches, and lighting fixtures and windows in the bathrooms. We suspect just a few individuals are causing this damage, and ask you to please call the police if you witness anything suspicious in the Park.

We urge you to support your Association through membership: family membership is \$15 per year, single is \$10. Checks should be sent to New Britain Civic Association, Inc., P.O. Box 5124, New Britain, PA 18901. For more information, contact Jackie Dieterichs, President at 348-5578.





## 1998 Budget

The 1998 budget approved by Borough Council totals \$848,210. Total anticipated revenue in 1998 is \$612,208. In addition, there is a Road Construction Fund of \$180,000 and a cash surplus of \$56,002. While the 1998 budget represents an increase of about \$50,000 over 1997, the Borough tax rate remains unchanged.

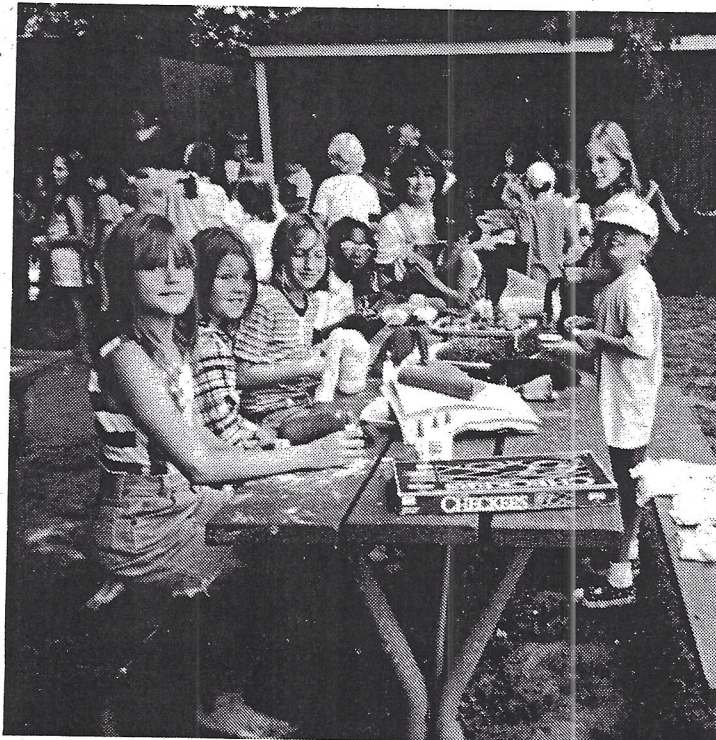
The 27-mill tax is comprised of

General .....	16
Roads .....	3
Recreation .....	4.5
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.

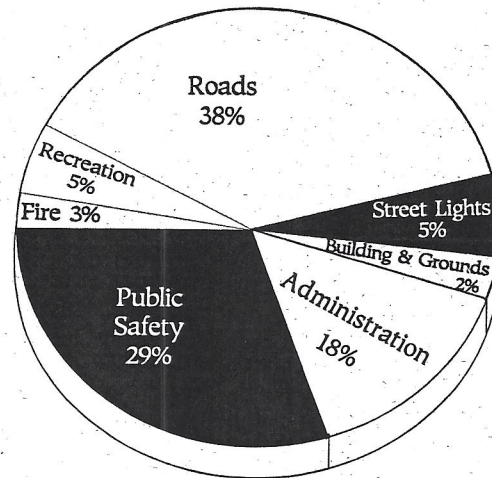
**Remember . . .**  
**the Primary Election**  
**is Tuesday, May 19**

