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New Britain Borough and Chalfont Borough present

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speaking on

"Grassroots History"

October 24, 1996, 7 p.m.

Chalfont Borough Building

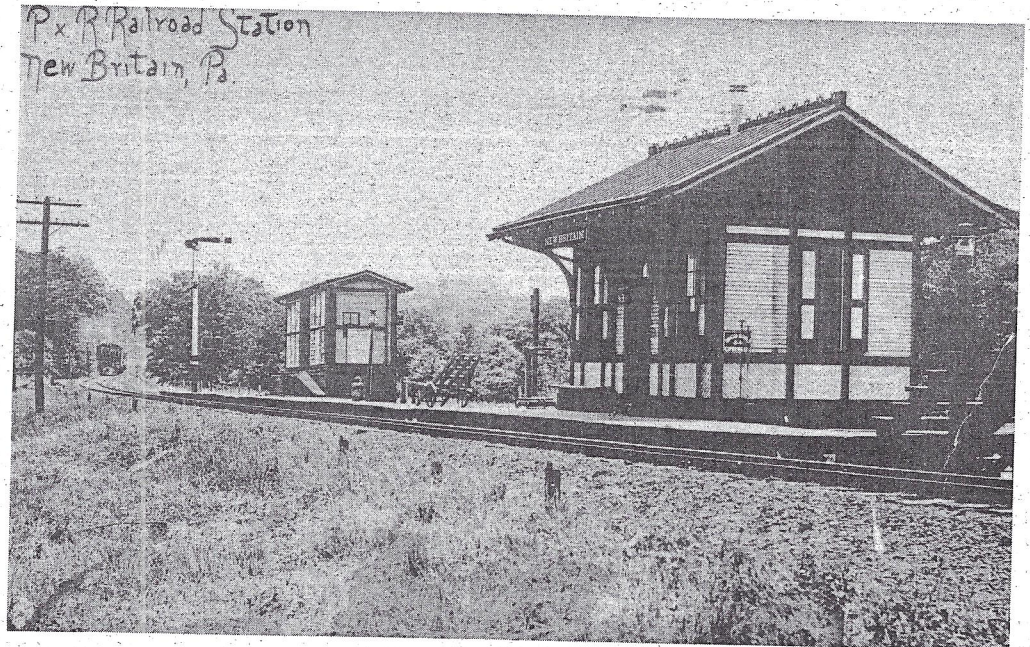
40 North Main Street

Chalfont, Pennsylvania

All area residents are invited to attend this special presentation to learn about the rich history of the New Britain/Chalfont area. Mr. McNealy is a gifted historian and speaker. He served as Librarian at the Spruance Library in Doylestown for 22 years.

Bruce Burkart, Chairman of the New Britain Borough Historic Commission, hopes that this presentation will bring together people with an interest in early residents of the area and historic sites.

Discussion following the presentation will focus on the possibility of establishing a joint historic group or society to research and document aspects of the area's history.



This old postcard shows the train station in New Britain Borough which burned down about 20 years ago. Recent plans to shut down the present train stop in the Borough have been put on hold but will probably surface again next year.



A Fond "Adieu"

Nearly 200 family members, co-workers and friends celebrated John Wolff's retirement at a dinner given in his honor at the Doylestown Country Club in June. Somehow the event organizers managed to completely surprise John and his wife!

Moving and often humorous tributes were made by his grandson, golfing buddies, as well as local, county and state officials.

John will spend a lot of time on the golf course and at his house in the mountains. Sounds pretty good!

Route 202 Bypass Update

PennDOT held the final public meeting on the Route 202 Alternatives on September 12 at Central Bucks West High School. The purpose of the meeting was to present to the public the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and for public input in the form of written and oral testimony. This was the last chance to express opinions on the proposed 202 Bypass. The overwhelming majority of attendees and speakers were in favor of building the Bypass. Those who spoke against it were mostly people who lived in properties built in the last five years directly in the path of the proposed Bypass.

Special thanks to the New Britain Borough officials who gave oral testimony in support for the building of the Route 202 Bypass. They were: President of Borough Council, David Donahue; Borough Council members William Macklem, Kermit Weitzel, Nancy Schuyler; and Chief of Police, David Sempowski. Thanks also to other Borough officials who attended the meeting: Borough Council members Mary Pat McCinn-Holewinski and Robert Beichic, Mayor Robert Snavely, Planning Commission member David McGinn-Holewinski, and Zoning Hearing Board member Anthony Coia. (sorry if anyone's name was missed).

Extra special thanks to our State Representative Tom Druce, a supporter of the Route 202 Bypass, who has been instrumental in getting the project further along the regulatory process than it ever has been in the past.

Marie Esher Coia

Disposing of Leaves

Waste haulers licensed in the Borough must pick up leaf/garden waste at least once a month. BFI collects yard wastes, which can include leaves, each Monday. Waste Management will collect leaves on regular pick-up days (their maximum of 5 containers, bags and cans, applies). Leaves can be placed in the regular yard waste containers or biodegradable paper bags - NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE. In addition, Waste Management will likely have 2 collections in the Fall specifically for leaves. Contact your hauler for more specific instructions.

