

New Britain Borough



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Happy 65th Birthday New Britain Borough

On June 22, 1928, the first Borough Council meeting was held. Chief Burgess Charles L. Miller swore in seven members of Council. Herman T. Vess was elected President. Frank Pilson was elected Secretary and given a salary of \$1.00 per year. The Treasurer was paid a salary of \$15.00 per year.

Three committees were formed: Light Committee, Street Committee and Budget Committee. A Borough solicitor was appointed at the second meeting at a salary of \$25.00 per year.

The real estate tax was set at 13 mills which produced \$4,243. Presently, we are taxed a total of 15 mills, 12 general and 3 for fire, which equates to \$106,000.

The 1929 budget was \$4,366; the 1993 budget is approximately \$610,000.

Many other things have changed over the 65 years. The number of residents has increased from 299 in 1928 to 2150 according to the 1990 census. There were 81 houses in the Borough in 1928; today there are over 800.

We now have a Police Department, Borough Hall and Administration Office, a shopping center, and two churches instead of one.

In 1928, the Borough Council met in the Councilmen's homes. In 1929, Council began meeting in the New Britain Library. To this day, Council meets in the same building. When the Library disbanded in 1969 they gave the property to the Borough which renovated it for use as the public Borough Hall.

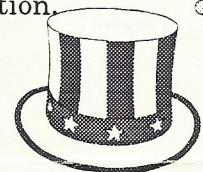
Happy Birthday, New Britain, and many many more!

Independence Day Parade

This year's Parade will be on **Monday, July 5th** at 10 AM. Beginning at Town Center it will travel south along Route 202, then north on Route 152 in Chalfont; turn right on Park Avenue and end at the North Branch Park.

The Military Color Guard, along with police and fire vehicles, will lead the parade, joined by the Red Hill Marching Band, military attachments, the New Britain Polo Club, equestrian groups - even Uncle Sam will be there! Children are welcome to decorate their bikes and join the parade.

Following the Parade, the Park will be alive with music, games, pony rides, a petting zoo, and refreshments. Be sure to join us in the celebration.



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Fourth of July Fireworks

The now famous and thrilling fireworks display will once again be held on the grounds of the Shrine of Czestochowa on Ferry Road. The festivities will take place on July 4th beginning at dusk (about 9 PM). Advance tickets will NOT be available this year. First come, first served! Remember, this is a well-known event with high attendance. Arrive early and arrange to car pool with friends.

PROFILE



Robin E. Trymbiski

A valuable member of our staff, Robin E. Trymbiski,

recently celebrated her third anniversary as Borough Secretary. It's hard to imagine the Borough office without her friendly smile and indispensable skills. Robin handles the accounts receivable and payroll, as well as Borough correspondence. She greets the people who come to the office and those who telephone. Robin's responsibilities also include attending Council meetings and taking and producing minutes.

Robin was born in Bucks County and is a graduate of CB West High School. Presently she lives in nearby Doylestown Township with her husband and two young children. Her busy life includes spending valuable time with her children, especially attending the many sports activities in which they are involved. Somehow, Robin found the time to attend Delaware Valley College part time for 7 years and this May, Robin received her Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. If there's any time left, she likes to swim and bike.

Robin enjoys working for the Borough because of the variety in the job and the friendly people.

Police Notes *"In The Good Old Summer Time"*

Summer is fast approaching and with it brings the pleasure of a vacation - hopefully one that is free from worry about the safety of your empty household. The New Britain Borough Police provides a service which may alleviate your worries. Please contact the Police at 345-1080 to arrange for house checks while you are away.

We will need the following information:

- Date/time of departure and return
- Information about any alarms you may have
- Time schedule of your timer lights
- Name(s) of friends or relatives who will be looking after your house
- Name(s) of those who have keys
- Will cars be left in garage/driveway? Type/make.
- Emergency contact information for the homeowner

We provide the following tips to make your home less of a target.

- Make your home look occupied: leave shades and drapes in the positions they would normally be if you were home.
- Have lights on timers throughout the house and outside as well. Schedule them to go on and off at various times.
- Put timers on radios and TVs.
- Cancel newspaper delivery.

- Lock all your windows and doors. Devices are available which limit the opening of your windows to a maximum of 4 inches.
- Have a trusted neighbor watch the house and contact the police if anything suspicious noticed. Ask he/she to collect your mail.
- If trash cans are left out, have the neighbor bring them in.
- Do not schedule any merchandise deliveries while you're away.
- Have someone mow your lawn.
- Try to leave a car parked in the driveway, locked, of course.
- Don't leave your keys in mail chutes, under a door mat, on top of your door frame - burglars know all of these places.

If you go out for the evening, put your exterior lights on - the better illuminated your house is the more discouraged the thief will be. When leaving for a couple of days, do not leave on exterior lights unless they are on a timer.

Keep a complete inventory of your valuables, including descriptions, models, serial numbers, special markings, values.

The Police Department has engravers available to mark your valuable property. This will deter the thief and make your property easily identifiable in the event that they are stolen and recovered.

