



NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

Your Hometown Newsletter

VETERANS PARK PHASE ONE TO BE COMPLETED FALL 2016

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At their Regular Meeting of July 27, 2016, bids were opened by New Britain Township for construction of Phase One of Veterans Park, located at New Galena and Walters Roads in New Britain Township.

The Board of Supervisors awarded the construction bid to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. for \$298,118.88. Total estimated Project cost is \$375,200.00. Construction of Phase One began August 16 and should be completed by the end of October 2016.

Over the last several years, New Britain Township's Veterans Committee has been working on a park design for the facility, which will honor all Veterans who served or are presently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Veterans Park will include an ADA-accessible walking trail, a gazebo, a memorial

monument and flag pole, a small tot lot play structure, parking lot and other elements where veterans and their families can join together to honor those who have served in the past, as well as those on active duty today. The overall design will incorporate natural habitats and will preserve the active farming that is presently performed on the land.

The Park is located on two parcels of approximately 62 acres at New Galena Road and Walters Road. You may have noticed the sign indicating that the project is underway. The land is owned by Bucks County and leased for 99 years to New Britain Township, and is restricted to use as parkland and/or agricultural preservation.

The Veterans Committee has worked with Township Engineers Gilmore and Associates to create a passive park design that will provide a "peaceful air of contemplation" while main-

taining the existing agricultural uses. The Phase One design accomplishes these goals.

In March 2016, the Township was awarded a Bucks County Municipal Open Space Grant for \$195,058.00 for the construction of Veterans Park Phase One.

The Veterans Committee has been working diligently over the last eight years to raise money toward this project through the sale of memorial bricks, the Annual Fall Festival and various other fundraising events. Their hard work has raised approximately \$72,000 toward the construction of Phase One. The remaining funds will be taken from several reserve pools of money that have been set aside over time to go toward recreational projects.

Phase Two of Veterans Park has yet to be designed, and is slated for construction once funding for the project is in place.



POLICE RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS FOR LIFE-SAVING RESPONSES



From Right to Left: Corporal Mark Duncan, PFC Paul Zielinski, Chief Robert Scafidi, PFC Shawn Maguire and PFC Robert Burkhardt are honored at a recent Board of Supervisors Meeting August 1, 2016.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, August 1, Police Chief Robert Scafidi several Officers with Official Department Commendations for outstanding performance of their duties. Corporal Mark Duncan, Patrolman First Class Robert Burkhardt, Patrolman First Class Paul Zielinski and Patrolman First Class Shawn Maguire were honored.

Commendation was given to Corporal Duncan, PFC Maguire and PFC Zielinski for responding to a cardiac arrest call, performing CPR, and restoring a pulse to an individual, who survived the incident thanks in part to the efforts of these officers.

Commendation was given to PFC Burkhardt who responded to a medical emergency and discovered a women about to give birth. PFC Burkhardt's quick response enabled him to deliver a healthy baby boy.

Commendation was given to Corporal Duncan and PFC Maguire who responded to a call of an individual unresponsive as a result of injecting opiates. The Officers administered Narcan nasal spray and revived the individual.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION INFORMATION

Once again, New Britain Township is pleased to offer our residents a drop-off container for leaf waste. The container will be located directly behind the Municipal Building at 207 Park Avenue, located in the fenced area.

LEAF WASTE DROP-OFF

November 15th - 19TH
 Tuesday - Friday
 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 Saturday
 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please drop off **plant materials only!** Do not mix trash or other debris with leaves and plant material. Non-vegetative debris does not decompose! You may use 40-gallon biodegradable paper bags available at most hardware and grocery stores.

For additional information call the Township Administration Offices at 215-822-1391.

TRASH HAULER LEAF COLLECTION

Dates have not been provided from the trash haulers regarding the fall curbside leaf collection. For specific dates, contact your individual trash hauler directly.

All leaves must be in biodegradable bags and placed at the curb the night before. Please limit yard waste to a maximum of 15 bags.

