

New Britain Borough



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Learn about our History

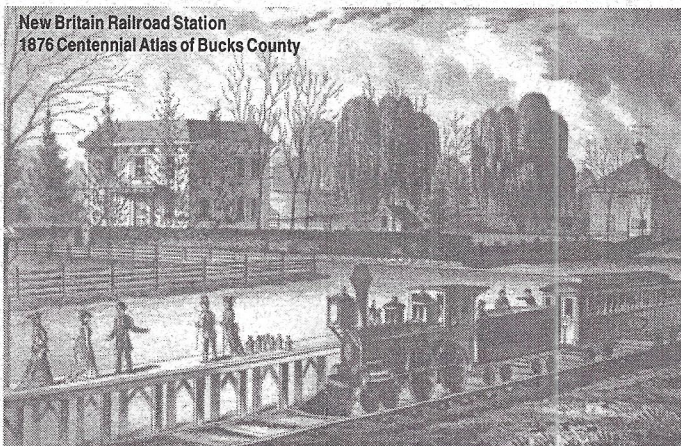
New Britain/Chalfont Historical Group is pleased to offer two very interesting programs this fall. All are invited.

Monday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

Chalfont Borough Hall

Railroading in Chalfont/New Britain: 1856-present

Speaker: Kurt Bell of Chalfont, an archivist historian for the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.



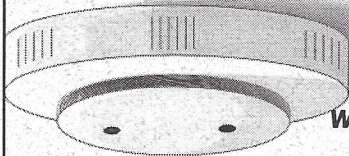
Monday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.

New Britain Borough Hall

The Moland House — It's History and Future

Speaker: Warren Williams of Warrington, a member of the Warwick Historical Society.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives!



*Twice a year, when
we change our clocks,
is a perfect time to check*

the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Daylight savings time ends on October 28.

History Lesson

The Session School

In 1856 a "session school" was built near the site of the present Baptist Chapel. It was a two-story stone structure. The lower story was used as a public school for the patrons of Doylestown Township. The upper room was used for prayer meetings, singing classes, and temperance lectures. Being a private school, there was a charge: three cents a day.

The first teacher was Louisa Bitting. Others who taught at the school included William Walker, Clara Doan, Fanny Pearson, William Anglemeyer and Louise Shewell.

The building was torn down in 1885 by William Van Toor. In the process, he found a number of three cent pieces, probably given to the children to spend at a nearby store.

Standing near the entrance of the school was a large hickory or pig nut tree — one of the largest such trees in eastern Pennsylvania. A story tells of nuts from that tree being cracked on the stone steps of the school, keeping students from attending the sessions inside.

Students who attended the Session School included:

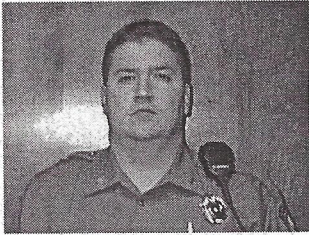
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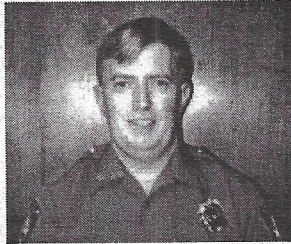


Three Part Time Police Officers Added

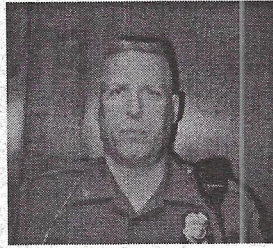
Chief Sempowski is pleased to announce the hiring of three highly experienced police officers:



Robert Milligan lives in the Borough with his wife and two young children. Rob is a superintendent with BFI.



Bob Hinde and his family live in Doylestown Township. He also serves as a police officer in Northampton Township, and was a member of the Borough police force in 1994-96.



Gregory Asterito is an engineer with Lockheed Martin and has many years of police experience.



SAFETY TIPS

- 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

McGruff Says
**BE BICYCLE
SAFE!**

**Follow
these
simple
rules:**



1. Ride with traffic. Keep to the right of the road.
2. Don't show off. Keep your hands on the handlebars.
3. Use proper signals for turning or stopping.
4. Don't tailgate or ride too close to cars and trucks.
5. Use proper lights and reflectors and wear proper clothing when riding after dark.
6. Always lock your bike securely when it is unattended.
7. Record the serial number of your bicycle and keep it, your sales receipt and a photograph, with your permanent records.

Police Department appreciates . . .

. . . residents who completed and returned their survey in last fall's newsletter.

You asked for our help with two specific areas:

1. Speeding on side streets, and
2. Abusing handicapped parking at the shopping center.

We are addressing both these concerns. All of the comments about the promptness of our service and courtesy of our officers were very positive. We always welcome comments that will help us better serve the community.

A Message from the New Britain Civic Association . . .

Discounts for you = Funds for your park.

The Civic Association is again offering Entertainment Books for \$25 each, featuring discounts throughout Bucks and Montgomery counties and the Northeast. Also available are books for Philadelphia West covering the Main Line, Chester and Delaware counties. Books can be purchased at Clemens or by calling 215-348-7083. To join the Association or to volunteer, call Jackie Dieterichs, 215-348-5578.

Road Updates

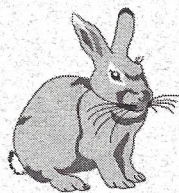
- Reconstruction of Sioux Road is complete.
- The North Penn Water Authority will replace the water main on Pueblo Road

You are invited to the New Britain Borough Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 13, 2001
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.

Enjoy Nature in the Borough



The Wilma Quinlan Nature Preserve sits quietly near the corner of Matthews Avenue and Landis Mill Road. There are several walking trails, partially along the Neshaminy Creek, with signs identifying trees. Take a stroll and watch for wildlife: deer, birds, rabbits, groundhogs and squirrels.

An old mill once stood at the bottom corner of the Preserve (Aarons Avenue and Landis Mill Road). This mill was called Landis Mill, after it's owner, Peter Landis. The mill was left to decay after business declined.

Please — no fires, hunting, camping, motorized vehicles, horses, alcoholic beverages, littering. Enjoy your visit and leave the preserve as you found it.

Begin the Holidays at the Borough's Christmas Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 5, 7 p.m.
Town Center
(rain date December 6)

Songs of the season will be performed
by the Central Bucks Elementary
School Band directed by
Marie Springer.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there too!

Dispose of Leaves Properly



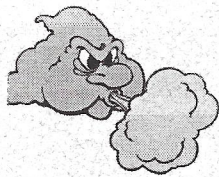
Waste haulers licensed in the Borough must pick up leaf/garden waste at least once a month. BFI collects yard wastes, which can include leaves, each Monday. Waste Management will collect leaves on regular pick-up days (their maximum of 5 containers, bags and cans, applies). Leaves can be placed in the 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.



Winter Approaches . . .

As our beautiful autumn weather inevitably gives way to winter, we want to remind residents of their responsibilities during snow events:

Sidewalks must be cleared of ice and snow by at least 12 hours after snow stops falling.

If there is a **fire hydrant** on or near your property, please make sure it is cleared of snow and ice.

Parking is prohibited on all Borough streets during and after snow falls until the roads have been cleared. When snow is predicted, please do not park your car on the road.

Mail boxes must be 6" behind the curb or edge of pavement to allow for plowing.



Young people can earn extra money by **shoveling snow** for residents. Call the Borough 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, *President*; Robert Belchic, *Vice-President*; 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, *President*; David Holewinski, *Vice President*; Jane Kinyon,
Secretary; 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, *Chairman*; Tony Coia; Peter LaMontague; John Sullivan; John Wolff, Jr.;
Jeffrey Gilmore and Joseph Fluehr, IV, *Alternates*. Michael Goodwin, *Solicitor*

Tax Collector: Ann Teschner, 215-348-1638 (Tues. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.)

Solicitor: George M. Bush

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.; email: NBBORO@home.com. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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
EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

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