

New Britain Borough



NEWS

Volume 2, Number 1

Winter 1993

Proposed Route 202 Alternatives Presented

Public meeting #3 of the US 202 Section 700 Study was held on November 12, 1992, at the Montgomery Elementary School in North Wales, PA. Presented for the first time were design specifics of the six alternatives for facilitating traffic on Route 202 between Doylestown and Montgomeryville. Two of the alternatives are 1) constructing a Route 202 bypass; and 2) widening the existing Route 202.

The alternative which has the greatest impact on New Britain Borough is the widening of the current Route 202 to 4 lanes with a loop around Chalfont. Recent traffic data from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission presented at the meeting estimated the widening Route 202 would increase traffic from the current 21,000 cars per day to

46,000 cars per day. This would obviously have a significant impact on New Britain Borough.

A map detailing the six alternatives will be on display at Borough Hall.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) welcomes public input, so please fill out the enclosed form with your comments. Let PENNDOT know your thoughts and concerns NOW -- not after the final decision is made. There will be another public meeting in late spring. Please plan to attend and take the opportunity to personally voice your views. Check the newspapers for the date, or ask to be placed on the US 202 Section 700 mailing list when you submit your comments on the form included with this newsletter.

Youth Aid Panel

The New Britain Borough Police Department is looking for volunteers to serve as members of its 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 will allow 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.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Profile - David Donahue, Council President
- Door-to-Door Solicitation Permits
- New Britain Civic Assn. Calendar of Events
- 1993 New Britain Budget
- Hazardous Waste Disposal Summary
- Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf
- PENNDOT Comment Form on US 202
- Tax Bill Reminder

Primary Election

Remember to vote on
Primary Election Day,
May 18, 1993. The polling
place will be Lenape Valley
Presbyterian Church.



PROFILE

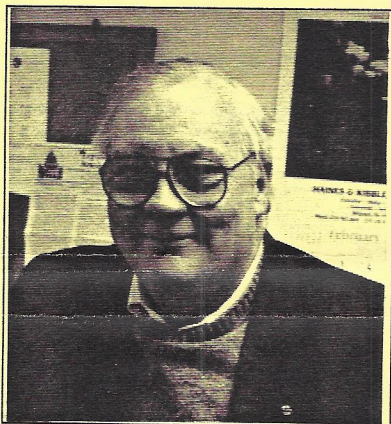
David Donahue

David has been a member of Borough Council since 1986 and president for one year. His commitment to the community began over 10 years ago with his appointment to the Borough Planning Commission. This experience prepared him well for his job as Council member. Especially significant was his involvement with the Route 202 Task Force from its inception. This project has become an important issue in New Britain Borough.

During David's 7 years on the Council, he has worked hard at bringing more continuity to the group. Council members work well together and have common goals.

David feels that members of New Britain Borough Council, as well as other municipal boards with which he has had contact, are dedicated citizens, concerned about their communities. It is disturbing to him that often the public has a general mistrust of their elected government officials. He would like to see more residents become involved at the local level and attend meetings to develop a better understanding of issues of importance to their communities.

David is proud of the frugal way the Borough was able to provide comfortable new office space. The new municipal building was a project of the Middle Bucks Technical School, purchased pre-fab, and erected on Borough property. For under \$100,000, Borough employees now have the space they need to perform their jobs.



David lives in the Borough with his wife, Judy. They have four daughters and are expecting their first two grandchildren this year. He has worked for R & S Imports, a Mercedes Benz dealership in Huntington Valley, for 15 years, and is presently Director of

Fixed Operations. David is a graduate of the Automotive Technical School in Philadelphia.

He is active in his church and as an officer of the Knights of Columbus spends a lot of time in charitable endeavors. He loves the out-of-doors, especially fishing, and enjoys bowling with his wife once a week.

David looks forward to the day when a completed 202 bypass reduces traffic flow through the Borough and creates a more quiet village setting.

Door-to-Door Solicitation

Spring is fast approaching and once again the door-to-door salesmen will be out peddling their wares.

If someone should come to your home soliciting a product, ask him/her to show you a completed permit to solicit. Such cards are issued by New Britain to solicitors who have properly registered with the Police Dept. If the salesman cannot provide the proper paperwork, they're NOT authorized to solicit in the Borough. Even non-profit organizations are required to register, though no fee is charged. The only exception is religious organizations.

If you are unsure that a person is authorized to peddle in the Borough, please contact the Borough Police at 345-1080. It would be most helpful if you could provide the police with a physical description of the subject - height, weight, hair style and color, age and clothing - and, if they leave the area, which direction they went and a vehicle description. It would also help to know the item they are trying to sell and the name of the company they are working for.

For your own safety and privacy, please do not allow the subjects to gain access to your residence and, if for any reason you feel threatened or unsafe, call the Police Dept. immediately. Thank you.

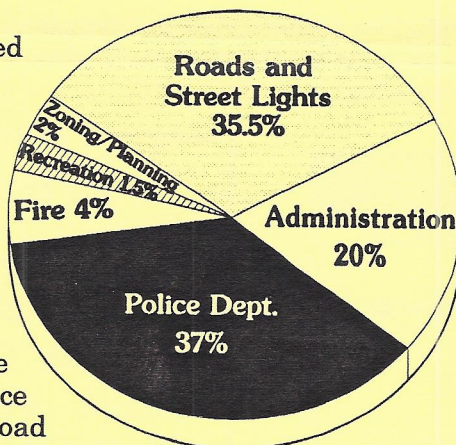
1993 Budget

The New Britain Borough 1993 budget has been approved and the tax rate will remain at 12 mills.

The majority of income is derived from property taxes, earned income tax, and real estate transfer taxes.