IMPORTANT POLICE NUMBERS

Bucks County District Attorney's Office
 215-348-6344

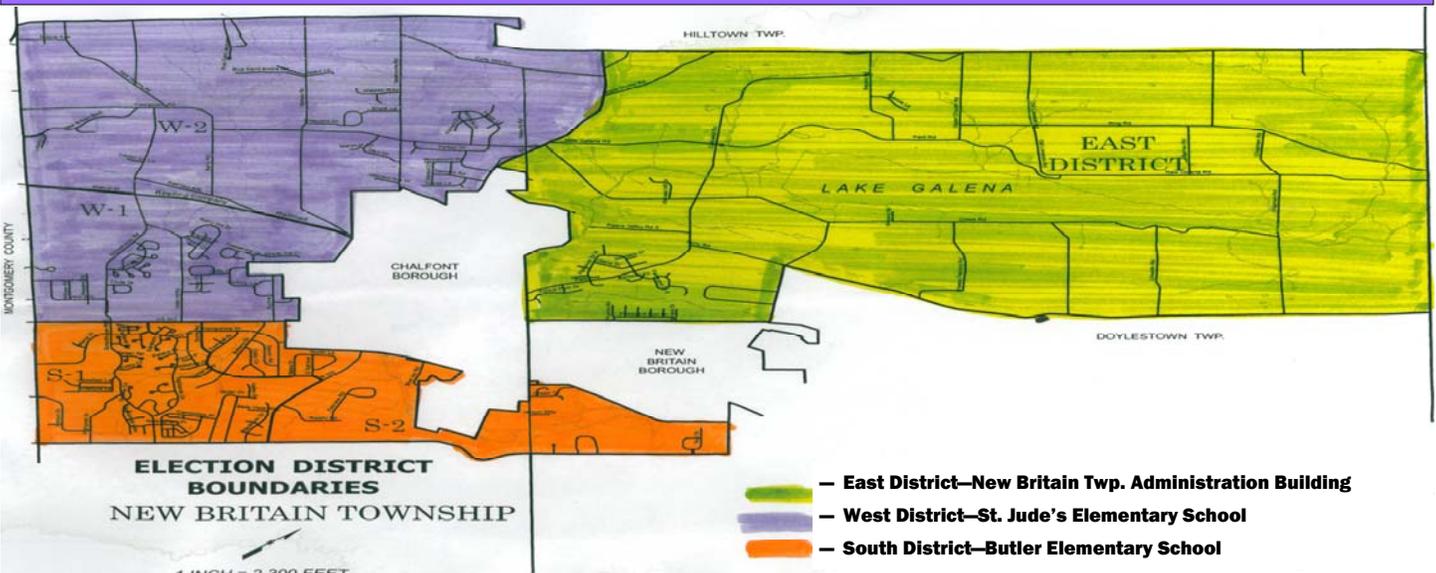
Network of Victim Assistance
 1-800-675-6900

A Women's Place
 1-800-220-8116

Crimes Against Older Adults
 1-800-490-8505

Bucks County Office of Consumer Protection
 215-348-6060

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016. GET OUT AND VOTE!



Third Annual NBT FALL FESTIVAL AUTO SHOW

September 17, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP'S NORTH BRANCH PARK
207 PARK AVENUE, CHALFONT**

The **VETERANS COMMITTEE** of New Britain Township is holding, in conjunction with its Seventh Annual Fall Festival and Community Yard Sale, its Third Annual Fall Festival Auto Show, to help raise money for Veterans Park. All proceeds will go towards the development of Veterans Park at the corner of New Galena and Walters Road.

If you're proud of your car - show it off and help support a great cause!



For Registration information, contact:

Angela Benner

207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914
Phone 215-822-1391/ Fax 215-822-6051
or visit our Website at:

<http://newbritaintownship.org/vetabout.html>

Top Prizes Awarded For:

- * Veterans Choice
- * Public Choice
- * And Something Else...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ROAD OBSTRUCTIONS

Per Township Ordinance #97-11-01, obstructions such as basketball nets, trash containers, and recycling bins CANNOT be erected over or placed in any portion of a Township Road. Those responsible will be ticketed.

When obstructions are placed on Township Roads, they can cause problems with traffic, drainage, snow removal, road paving, and maintenance of public streets.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

With Winter right around the corner, we remind you of the Snow Removal process in New Britain Township:

- * The Public Works Department is responsible for salting and plowing all Township-owned roadways and facilities.

- * Salting begins soon after snow starts to fall. Plowing commences after an accumulation of at least 2 inches of snow.
- * With larger storms, roadways will be plowed several times during the course of the event.
- * It takes an average of 6 to 8 hours for the Public Works Department to plow all Township roads after the snowfall has ended. Please be patient!
- * Please remove all obstacles from the edge of the roadway (i.e. basketball hoops, trash cans, etc.).
- * DO NOT put trash can containers or recycling bins in the street, as they will get hit by the plow
- * Make sure your mailbox is at least 6 inches back

from the curb and has 4-inch numbers on each side of the mailbox

- * The Township Snow Ordinance requires that you must remove your vehicle from the roadway after one (1) hour of continuous snowfall. Do not place it back in the street until after the road has been completely cleared.
- * If you have any concerns with plowing of the Township Roads, you can call the Township Administration Building at 215-822-1391. DO NOT stop the plow trucks to speak with the individual who is plowing/salting the Township Road.



