

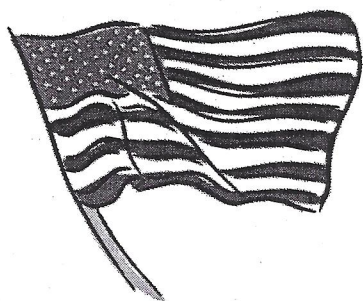
# New Britain Borough



# NEWS

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## Veterans Day Flag Raising Ceremony

The Joseph A. Fluehr III Funeral Home and the New Britain Borough Police Department cordially invite you to our Veterans Day Flag Raising, as we honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, past and present.

The Flag Raising Ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2003, at 12 noon, at the flagpole in front of the Joseph A. Fluehr III Funeral Home, 241 E. Butler Avenue, New Britain. The Flag being raised was flown over the U.S. Capitol on August 24, 2003, and was donated by U.S. Congressman James C. Greenwood. Among those attending will be an Honor Guard from NAS Willow Grove, local Veterans Groups, State Senator Joseph Conti, State Representative Katherine Watson, State Representative Chuck McIlhinney, Bucks County District Attorney Diane Gibbons, Bucks County Chief of Detectives Frank Dykes, and other local elected Officials. Refreshments will follow.

## Coming to a Street Near You

Thanks to a donation by Borough resident and General Contractor Chris Frasco and his family, the New Britain Borough Police Department now has a Speed Board to help curb speeding on Borough Streets.



Chris makes yearly donations to various organizations. Being concerned for the safety of the Borough's children due to the increase in traffic on our roads, this year he decided to do something to help the community in which he lives. He generously donated the funds to purchase the Speed Board.

The Speed Board digitally displays the speed of your vehicle as you pass it. Since the board is mobile, we are able to place it in various places around the Borough.

Should you see Chris or his family, remember to thank them for doing their part in making the Borough a safer place to live and raise your children.

## Learn about our History

*New Britain/Chalfont Historical  
Group presents*

**Monday, Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m.**

### Underground Railroad in Bucks County

New Britain Borough Hall, Keeley Ave.

*Millard C. Mitchell* of Yardley will make presentation with slides and photos.

**Monday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.**

### Who was Henry Mercer?

Chalfont Borough Hall, Main Steet

*Edwin Fleck* of Doylestown will tell us about the man who built Fonthill, Mercer Museum and the Moravian Tile Works and how he obtained his collections.

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## New Britain Borough celebrates 75 years

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of New Britain Borough, here is some interesting information from the "early" days.

The first Council meeting was held on June 22, 1928, and for the first 6 months, two meetings were held each month.

In December, Council passed Ordinance #2, which gave the Bell Telephone Company certain rights to do business in the borough. Burgess Miller vetoed the ordinance, but Council overrode his veto by a vote of 6 to 0. (We now have a Mayor instead of a Burgess.)

Wynne James, Jr. approached Council asking to annex into the Borough the Wynne James subdivision of James Manor and Vauxtown. James Manor runs from Shady Retreat Road to Iron Hill Road. Vauxtown runs from Iron Hill Road to New Britain Road.

Changes to street names were proposed: Almshouse Road would become Tamenend Avenue; Railroad Avenue would be renamed Mathews Avenue; Water Street would become Aarons Avenue; State Highway would be named Butler Avenue.

Ordinance #3, approved in February 1929, annex lands of Doylestown Township into the Borough. These lands were James Manor and Vauxtown.

On May 11, 1929, Council passed the first tax for property owners at a rate of 13 mills.

Also in May, Council voted to hold their meetings in the New Britain Library Building (now the Borough Hall). They would pay \$1.50 for Tuesday meetings; \$2 for any other night.



**Come one, Come all**

to the

**Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**

**December 3, 7 p.m.**

**Town Center Shopping Center**

Santa will arrive on a fire truck. Live music and refreshments. Sponsored by the New Britain Civic Association.

**NOTE: The Santa 5K Run scheduled for December has been cancelled due to insurance issues.**

You are invited  
to the  
**New Britain Borough  
Holiday Open  
House**  
**Thursday, December 11, 2003**  
**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.

## Chalfont Fire Company sponsors events

|         |                             |                  |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Oct. 9  | Fire Protection Open House  | 7-9:30 p.m.      |
| Oct. 25 | Craft Show/Party Expo       | 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| Nov. 9  | Buffet Breakfast            | 8 a.m. - noon    |
| Dec. 7  | Pet Photos with Santa       | 1 - 4 p.m.       |
| Dec. 7  | Christmas Sing              | 6:30 p.m.        |
| Dec. 14 | Pet & Family Photos w/Santa | 1 - 4 p.m.       |

Events are held at the firehouse, 101 N. Main St., Chalfont.  
For more information, call 215-822-9685

## Save on Entertainment: support your Civic Association

The New Britain Civic Association is selling 2004 Edition Entertainment books for \$25 each. The books are available at the courtesy desk at Clemens Market or call 215-348-7083. Please support the Covered Bridge Park by purchasing a book.

## Fall back . . .

**Daylight savings ends on October 26**

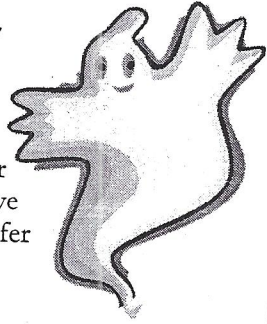
Don't forget to move your clock back one hour before you go to bed on the 25th.





# Halloween Safety

It's that time again when children enjoy dressing up and roaming the neighborhoods in search of some of their favorite candy. Here are some things we can do to help make this Halloween safer for everyone:



## 1. LIGHTING:

- Make sure the pathway to your home is well lit. If you are using candles to light the way, make sure they are a safe distance from the sidewalk or driveway. Some children wear items made of paper or carry paper bags.
- If you are going to use the "dark" affect, make sure there are no tripping hazards in the way.

## 2. CLOTHING:

- Use clothing or a costume that allows others to see your child from a safe distance. It's not uncommon for some children to ride their bikes, roller blades, or skateboards from house to house. Some children can travel at high speeds on these things and before you know it, they can be right on top of you.
- Avoid using paper costumes. More and more people are lighting their pathways with small candles. These often invite a curious child in for a closer look.

## 3. CANDY:

- Talk with your children about not eating candy before they get home. Inspect the candy before they eat it. If you are not going out trick or treating with your child, buy them some of their favorite candy to eat along the way.
- Make sure you inspect "all" the candy. Anything that looks like it was tampered with should be thrown out. It's best to error on the safe side.

## 4. GROUPS:

- Make sure your child walks or rides around with other children and "never" alone.
- Children should be told not to approach any "vehicle" or stranger during the evening. We use the word vehicle because some children will think it's OK to go up to a van or bus if you tell them to stay away from all "cars".



## Need a Halloween Trick or Treat bag?

Stop by the New Britain Borough Police Department, 56 Keeley Ave. between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday and pick up a free reflective *Trick or Treat* bag.

## Keep Storm drains clear

Please do not rake or blow grass clippings or leaves into the street. They can cause backups in the storm drains.

# Will you answer the call?

*Our volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services departments are committed to answering the call each and everyday. We need your support to ensure that we have the emergency service equipment and personnel to protect you and your family.*

Chalfont Emergency Medical Services and Chalfont Fire Company appeared before the New Britain Borough Council on July 8, 2003 to request a pair of referenda for the November 4<sup>th</sup> ballot.

In this year's November election, voters will decide whether to initiate an ambulance tax of 2 mills. This will be the first tax for the community for the Chalfont Emergency Medical Services. It is necessary because of the tremendous advancement in emergency medicine and the cost of this life saving equipment and personnel.

The cost to the average Borough resident will be less than 5 cents a day, less than \$15 a year and would generate the income for our immediate costs and drewate a fund for capital equipment.

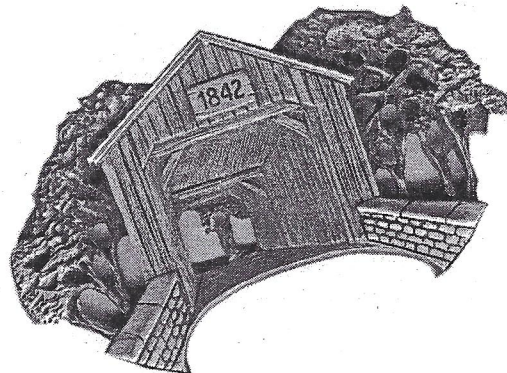
The Fire Company is asking for an increase of 2 mills to its current 3 mills, which would insure the purchase of new apparatus. Show your support for your local Ambulance and Fire personnel. Vote YES for both referenda on November 4<sup>th</sup>

## Road Updates

- Reconstruction of Sand Road and Access Road B this fall.
- Rolimac on various streets in the Borough

### BUY YOUR LIMITED EDITION

## NEW BRITIAN'S PINE VALLEY COVERED BRIDGE COMMEMORATIVE TILE



\$35 - AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER AT THE  
BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
OR CALL AMY AT 215.340.0633

# As Winter Approaches . . .

Our beautiful autumn weather will inevitably give way to winter weather. Here are some of your responsibilities during snow events:



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

You may want to wait to shovel your driveway apron until after the snow plow comes through.


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. Do not interfere with snow plows.

**Mail boxes** must be 6" behind the curb or edge of pavement to allow for plowing. The Borough is not responsible for damage to mailboxes.

Young people can earn extra money by **shoveling snow** for residents. Call the Borough at 215-348-4586.

## New Britain Borough Officials

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| <b>Mayor:</b>  | Robert Snavelly  |
| <b>Council:</b>  | <b>Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM</b><br>David Donahue, <i>President</i> ; William Macklem, <i>Vice-President</i> ; Robert Belchic, Mary Pat Holewinski; Bernie Peak; Nancy Schuyler; Kermit Weitzel;   |
| <b>Planning Commission:</b>                                | <b>Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Borough Office, 7:30 PM</b><br>William Buchanan, <i>President</i> ; David Holewinski, <i>Vice President</i> ; Jane Kinyon, <i>Secretary</i> ; Karl Dieterichs; Scott Fischer; Stephen Hazzard; Paul Land; William Macklem; William Schaefer |
| <b>Zoning Hearing Board:</b>                               | <b>Meets, as needed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM</b><br>Robert Bair, <i>Chairman</i> ; Tony Coia; Peter LaMontague; John Sullivan; John Wolff, Jr.; Jeffrey Gilmore and Margaret Shute, <i>Alternates</i> . Joseph Wagner, <i>Solicitor</i> .                  |
| <b>Tax Collector:</b>                                      | Ann Teschner, 215-348-1638 (Tues. 11 a.m.-7 p.m.)  |
| <b>Solicitor:</b>  | Michael Goodwin  |
| <b>Police Chief:</b> 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@comcast.net. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Borough Manager:** ..... Robin E. Trymbiski  
**Treasurer:** ..... Lloyd J. Vasant  
**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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