**VOTE**

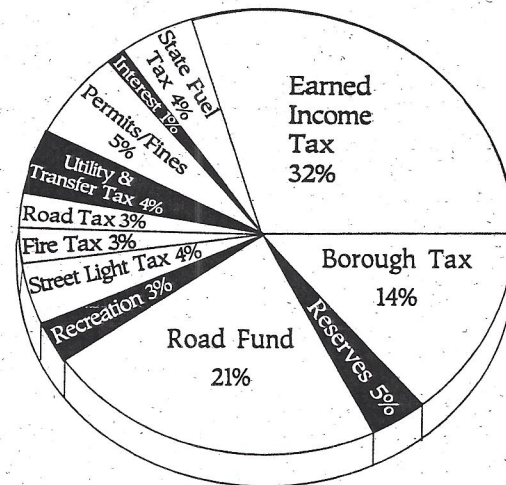


*Campers enjoy arts and crafts — and more.*

## EXPENDITURES



## REVENUE



## Summer Fun for Children

New Britain Borough is once again sponsoring its Summer Recreation Program at Covered Bridge Community Park. The camp for children ages six (or beginning 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September) through 12 will operate daily Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from June 22 to July 31, 1998.

Supervised programs will include arts and crafts, sports and special event days. Registration forms will be circulated to local schools, or may be picked up at the Borough office.

The fee for Borough residents is \$90 for the 6-week program (\$85 for each additional child in the family).

This is a very popular camp program, so make sure you sign up early!



## — Ordinance Review —

### **A Reminder to Pet Owners**

In order to insure the peace and general welfare of Borough residents, Ordinance No. 93-258 states that it is illegal to possess a domestic animal or bird which makes any noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of ten minutes, or makes such noise intermittently for one-half hour or more to the disturbance of any person at any time of the day or night. Please be sure that your pet does not unnecessarily disturb your neighbors. A fine may be imposed for such an offence.

### **Grass & Weeds**

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.

## **Youth Aid Panel Seeks Volunteers**

The New Britain Borough Police Department initiated the Youth Aid Panel several years ago. The Panel provides an alternative for first-time, nonviolent youth offenders to make up for their mistake through community service rather than going through the County Juvenile Court system. Just as important, this program provides an opportunity for conscientious citizens to help our neighborhood youth. The Youth Aid Panel needs more volunteers. Please call Chief Sempowski, 345-1000 or the Borough Office, 345-4586 to give some of your time to this worthwhile endeavor.

## **Jazz Festival Supports Scholarship Fund**

A Jazz Festival will be held at the Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope on August 10, 7 p.m. to benefit the Bucks County Chapter of the NAACP College Scholarship Fund. Performing will be a nationally renowned jazz ensemble comprised of popular artists from all over the world. Tickets are \$25.00. For information call 215-968-3900.

## **Celebrate with your Community on July 4th**



The Fourth of July festivities will kick off this year with a big parade beginning at Town Center and marching to North Branch Park. In honor of New Britain Township's 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary, New Britain and Chalfont boroughs will join the Township in hosting a full day of family activities including carnival-type rides, music, food and other activities at North Branch Park. Join your neighbors for a day of celebration and fun.

## **Upcoming Road Repairs Announced**

Repairs are planned for some Borough roads throughout the spring/summer months. Cherokee Road between Lenape Drive and Pueblo Drive will be reconstructed. South Shady Retreat Road will be completely rebuilt between Route 202 and the SEPTA railroad tracks. Also planned is surface sealing on Keeley Avenue, Lenape Road, Pavillion Way, Carousel Circle, Britain Drive, Maple Lane and Maple Court.

## **Historical Tidbit**

New Britain Borough was carved out of the Township and incorporated in 1928. Within the Borough limits along Route 202, the New Britain Baptist Church, founded in 1740 by the first settler families in the area, is still, more than 250 years later, caring for a loyal congregation. The graveyard is the resting place for many early patriots who served or gave their lives in wars from the American Revolution through World War II.

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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*; 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; Patrick Digangi; Paul Land; Stephan Laurie; William Macklem; Lynn Froehlich, *Consultant*
- 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. Bernie Peak; Michael Goodwin, *Solicitor*
- Tax Collector:** Ann Teschner, 348-1638
- Solicitor:** George M. Bush
- EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911**
- 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:** ..... Robert A. Schaffer  
**Treasurer:** ..... Lloyd J. Vasant  
**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