DRIVING TIPS

- * Always use headlights during inclement weather.
- * Allow extra time to get where you are going.
- * Keep your gas tank full at all times.
- * Clear snow and ice completely from all sides of your vehicle before driving.
- * Maintain a distance of at least six car lengths behind a snow plow.
- * Do not pass a snow plow. Plow blades are wider than the truck.
- * When traveling in bad weather, maintain at least twice the normal following distance.
- * Be safe by remaining alert at all times .

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY HONORS VIETNAM VETERANS

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam Era Conflict. To recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam Era, regardless of station location, Rep. Katharine Watson, Legislative District 144; Rep. Bernie O'Neill, Legislative District 29; and Rep. Bernie O'Neill, Legislative District 29, and Senator Charles McIlhinney, Senatorial District 10, would like to invite those Veterans to a Commemorative Ceremony.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.
Byers' Choice
4355 County Line Road, Chalfont, PA 18914

This National Commemoration was authorized by the U.S. Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense, and launched by the President in 2007. The Secretary of Defense is partnering with local leaders to conduct these programs on behalf of the Nation, to thank and honor Vietnam Era Veterans who served from Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, including personnel who were held as Prisoners of War, listed as Missing in Action for their service and sacrifice, and to honor families of these Veterans. We will also pay tribute to contributions made on the home front during the Vietnam Era. According to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, nine million Americans served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the period of the Vietnam Era, and approximately seven million are living today.

Exclusive Vietnam Veteran lapel pins will be formally presented to each Veteran in a dignified ceremony during the commemorative event, to recognize United States military Veterans of the Vietnam Era with a lasting memento of our Nation's thanks. Please register for the event by contacting Representative Watson's Warrington office at 215-343-8090

HELPFUL HINTS FOR BETTER STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

MAINTAINING GRASS DRAINAGE SWALES

A grass drainage swale is an open channel that collects water from hard surfaces and allows it to percolate into the ground. Swales can help to increase water filtration, decrease water flow velocity, prevent erosion, and direct runoff during storms into other stormwater facilities or the storm drain system.

The following is a list of ways to maintain your swale:

Monthly-

- * Inspect your swale after all storms: check that water has drained and that there is no erosion
- * Remove sediment and debris from in and around the swale

Seasonally-

- * Mow fescues and blue-grasses no shorter than 2.5 to 3 inches. Remove tall clippings
- * Manually remove weeds or invasive plants

- * Remove leaves in the fall: they may smother grass and block the flow of water
- * Adjust the mower height to avoid scalping the edges of the side slopes

As Needed-

- * Reseed any bare areas
- * Contact DEP if you continue to have problems

Never-

- * Use fertilizers or pesticides in the swale
- * Over-mow, or mow shorter than 2.5 to 3 inches
- * Mow immediately after rain

DE-ICING DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

As snow piles up in the winter, we often turn to salt to melt the snow and ice. Salt, however, adversely impacts the environment, especially our streams. Excess salt can saturate and destroy the soils natural structure and result in more erosion to our water ways. A high concentration of

salt can damage and kill vegetation. Salt poses the greatest danger to fresh water ecosystems and fish. Excess salt can seep into groundwater and stormwater runoff. Effective ice control can help prevent excess salt runoff to our waterways.

Because all deicers can be harmful to the environment when applied in excess, the best strategy is to reduce the use of these chemicals as much as possible.

Below are some rules to follow:

- * Shovel sidewalks and pathways to keep them clear and to prevent ice from forming. Remember, salt and deicers are not effective when more than three inches of snow have accumulated.
- * Consider the temperature. Salt is less effective when the temperature is below 25 degrees Fahrenheit.
- * Only use deicers when a storm is about to come through.

- * Reduce use of deicers by adding sand for traction.
- * Apply the least amount of deicer or salt to get the job done.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

In addition to being mindful of your own activities that can pollute stormwater, keep an eye out for what others are doing. Ask questions on any issue that may impact your water source. Notices about hearings often appear in the newspaper or in government office buildings. If you see any suspicious activities in or around your water supply, please notify the local authorities.

For additional information on stormwater management, visit <http://newbritaintownship.org/>

Information for this article was obtained from the Center for Watershed Protection, the Cornell University Cooperative, and the EPA.



NOTES FROM THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Written by Nancy Jones

With mixed emotions I am writing to let you know that after twenty years of being your elected Tax Collector, I am retiring at the end of the tax year in December 2017. I have truly enjoyed my job and have made many lasting friendships that I will sincerely miss.

Since my retirement will leave a vacancy, new candidates will need to run for election in 2017, to begin a 2018 to 2021 four-year term. This includes the May 16 Primary and the November 7 General Election, with the winning candidate being sworn into office on January 2, 2018.

Potential candidates must have resided in New Britain Township consecutively for a year preceding the election and must continue to reside within New Britain Township for the remainder of their term, and are responsible for the collection of Real Estate and School Taxes for each parcel within New Britain Township. The Tax Collector position requires Qualified Education training and Certification of additional credits.