Road Improvements

During the month of May many streets in the Borough were given a surface treatment commonly known as "Tar and Chipping." This is an old reliable standard method of providing a seal coat to the surface of existing roadway which in turn helps to prolong the life expectancy of the local road system. A coat of hot liquid asphalt is applied to the road surface followed by the spreading of small stones. A roller compacts the materials. Some loose stones remain, however traffic continues to imbed many of these stones into the road surface. Any remaining aggregate can be removed by sweeping.

Although the most desirable type of resurfacing is with hot-mix asphalt, the costs are usually prohibitive. As an example, the cost of recent resurfacing Lenape Drive was about \$60,000; Keeley Avenue, \$125,000. In contrast, the entire "Tar and Chip" project to numerous Borough streets costs \$26,000. So it is a simple case of economics - providing the best protection for the least cost.

Summer Recreation Program

Once again this summer, the Borough will provide a summer recreation program for local youths, ages 6 through 14. The five-week program will run Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 3 PM, beginning June 28.

Four regular counselors
plus a junior counselor

will be on hand each day to supervise the activities. The schedule of activities is printed below.

The cost of the program is \$50 for your first child, \$45 for each additional child in a family if your family is a member of the Civic Association (\$5 per family). Registration will take place on the

first day of camp, June 28, at the Park. You will also be able to get your family Civic Association membership at that time.

A large turnout is expected, so come at 9 AM to sign up. Children from daycare or babysitting groups are not eligible to attend.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 June 28 10:30 Get Acquainted 1:00 Peanut Scramble	 June 29 10:30 Basketball Foul Shooting Contest	 June 30 SPECIAL DAY 10:00 - Magician	 July 1 10:30 Group Bingo 1:00 Make a Sundae!	 July 2 1:00 - Water Play Bring your own water pistol!
 July 5 HOLIDAY NO CAMP	 July 6 10:00 Ping Pong Tournament	 July 7 SPECIAL DAY 1:00 - Puppet Show	 July 8 Be a Clown for a Day 10:00- Costume Contest	 July 9 10:00 Non Contact Football 1:00 - Watermelon Fun!
 July 12 10:00 - Box Hockey Tournament	 July 13 Crazy Hat Day! 10:00 - Craziest Hat Contest	 July 14 SPECIAL DAY 10:00 - Drug Talk	 July 15 1:00 Group Poster Contest	 July 16 1:00 Obstacle Course
 July 19 Aloha Day! 10:00 - Hula Hoop 1:00 - Limbo	 July 20 10:00- Group Dance 1:00- Dance Contest	 July 21 SPECIAL DAY 10 - Storyteller	July 22 Halloween in July! 10:00- Costume Contest 	 July 23 1:00 - Water Play Bring your own water pistol!
 July 26 10:00 Talent Show!	 July 27 10:00- Home Run Derby 1:00- Kickball	July 28 SPECIAL DAY 10:00- Bicycle Safety Bring Bike 	 July 29 Field Day Races and Fun All Day Long!	 July 30 LAST DAY! Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast!

REGISTRATION FORM

1993 New Britain Borough Summer Recreation Program

Child's Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent's Name _____

Name of another person to contact in case of emergency_____ Phone: _____

Age of Child _____

Is your child covered by medical insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other information (allergies, etc.)

Civic Association ☐ Member ☐ Non-member

Amount Paid \$

Please bring this form to registration on June 28 at the Park.

Youth Aid Panel Needs Volunteers

The New Britain Borough Police Department needs members of the community to volunteer to serve on the Youth Aid Panel. The Youth Aid Panel is a juvenile diversion program for first-time non-violent youthful offenders to keep them from going through the County Juvenile Court system. The program allows young people who made a simple mistake to make up for it within our

own community and provide the opportunity for conscientious citizens to become involved.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and would like to attend the training session, please contact John Wolff, Borough Manager, at 345-4586, or Chief Sempowski at 345-1080.

**Summer
Recreation
Program begins
June 28!**



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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> ; Robert Belchic, <i>Vice-President</i> ; Tara Gladysz; Bill Macklem; Nancy Schuyler; Kermit Weitzel; James Williams
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> ; Allan Scheckler, <i>Secretary</i> ; Karl Dieterichs; Robert Leavy; Paul Land; Bill Macklem; Lynn Froehlich, <i>Consultant</i>
Zoning Hearing Board:	Meets, as needed, 3rd Wednesday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM Warren Nace, <i>Chairman</i> ; Joe Johnson; James Davis; Robert Bair; Peter LaMontague; Tony Coia; Joseph Wagner, <i>Solicitor</i>
Tax Collector:	Ann Teschner 348-1638
Solicitor: George M. Bush
EMERGENCIES:	CALL 911
	Police Chief, David Sempowski, Office ..345-1080

The following Borough personnel are located at the new Borough Building at 45 Keeley Avenue. Phone 348-4586. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 9am to 12 noon.

Borough Manager/Zoning Officer: John K. Wolff
Treasurer:..... Lloyd J. Vansant
Building Inspector: Austin C. Brown (Hours 9-11, Mon, Wed.& Fri.)
Roads Superintendent: Edward Deschamps
Borough Engineer: Robert A. Schaffer
Borough Secretary: Robin E. Trymbiski

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