

# New Britain Borough



# NEWS

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## *Explore the Rich History of Central Bucks County*

The New Britain/Chalfont Historical Group has sponsored eighteen presentations since initiating the program in 1996. We are pleased to offer programs in October and November which feature two well-known and respected historians. If you like history and want to learn more about our local heritage, please join us.

### **Francis Curly will speak and show pictures of New Hope Throughout the 20th Century**

October 21, 1999, 7:30 p.m.

Chalfont Borough Hall  
Main Street (Route 152)  
Chalfont

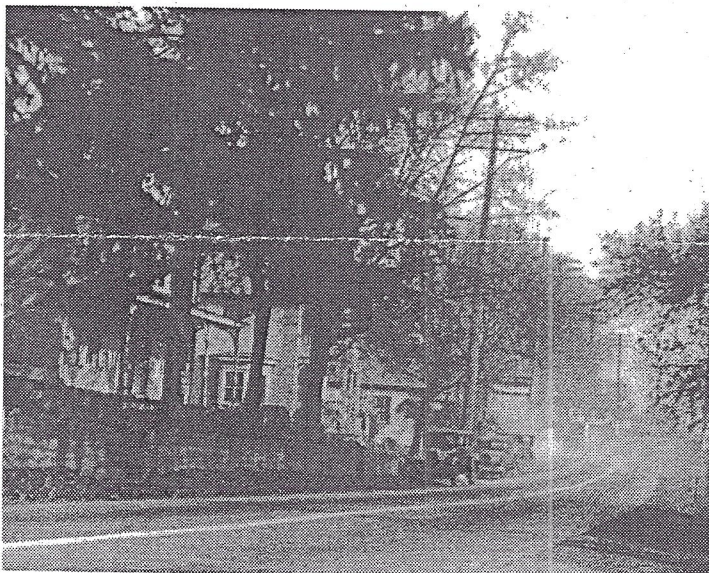
Mr. Curly has spent a lifetime doing historical research of Bucks County and has spoken many times on the subject. His enlarged historic photographs are a memorable part of his presentations. Don't miss this one!

### **Willis Rivinus will narrate a slide show entitled The Delaware Canal In Art**

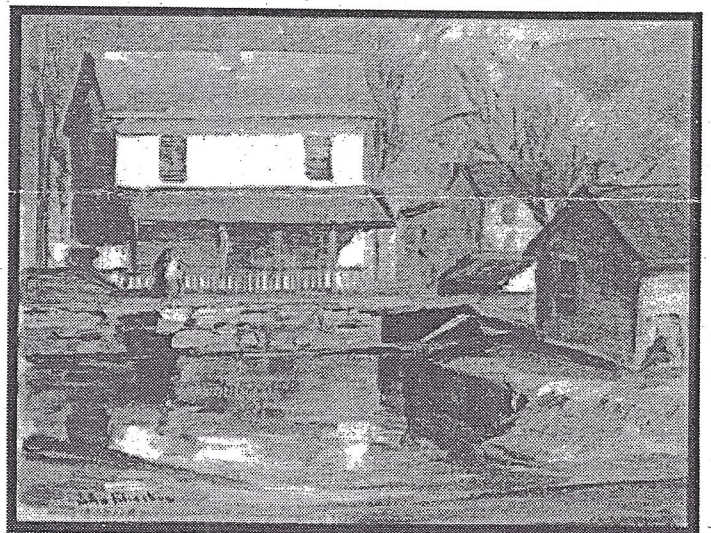
November 18, 1999, 7:30 p.m.

(location to be announced)

Mr. Rivinus is a historian, author and canal walker. His slide presentation will show views from Easton to Bristol by artists Pickett, Hargens, Yoder, Follinsbee, child, Spencer, Baum, Garber, Redfield, Leith-Ross, Bye, and more.



*In our own Borough, this scene from 1930 is of Butler Avenue (Rt. 202) looking east from Tamanend Avenue.*



*This lovely oil painting of a Lock Keeper's House by John F. Follinsbee is among the art to be presented.*



## **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**. 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.

## **Permits Required for Roofs and Siding**

New Britain Borough residents who want to install new roofs or siding must have a zoning and building permit before work begins. In addition, the roofer and siding contractor should submit a certificate of insurance.

## **Youth Center News**

The Chalfont Community Teen Center celebrated its first anniversary on September 12, 1999. About 350 teens from the community attended at least once last year.

This year, a new format has been adopted that should appeal to older teens and, at the same time, keep the interest of the younger teens. The format is as follows:

Friday: The Center will be open to teens in 9th through 12th grades. During the hours of 4:00 to 10:00 p.m., teens may watch movies, listen to music, play pool and ping pong, participate in discussion groups, plan events, socialize, etc.

Saturday: The Center will be open to teens in 7th and 8th grades (also from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.) who may participate in organized recreational activities, a variety of games, contests, tournaments, dances, arts and crafts, or just hanging out with friends. Some activities set up for October are; an ice cream sundae

night, pictionary, pumpkin carving, pet day, dried flower arranging, bingo with prizes, foul shooting contest, Halloween dance and much more.

Please call if you would like to assist with fundraisers, chaperone dances, volunteer for 2 hours on Saturday, or have skills or talents that would be of interest to teens.

We are in need of several items: vacuum cleaner, multiple CD player, posters, hockey equipment and goals, Playstation, fall decorations, pumpkins, white lights and board games. Also, our piano is in need of repair if anyone can tune it and repair the keys.

Thank you.

Location of Youth Center  
St. James Lutheran Church  
14 Park Ave.  
Chalfont, Pa. 18914  
215-822-5682

## **Begin the Holidays at the Borough's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

The annual Borough Christmas Tree lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, at 7 p.m. at Town Center. Rain date is Thursday, December 2.

Songs of the season will be performed by members of the Central Bucks Elementary School Band, many of whom are from Pine Run Elementary School. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be on hand too.

So join us for a festive start to your holiday season.



## Eagle Scouts help beautify Covered Bridge Park

One requirement for Boy Scouts to become Eagle Scouts is to plan, organize and complete a community project. Scouts from Troop 53 completed two such projects recently at the Civic Association's Covered Bridge Park.

Nicholas Marciante saw a need for a handicapped swing in the park. He researched availability of such an item, raised the money to purchase one, and worked with his fellow scouts to dig the foundations, mix the concrete and install the swing set in a first-rate manner.

Chris Frieman planned a large landscaped area next to the existing playground. He worked with Delaware Valley College to select suitable trees, which include two red oaks for autumn color and summer shade and two ornamental pears for spring blossoms. Feeney's Nursery in Jamison generously donated the trees. After many hours of labor, the result is a lovely sitting area with two rebuilt park benches that visitors to the park will enjoy for decades to come.

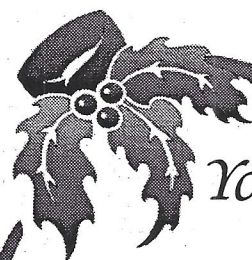
We would like to express our gratitude to these fine young men for their service to the community.

## Civic Association Opportunities

A new supply of beautiful New Britain Borough license plates is available at the Borough office. Become a member of the Civic Association for \$15 and receive a license plate to proudly display on your vehicle.



The Civic Association is once again offering Entertainment Books for sale. These money-saving books cost \$25.00 and contain hundreds of discount coupons on local dining and national chains, shopping, movies, sports, travel and more. Proceeds from the sale of the books benefits Covered Bridge Park. To order, call (215) 348-7083 or buy one at Clemens Market at the New Britain Town Center.



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## New Britain Borough Holiday Open House

**December 2, 1999, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Borough Office, 45 Keeley Avenue

The Council and staff of New Britain Borough cordially invite all residents and local business owners to a Holiday Open House. This is a chance to share the holiday spirit with your neighbors and meet informally with Borough officials. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

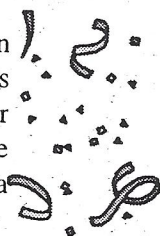
## Upcoming Road Repairs Announced

A number of road improvement projects are scheduled for completion in 1999. Your patience and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

- New water mains and street reconstruction will take place on Pawnee Road, from Lenape to North Tamanend.
- Micro-surfacing will be applied to the following streets: Carousel Circle, Pavilion Way, Lenape Drive, Stephan Place, Green Valley Drive, Evergreen Drive, Barrie Circle and Heritage Lane.
- Surface treatment (oil and chips) will be applied to: Maple Lane, Maple Court, Keeley Avenue, Landis Mill Road, Britain Drive, Hawk Circle, Lampost Road, Buelah Road, Cedar Land (partially) and Sand Road.
- Drainage improvements will be performed on Hawk Circle (new inlet) and Cedar Drive (new inlet and cross drain)

## Celebrate the Millenium at "First Night"

Welcome the Millenium right here in Central Bucks at the First Night Celebration. When you buy an admission button (\$10/adult, \$8/child) you can come on December 31, 1999 with your family and friends to celebrate a safe and happy passing of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Hop on to a bus in Doylestown and it will deliver you to one of 30 destinations where food, fun and entertainment and midnight fireworks await. Purchase your buttons by December 1<sup>st</sup> at the New Britain Borough office. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor contact Steve Hirt at 215-345-4616. To volunteer to help call Nancy Blois, 215-348-3651. Call for further information on the event call 1-877-77-NYEVE or Beverly Miller 215-443-9565, or check out the website at [www.firstnightdoylestown.org](http://www.firstnightdoylestown.org).





## 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.



**ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE — Want to earn some money this winter shoveling snow for residents and the Borough?**  
**Call the office at 215-348-4586.**

## New Britain Borough Officials

<b>Mayor:</b>	Robert Snively
<b>Council:</b>	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; Bernie Peak; Nancy Schuyler; Kermit Weitzel; William Macklem
<b>Planning Commission:</b>	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; Patrick Digangi; Paul Land; Stephan Laurie; William Macklem;
<b>Zoning Hearing Board:</b>	Meets, as needed, 3rd Wednesday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM Robert Bair, <i>Chairman</i> ; Tony Coia; Peter LaMontague; John Sullivan; John Wolff, Jr.; Jeffrey Gilmore and Joseph Fluehr, IV, <i>Alternates</i> . Michael Goodwin, <i>Solicitor</i>
<b>Tax Collector:</b>	Ann Teschner, 215-348-1638
<b>Solicitor:</b>	George M. Bush
<b>EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911</b>	
<b>Police Chief, David Sempowski, Office . 215-345-1080</b>	

The following Borough personnel are located at the Borough Building, 45 Keeley Avenue.  
 Phone 215-348-4586. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

<b>Borough Manager/Zoning Officer:</b>	Robin E. Trymbiski
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lloyd J. Vasant
<b>Building Inspector:</b>	Austin C. Brown (Hours 9-11, Mon, Wed. & Fri.)
<b>Borough Engineer:</b>	Mark Hintenlang
<b>Roads Superintendent:</b>	Edward Deschamps

New Britain Borough  
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 New Britain, PA 18901

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