

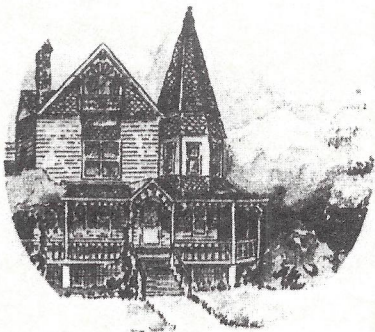
New Britain Borough



NEWS

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New Britain Borough Historic Preservation Committee

presents

Programs about our History

**Thursday, November 8, 2007
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

An evening to reminisce about the history and personal stories of New Britain Borough, the Detwiler School, past and present residents and your historic home.

Featuring YOU – the residents of New Britain Borough.

Please share your stories, pictures and mementos with us. Light refreshments will be served. The program will be held at the New Britain Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 11, 2007, 2:00 p.m.

Historic New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery Tour
In recognition of Veterans Day, graves of Revolutionary and Civil War Veterans will be highlighted. Light refreshments will be served after the tour.

Save our Streams *A message to pool owners*

Pool owners are required to discharge water responsibly per Borough and Pa. Department of Environmental Protection rules and regulations. The Clean Stream Law prohibits the discharge of chemically treated water into streams or storm sewers. Contaminated pool water quickly makes its way to streams where aquatic life is damaged or killed. Property owners and pool companies that violate these laws are subject to prosecution and penalties for damages. Pool owners and pool cleaners need to dispose of old water correctly and to neutralize wastewaters containing chemicals such as chlorine and muriatic acid.

Chlorine will dissipate in 5 to 7 days, so the simplest solution is to wait a week before discharging the water to a grassy area. Filter backwash should also be discharged to a grassy area and never to a street, pond or stream. Pool cleaning wastewater containing muriatic acid (aka hydrochloric acid) must always be neutralized before being discharged.

If you have any questions, please contact the Borough at 215-348-4586, nbboro@comcast.net.

Sidewalk Repairs

The Borough would like to thank all the homeowners who have made the necessary repairs to their sidewalks. Second notices will be sent to those homeowners who have not yet complied with our request.

Council passes Ordinance to protect our Covered Bridge

Recognizing that the historic Covered Bridge on Keeley Avenue is a valuable and irreplaceable landmark, Borough Council recently passed an ordinance regarding the posted vehicle height restrictions. Any person convicted of driving a vehicle that exceeds the posted height restriction across the bridge will be fined \$1,000. In addition, the violator will be required to pay the full cost of repairing any damage as a result of the violation.

Additional signs will be posted at the approaches to the covered bridge warning potential violators of the penalties set forth in this ordinance.

Fall back . . . later this year

***Daylight savings ends on
November 4***



Move your clock back one hour
before you go to bed on the 4th.



You are invited to the New Britain Borough Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 6, 2007

5:30 to 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 our annual 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.

Understanding Stormwater

When it rains, water flows across the ground and pavement. While some water seeps into the ground, most drains into storm sewers. This storm water eventually flows directly into our lakes, streams and wetlands. Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows. Any pollutants carried with storm water empty into our waters, untreated.

New Britain Borough is currently implementing storm sewer mapping, monitoring and water sampling as part of a storm water management program. But we need your help to protect our waterways.

What everyone can do to help

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as oil, paint and cleaning supplies—never pour them on the ground, pavement or down storm drains.
- Use herbicides and fertilizers properly and efficiently.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. Wherever pets make a mess, storm water can carry it to the drain and eventually into a stream.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors, in containers that do not rust or leak.
- Properly maintain your vehicles to prevent fluids from dripping onto the ground or paved areas.
- Notify the Borough of any signs of dumping of illegal pollutants or excessive soil erosion from construction sites.

Additional stormwater information is available at www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/watermgt/wc/npdms4/ms4cd/education/rainrainbrochure.pdf.

To report illegal dumping or other activities, please contact the Borough at 215-348-4586, nbboro@comcast.net.

Discounts for You = Funds for your Park

The New Britain Civic Association is again offering entertainment Books for only \$25. As an added incentive, in addition to the many discounts in Bucks and Montgomery counties, buyers will receive a FREE vacation coupon good for \$100 of savings for any 2-week vacation period anywhere in the U.S. You also have a chance to win a 32" plasma-screen TV or other great prize.