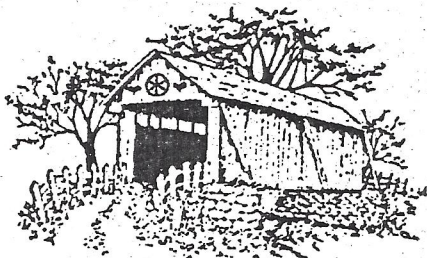
Some environmentally sound ways to dispose of leaves are:

- ✓ 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 which will benefit your grass.
 - ✓ Leaves are "recycled" and used by William Hirst of Highland Hill Farm. Residents can drop off leaves at the farm located at 520 Dublin Pike or call for pick up at 345-0946.
- If you plan to burn leaves, the Borough Ordinance sets forth the following rules:
- ✓ Public roads cannot be used for burning leaves.
 - ✓ Leaves should not be burned when atmospheric conditions make fires hazardous. Choose a cool day with low atmospheric pressure (the smoke will dissipate more rapidly). Burn when the wind is calm.
 - ✓ Fires must be continuously monitored until extinguished. Extinguishing equipment (hose, buckets of water, etc.) should be available.
 - ✓ No fires are permitted after sunset.

Invitation from the New Britain Civic Association

The New Britain Civic Association invites you to take part in an informal walk through Covered Bridge Park on Sunday, October 6th from 2 to 4 p.m. The walk will acquaint new residents to their community park and you veteran residents can find out what's new. Members of Civic will be on hand to walk with you and answer any questions you may have about the park and the Civic Association. Please join us (wear comfortable clothing). The foliage should be beautiful and there will be doughnuts and cider at the end of the walk.

Don't forget the Annual Christmas Tree lighting at Town Center. The date is Wednesday December 4th at 7 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to meet the children. So brush up on your Christmas Carols and join us. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided.



Discounts for You Equals Funds for Your Park

The New Britain Civic Association is raising funds by selling the Entertainment® Book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one and 50% discounts on dining, travel, shopping, movies, special events, sports, and more.

The books are just \$35.00 with a portion of the proceeds going to help fund the Covered Bridge Park. To order, contact Jackie Dieterichs, 215-348-5578.

Outstanding Police Officers are Recognized

The Borough Police Department wishes to recognize the outstanding service provided to the community by two of its previous members. The Department has been through many changes recently, and part of that came about due to the resignation of these two officers.

Officer Howard Kramer worked as an officer with our Department for over 27 years, from April 1966 to 1994. During this time he was a reliable, conscientious and professional employee. He diligently came in at all hours and worked through all kinds of conditions. Officer Kramer left this Department to work full time for the Mansfield University Police Department. The community lost a good friend since he moved on.

Officer Robert Bair served as an officer with our Department for over 17 years from 1972 to 1996. He had many roles — as one of our training officers teaching self defense techniques, baton training, pepper spray training, first aid and CPR instruction. Officer Bair was the officer in charge during the Chief's absence. He was a hard-working employee who performed his duties at any hour under any weather conditions without ever voicing a complaint. He has left our Department to work as a family counselor and mediator. However, he continues to assist the Department with his teaching and serve the community as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board and as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator.

Chief David Sempowski

Roadway Improvements

Several projects this year are improving Borough roads:

Iron Hill Road: Reconstruction of the roadway base course was recently completed using a "cold-in-place recycled bituminous base course." A hot mix bituminous wearing surface was then added to provide a smooth finish. E.J. Beneman, Sinking Springs, PA, was the contractor for the base course and P.K. Moyer, Earlington, PA, placed the wearing surface.

Sioux Road between North Tamanend and Keeley avenues: Reconstruction will begin in early October. The work will consist of the widening and total reconstruction of the existing base course and wearing surface. The contractor is S & H Landscape, Inc., Chalfont, PA. Work is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Route 202 at Town Center Shopping Center: Plans are underway to relocate the existing traffic signal at this site to the intersection of Sand Road, opposite the Clemens Market entrance. The change is expected to

greatly improve the access to Route 202 (W. Butler Ave.) for all local businesses and will provide a much safer connection for employees, visitors, trucks and the many Borough residents who use Sand Road frequently.

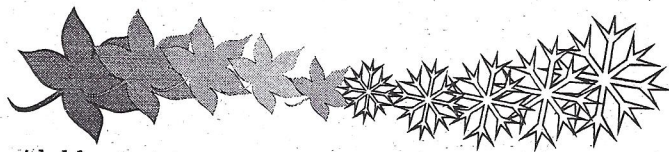
Pipeline Work Completed

Texas Eastern Pipeline Company has recently completed the installation of a new 30" gas main within their right-of-way in the Borough. The actual construction work progressed very quickly and relatively smoothly due to good weather and the Company's expertise in this type of work.

Despite some emotional trauma about the project, there were very few complaints from residents during the construction process.

Areas that were newly seeded have started to grow and full restoration of the affected areas should be completed this fall.

Changing Seasons



As this beautiful autumn weather inevitably gives way to winter, we will once again face the prospect of **SNOW**. Here is a review of the Borough's ordinance relative to snow and ice: [

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

New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor:	Robert Snavely
Council:	Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM David Donahue, <i>President</i> ; Robert Belchic, <i>Vice-President</i> ; 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, <i>President</i> ; David Holewinski, <i>Vice President</i> ; Allan Scheckler, <i>Secretary</i> ; Karl Dieterichs; Robert Leavy; Paul Land; William Macklem; Lynn Froehlich, <i>Consultant</i>
Zoning Hearing Board:	Meets, as needed, 3rd Wednesday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM Robert Bair, <i>Chairman</i> ; James Davis; Tony Coia; Peter LaMontague; John Sullivan; John Wolff, Jr.; Joseph Wagner, <i>Solicitor</i>
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 new Borough Building at 45 Keeley Avenue.
Phone 348-4586. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3pm.

Borough Manager/Zoning Officer:	Robert A. Schaffer
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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