A separate 3-mill Fire Protection Tax provides operating funds for the two fire companies service the Borough, Chalfont and Doylestown Fire Companies.

Projected expenditures for 1993 total \$606,410. Significant reserve funds remain in the roads maintenance account which will allow for major road improvements this year. As you can see on the pie chart, costs of the Police Department and Roads maintenance represent nearly three quarters of the total budget.



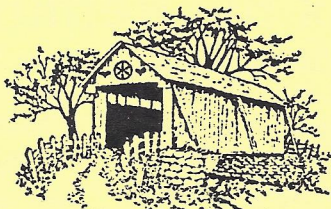
State Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf

Due to the recent redistricting process, Senator Stewart Greenleaf, Montgomery County legislator, is now New Britain's representative in the State Legislature. Recently Borough officials had the opportunity to meet with the Senator and were assured his office will be open to all residents to assist in any way possible with problems which may occur. His address is 47 North York Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090; Phone (215) 657-7700; in Harrisburg (717) 787-6595.

Come Join Us . . .

Now more than ever, the New Britain Civic Association needs your involvement. Help us preserve and maintain YOUR community park. As development overtakes more and more of our rural land, the importance of preserving the Covered Bridge Park grows greater and greater. The New Britain Civic Association has owned and maintained the Park since 1959. The Civic Association meets regularly on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Boro Hall on Keeley Ave. (above the police station). All interested area residents are welcome to join us and participate.

Together we can preserve this important community treasure. Membership dues are only \$5.00 per family and all are encouraged to join. Discussion at upcoming meetings will include plans for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Town Center and possibly another "New Britain Day" this fall. Call Jerry Zoog, President (345-7322) or Peg Havener, Secretary (348-5281) for more information.






New Britain Borough Participates in Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The second annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program was held on October 31, November 7 and 14, 1992. It was sponsored by Bucks County and the Bucks County Consortium of Municipalities of which New Britain Borough is a member. A total of 1,213 Bucks County residents participated in the 1992 program; only 7 were from New Britain Borough. Participants brought their household hazardous waste materials such as old paint cans, motor oil, pesticides, paint thinners, and herbicides to be properly disposed of at the collection site. We thank those residents who participated and hope for increased participation in future Collection Programs.

Volunteers surveyed the materials brought in each car that came to the collection site. Survey results indicate the types of materials brought to the site, how long the material had been stored, and how it had been disposed of in the past. The results indicate that almost all the participants (1,026) favor a permanent collection site somewhere in the County supported by tax dollars. Whether or not Bucks County ever provides a permanent site in the future, we believe that the program was successful in that county residents had a place to safely dispose of those household hazardous waste products that had been accumulating over the years.

In addition to the survey, the volunteers distributed information to those participating in the program on proper disposal methods and available alternatives to the traditional products used today. If any resident would like this information, please contact the Borough Administration Office at 345-4586 between 9-12 AM Monday through Friday.

New Britain Civic Association 1993 Calendar of Events

February 15	Civic Meeting	7:30 PM, Boro Hall
March 15	Civic Meeting	7:30 PM, Boro Hall
April 3 (raindate April 10)	Easter Egg Hunt	Town Center 
April 19	Civic Meeting	7:30 PM, Boro Hall
April 24	Park Work Day	9-noon, Covered Bridge Park
May 8 (raindate May 15)	Flea Market	Town Center
May 8	Annual Membership Drive Kickoff	
May 17	Civic Meeting	7:30 PM, Boro Hall
June 11 (Friday)	Annual Membership Meeting & Citizen of the Year Presentation	7:30 PM, Boro Hall
June - July	Summer Recreation	Covered Bridge Park
September 11 (raindate September 18)	Fall Flea Market	Town Center
September 20	Civic Meeting	7:30 PM, Boro Hall
October 18	Civic Meeting	7:30 PM, Boro Hall
October 30	Halloween Parade	Town Center 
November 15	Civic Meeting	7:30 PM, Boro Hall
December 1	Christmas Tree Lighting	Town Center 

Tax Bill Reminder

Ann M. Teschner, Borough Tax Collector, would like to remind any homeowners who escrow their taxes with a mortgage company to immediately forward their tax bill to the mortgage company in insure prompt payment. All tax bills are sent to the property owner only. This is done in light of the frequent selling of mortgages. Some Savings and Loan institutions have transferred mortgages up to four times a

year. In some cases, tax bills sent to the financial institutions were not paid because the homeowner was never sent the bill.

First-time homeowners who are unfamiliar with the tax structure are encouraged to contact Mrs. Teschner near the time that a bill is due to ensure that their mortgage company has sent a remittance. Office hours are Tuesday, noon to 8:00 PM.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
PUT OUT YOUR
RECYCLABLES!**



Printed on recycled paper

New Britain Borough Officials

Mayor: Robert Snavely

Council: Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM
David Donahue, *President*; Robert Belchic, *Vice-President*; 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, *President*; Karl Dieterichs; Allan Scheckler, *Secretary*;
Robert Leavy; Paul Land; Bill Macklem; David Holewinski; Lynn Froehlich, *Consultant*

Zoning Hearing Board: Meets, as needed, 3rd Wednesday of the month in Borough Hall, 7:30 PM
Warren Nace, *Chairman*; Joe Johnson; James Davis; Robert Bair; Karl Dieterichs;
Tony Coia; Joseph Wagner, *Solicitor*; Susan Eggleston, *Secretary*

Tax Collector: Ann Teschner 348-1638 **EMERGENCIES:** **CALL 911**

Solicitor: George M. Bush **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

New Britain Borough
45 Keeley Avenue
New Britain, PA 18901

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
New Britain, PA
Permit #118