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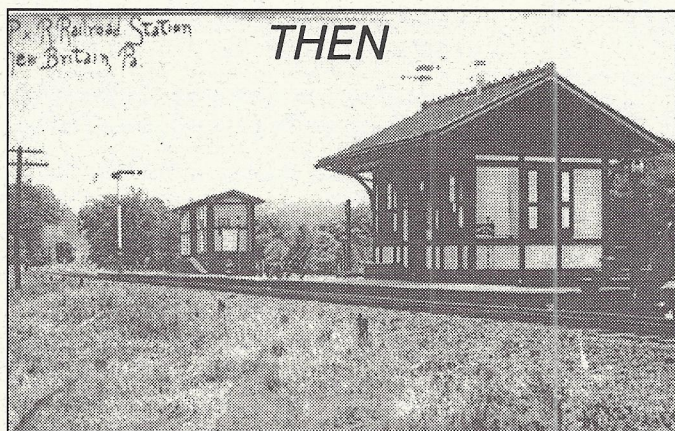
September 2000

Bucks County Post Cards — Then and Now —

Monday, October 16, 2000
7:30 p.m.

New Britain Borough Hall
Keeley Avenue, New Britain

Speaker: Betty Davis, Wrightstown, a member of the Washington Crossing Post Card Club. Using two screens, Betty will show the original post card by the Arnold Brothers, 1903 through 1930, and the same location today.



*Historical programs presented
by the New Britain-Chalfont
Historical Group*

The Origin of Bucks County Roads

Monday, November 13, 2000
7:30 p.m.

Chalfont Borough Hall
Main Street, Chalfont

Speaker: Edwin L. Fleck, Doylestown, a local historian and researcher, will show how roads came about in Bucks County. A very interesting topic on how, why, and when.

A Guided Tour of the New Britain Baptist Church Cemetery

Sunday, December 3, 2000
(raindate, December 10)
2:00 p.m.

New Britain Baptist Church

Speaker: Doris Fadenrecht will show some of the earliest grave markers in Bucks County, where Revolutionary War soldiers may be buried along with possible Indian graves.

Note: Please wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared for damp ground conditions.



You are Invited

to the

New Britain Borough Holiday Open House

December 14, 2000, 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.

Police receive grants

Several grants have been awarded to the New Britain Police that will help the department better serve the community:

- A federal grant in the amount of \$75,000 made it possible to hire a third full time police officer, Richard Tomlinson.
- A grant in the amount of \$3,600 was received to offset administrative costs associated with the D.A.R.E. — Drug Abuse Resistance Education — Program. D.A.R.E. teaches 6th graders about the dangers of drug abuse and provides other important life skills.
- A state grant will provide the department with some life-saving tools. A Portable Breath Testing Device will be purchased with the grant funds. The Device provides certified readout that can be used as evidence. In addition, two AED devices have been provided by Abington Hospital. Certified by the American Heart Association. AED's are heart-shocking devices used to restart a heart beat following a heart attack.

Police will step up patrols in Borough

Chief Sempowski wants residents to know that they have stepped up traffic patrols on Borough streets. The officers will be more observant of traffic violations such as stop signs, traffic lights and speeding. Officers will also be watching for suspicious actions. "The safety of the community is our primary concern," said Sempowski.



Be a Good Neighbor

Residents are reminded
that their dogs and cats
should not be a
disruption or annoyance
to their neighbors



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.

No Change in Water Service

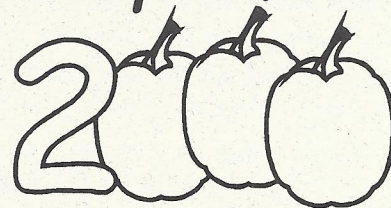
Responses to the survey in our last newsletter indicate that the majority of residents do not favor public water. Therefore no changes are proposed at this time.



SAFETY TIPS

- Go Trick-or-Treating with a grownup.
- Visit only people you know.
- Make sure your costume lets you see and hear perfectly. You need to be able to watch and listen for cars.
- Make sure your costume fits. It's easy to trip on costumes that are too long or shoes that are too big.
- Wear brightly-colored clothing. Put "glow in the dark" patches or strips on your costume so drivers can see you.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Don't eat treats until you show them to your parents or a trusted adult.

Pumpkinfest



October 21 & 22

Fonthill Park

Doylestown

Carved Pumpkin Display

Live Music

Kids Activities . . . and MORE!

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

The annual Borough Christmas Tree lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at 7 p.m. at Town Center. Raindate is Thursday, December 7.

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.

Can You Help?

New Britain Borough is forming a Civil Service Commission, whose members will oversee Police Department personnel. This is a great way for residents to serve their community. Please send an application to the Borough office, 45 Keeley Avenue, New Britain, PA 18901, or call 215-348-4586 for more information.

Your comments are important!

(Please complete, clip and return to 56 Keeley Ave., New Britain, PA 18901)

New Britain Borough Police Survey — 2000

1. Do you receive prompt service? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Are the Officers courteous and professional?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Have you been satisfied with the service you have received?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Are the needs of the community being met?

☐ Yes ☐ No

How can we improve police service?

Other comments or questions?

Optional — Name and address

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.
 - ✕ For the safety and welfare of you and your community, would you please consider digging out a fire hydrant that's on or near your property?



ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE — Do you 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

Mayor:	Robert Snavelly
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; Bernie Peak; 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> ; Jane Kinyon, <i>Secretary</i> ; Karl Dieterichs; Patrick Digangi; Paul Land; Stephan Laurie; William Macklem;
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.; Jeffrey Gilmore and Joseph Fluehr, IV, <i>Alternates</i> . Michael Goodwin, <i>Solicitor</i>
Tax Collector:	Ann Teschner, 215-348-1638 (Tues. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.)
Solicitor:	George M. Bush
EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911	
Police Chief, David Sempowski, 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.

Borough Manager:	Robin E. Trymbiski	Borough Engineer	Mark Hintenlang
Treasurer:	Lloyd J. Vansant	Roads Superintendent:	Edward Deschamps
Building Inspector:	Austin C. Brown (9-11 a.m., Mon, Wed.& Fri.)	Borough Secretary:	Jane Kinyon
Zoning Officer:	Thomas Yatsky (9-12 a.m., Mon, Wed.& Fri.)		

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New Britain, PA 18901

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