For more information or to purchase a book call 215-348-7083 or pick one up at the Third Federal Bank or the Borough office, 45 Keeley Ave.

News from the New Britain Borough Police Department

The New Britain Borough Police Department is dedicated to providing outstanding services to our community. We continue to be active in officer certifications, training and education that far surpass state standards, resulting in highly-trained specialized officers:

- CB Special Response Team Certified
- TEAM - Drug Awareness Program
- County Narcotics Certified
- Computer Forensics
- Investigative Detective Services
- Juvenile Issues
- Traffic Accidents

We are aggressively patrolling the community to eliminate underage drinking

and illegal tobacco sales. We encourage parents to conduct open discussions with their young children to help curb unsafe and illegal activities.

The proposed Skateboarding Ordinance has been put on hold until Borough Council members have had the chance to speak directly with skateboard users. Our goal is to work toward an equitable solution for everyone. A meeting on this issue is scheduled for October 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borough Hall, 56 Keeley Avenue

Visit our website often for updates, upcoming events, useful phone numbers and links. We welcome your feedback, suggestions and comments.

www.nbbpd.org

Dispose of Leaves Properly

Waste haulers licensed in the Borough must pick up leaf and garden waste at least once a month. Allied Waste 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 in 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.

NOTE: You are not permitted to blow or rake leaves or grass clippings into the street. That practice can clog stormdrains.

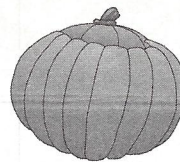
BURNING ORDINANCE

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.



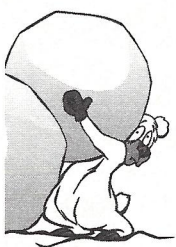
HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



It's that time again when children enjoy dressing in costumes and roaming the neighborhoods in search of some of their favorite treats. Here are some tips to make this Halloween safer for everyone:

- Go Trick-or-Treating with a grownup
- Don't eat treats until you show them to your parents or a trusted adult
- Visit only people you know
- Make sure your costume lets you see and hear clearly
- Wear brightly-colored clothing: use "glow in the dark" patches
- Make sure your costume fits properly

As Winter approaches....please remember:



Clear sidewalks of ice and snow within 24 hours of a snowfall.

Make sure the **fire hydrant** near your property is cleared of snow and ice.

All vehicles must be off the street within one hour of beginning of snowfall and until the roads have been cleared.

Make sure your **mail box** is at least 6" behind the curb or edge of pavement to allow for plowing.

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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, <i>President</i> ; William Macklem, <i>Vice-President</i> ; Robert Belchic, Mary Pat Holewinski; Margaret Remmey; Nancy Schuyler; Kermit Weitzel;
Planning Commission:	Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 PM David Holewinski, <i>Chairman</i> ; Karl Dieterichs, <i>Vice Chair</i> ; Jane Kinyon, <i>Secretary</i> ; David Donahue; Rick Eggleston; Paul Land; John Remmey; William Schaefer
Zoning Hearing Board:	Meets, as needed, 3rd Thursday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM Robert Bair, <i>Chairman</i> ; Tony Coia; Peter LaMontague; John Sullivan; John Wolff, Jr.; David Ziegfried and Jeffrey Gilmore, <i>Alternates</i> . Joseph Wagner, <i>Solicitor</i> .
Tax Collector:	Richard Sabol 215-489-8658 (<i>Hours: Wednesday, 6 - 9 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</i>)
Solicitor:	Michael Goodwin Police Chief: Donald Bowers, Office . 215-345-1080

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.
Website: www.newbritainboro.com Email: NBBORO@comcast.net

Borough Manager: Robin E. Trymbiski
Treasurer: Lloyd J. Vansant
Building Inspector: Austin C. Brown (9-11 a.m., Mon, Wed. & Fri.)
Zoning Officer: Thomas Yatsky (9-12 a.m., Mon, Wed. & Fri.)

Borough Engineer Mark Hintenlang
Roads Superintendent: Edward Deschamps
Borough Secretary: Jane Kinyon
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