On another important note, please remember only Cashier's check or Money Order will be accepted after December 15, 2016 to pay your Real Estate or School Tax if not already paid.

TAX COLLECTOR

Nancy Jones

**207 Park Avenue
Chalfont, PA 18914**

**Phone 215-822-2930
Fax 215-822-7384**

Office Hours

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 am - 4:00 pm**



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

New Britain Township now has a Facebook Page and a Twitter Page! These pages will be used to update residents about road closings, power outages, and Township Events.

To "Like" us on Facebook, go to www.facebook.com, search for New Britain Township, and click the "Like" button.

To Follow us on Twitter, go to www.twitter.com and search for @NewBritainTwp1.

TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. *(please confirm prior to attending)*

Board of Supervisors

First and Third Monday of each Month

Planning Commission

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each Month

Park & Recreation Board

Third Tuesday of each Month

Zoning Hearing Board

Third Thursday of each Month

Veterans Committee

First Wednesday of every other Month
(Meetings start at 6:00 p.m.)



Agenda for Meetings are made available on the Township Website several days prior to the Meeting.

Residents can call the Township Building in regard to questions about any Agenda item at 215-822-1391.

If a meeting is cancelled, a notice will be posted on the Township website at

www.newbritaintownship.org.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

GOVERNMENT

Township Administration Bldg.
215-822-1391

Police Non-Emergency
215-822-1910

Public Works Department
215-822-3698

Tax Collector - Nancy Jones
215-822-2930

Keystone Collections Group
1-888-328-0557

Voters Registration Office
215-348-6163

Bucks County Courthouse
215-348-6000

SCHOOLS

Central Bucks South H.S.
267-893-3000

Central Bucks West H.S.
267-893-2500

Tohickon Middle School
267-893-3300

Unami Middle School
267-893-3400

Pine Run Elementary
267-893-4450

Butler Elementary
267-893-4250

St. Jude's Catholic School
215-822-9225

Plumstead Christian School
215-822-0187

North Penn School District
215-368-0400

LOCAL YOUTH SPORTS
Lenape Valley Baseball
www.lvbaseball.org

Lenape Valley Basketball
www.lvbasketball.org

Lenape Valley Softball
www.lvsoftball.org

Lenape Valley Soccer
www.lvsoccer.com

LV Football & Cheerleading
www.lvindians.com

CHALFONT FIRE COMPANY 2016 EVENTS

Sept. 10

Turkey Hoagies
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or until sold out.

Sept. 25

Buffet Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or until sold out

Oct. 13

Fire Prevention Open House
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Oct. 29

Craft Show
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Nov. 13

Pancake Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nov. 27

Community Christmas Sing
4:00 p.m.

Dec. 11

Holiday Cookie Sale Pick Up
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All events are held at the Chalfont Fire House located at: 301 North Main Street, Chalfont. For additional information or to reserve the Fire House for a Banquet or meeting, call 215-822-9685.

Correspondence/Comments concerning this Newsletter should be mailed to:

New Britain Township
207 Park Avenue
Chalfont, PA 18914
Telephone: 215-822-1391

The Board of Supervisors
William B. Jones, III—*Chair*
A. James Scanzillo, —*Vice Chair*
John A. Bodden, Sr., —*Member*
Helen B. Haun—*Member*
Gregory T. Hood —*Member*

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Township Administration Hours

**8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday**

Township Meeting Information is posted at the Administration Building and can also be found on our website at www.newbritaintownship.org.

For additional information or to reserve a space for the 2016 Fall Festival, email Angela Benner at abenner@newbritaintownship.org or call 215-822-1391. Information is also available on the Township website at www.newbritaintownship.org/yevents.

Tables and Chairs are NOT provided. NO electric is available

**SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!
CRAFTER AND VENDOR 10 X 10 SPACE - \$35.00
YARD SALE SPACE - \$5.00**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th
NORTH BRANCH PARK
207 PARK AVENUE, CHALFONT
8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**FREE FACE PAINTING
9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**COMMUNITY YARD
SALE SPACES STILL
AVAILABLE.
PURCHASE YOUR
SPOT TODAY!
\$5.00 PER SPACE**

**LIVE
PERFORMANCES!**
Villar's Karate 10:00 am - 10:20 am
The Little Gym 10:30 am - 11:00 am
Babyton School of Dance 11:00 am - 12:00 pm and
The School of Rock 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Come out and support our Veterans at our 7th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL to help raise funds for Veterans Park. This year's Festival will include Crafters, Vendors, Community Yard Sale, Touch A Truck, Third Annual Car Show, Moon Bounce, Free Face Painting, Food, and FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

BUYERS & SELLERS WANTED!

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMITTEE ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL