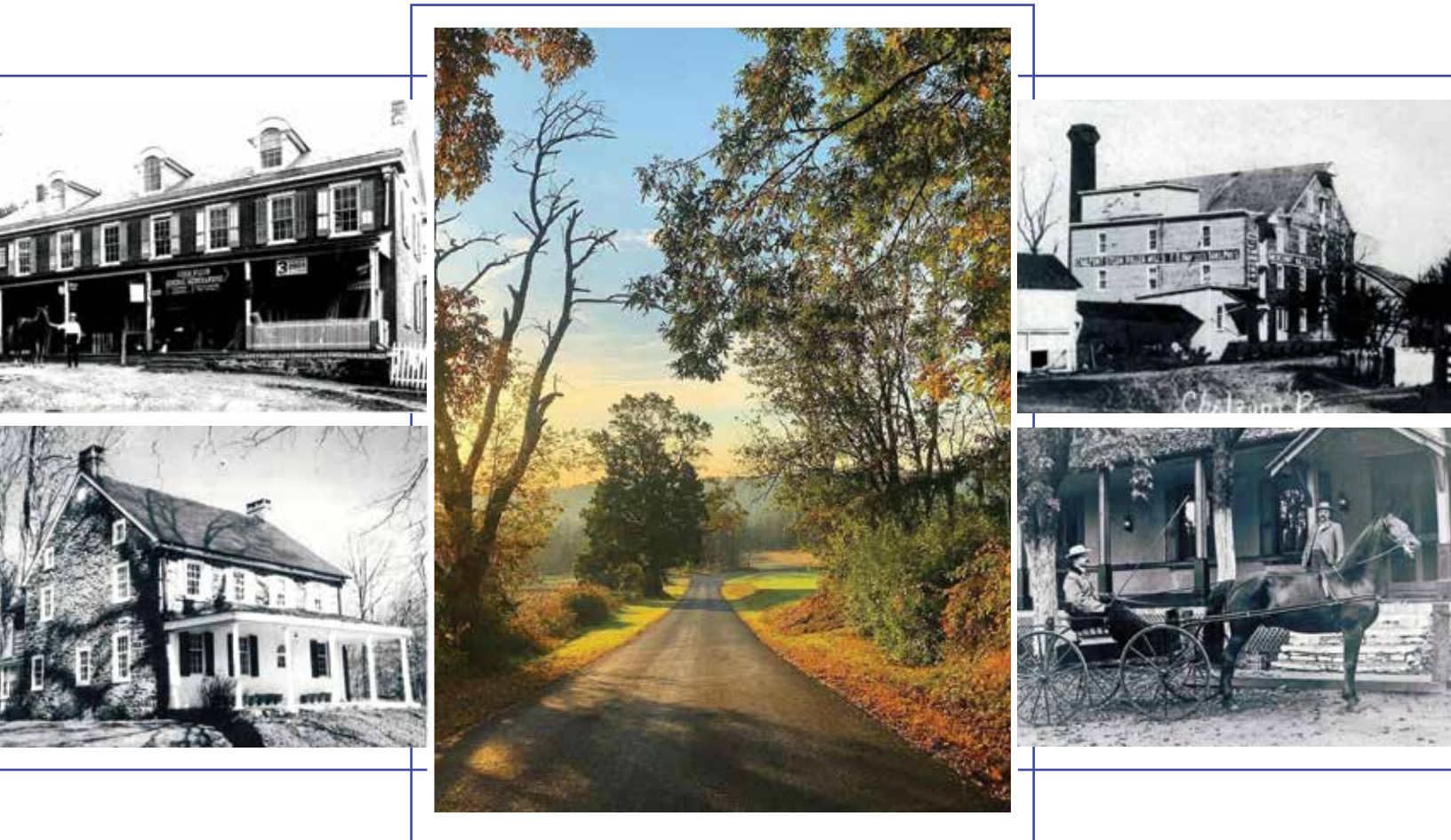


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Board of Supervisors



William B. Jones, III, Chair has been a Supervisor since 2003, with several stints as Chair. He continues to serve on the Planning Commission since 1994, and has served as Chair of that committee in the past. He has also been on the Park and Recreation Board since 1990 and served for a number of years as its Chair. Bill stopped serving on both the Park and Recreation Board and Planning Commission at the end of 2019. He was involved with the PARI study that was done in 2002 to determine the needs and desires of residents for future park and recreation planning. Bill was on both the first and second Land Preservation Study Committees to determine the most desirable properties for consideration for land preservation and open space.

Bill was a 23-year member of the Board of Directors for The Highlands Community and was the Property Manager of the Highlands for ten years. Working at the Highlands taught him the importance of working together for the common good of the community and the health and safety of the residents. Bill was the Controller and Chief Financial Officer at Montgomery Publishing for 22 years. Bill's work in finance has served him well in monitoring and working on the Township Budget and keeping costs down.

What are you looking forward to in 2023?

I am looking forward to finally starting to move forward with a long term financial plan for capital projects that are funded without any major tax changes.

What does the 300th anniversary mean to you?

I think that the township should celebrate its 300th anniversary with various activities during the year. It means that the township has stood the test of time and is resilient in carrying on the needs of its citizens.



Stephanie Shortall, Vice Chair

Stephanie was born and raised in Bucks County. In 2009, she moved to New Britain Township when she and her husband, Gary, bought their first home. They are now raising their two sons, Carter and Sam here. Stephanie holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Rider University and a J.D. from Temple University School of Law.

Stephanie has served our community as a member of the Planning Commission since 2013, most recently as the Chair. She also serves in many other local organizations in various volunteer and leadership roles.

Stephanie is an accomplished attorney with a law firm in Doylestown. She represents businesses, individuals and families in the Bucks and Montgomery County areas.

"As a Supervisor, I look forward to serving the community and working hard to fulfill the needs of our residents. Maintaining fiscal responsibility and adapting to the evolving needs of our community form the basis of my goals as I step into this new role."

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What are you looking forward to in 2023?

In 2023, I am looking forward to continuing down the path of planning for the future of New Britain Township while responsibly and increasing the level of service to our residents. Our township has a great tradition of fiscal responsibility, and I want to see that continue while also providing the services our residents need in today's environment.

What does the 300th anniversary mean to you?

The 300th anniversary of the Township is an exciting milestone. As we remember our history, I am proud to see our Township evolve with the needs of our community. The 300th anniversary is a time to remember where we started, but also to look ahead to our future and continuing to make New Britain Township the great place to live, work and raise a family that it is today.



Gregory T. Hood is a third generation New Britain Township resident and has lived in the Township for almost his entire life (46 years). Greg is married with three young sons. He has selflessly served the Township in many capacities: Planning Commission (2003-2017, Chair from 2008-2017), Capital Planning Committee (2005-2007), Land Preservation Committee (2005-2010, Chair - 2009/10). Greg served as an election official in New Britain Township from 1999-2017 and was the Judge of Elections for South 1 from 2005-2017. Greg has volunteered as a coach/assistant coach in the Lenape Valley Baseball, PA Rush Soccer, and CB South MS Ice Hockey programs. Professionally, Greg is a third generation business owner, whose business is located within the Township.

"Maintaining the high quality of life in the Township is my top priority. This is best accomplished by listening to residents and understanding their needs. Being willing to have an open mind, building trust, and treating people with respect relative to their positions is key when entrusted with the responsibility of being a Supervisor. In terms of future development, it is key to understand and enforce all zoning and land use laws, and by being open and above board in all matters. Fiscally, it is my job to be responsible with the taxpayers' money, while still providing excellent services and upkeep of the Township. I feel my 10+ years of Township service and 20+ years in business management/ownership have provided me with valuable tools to deal with any future challenges that the Township may face."

What are you looking forward to in 2023?

I am looking forward to the continued professionalization of our Township. We have endeavored over the last couple of years to modernize our Administration and Police Department. My hope is this will create an environment that first and foremost benefits our Residents and Taxpayers.

What does the 300th anniversary mean to you?

A Celebration of one of the best places to live!!



Cynthia Jones is a native of North Queensland Australia. She and her husband, Ken, immigrated to the U.S. in 1994. They moved to their current New Britain home in 1998 and became U.S. citizens in 2010.

As an immigrant who successfully navigated the path to U.S. citizenship, Cynthia has a deep commitment to American democracy and says it was a profound honor to become a member of our diverse nation, sharing in a commitment to building a bright future. She has always been passionate about American politics and is grateful for the opportunity to play an active role – as supervisor – in helping to shape the New Britain community she has loved for nearly 25 years.

As Supervisor, she says it has been an exciting journey and a rewarding experience to work with fellow supervisors in moving the township forward and implementing best practice procedures in many aspects of daily township business. Cynthia also serves on the Doylestown Township Bike and Hike Committee and is always seeking new opportunities to engage and partner with neighboring municipalities on a variety of projects.

In addition to her role as Supervisor, she and Ken are ardent advocates for improved stormwater management and habitat restoration. They both support the Penn State Master Watershed program to revitalize stormwater basins, bringing back native plants and habitats while restoring natural beauty to several areas throughout the township and beyond.

Cynthia is an active community volunteer. When her children were in elementary school, she served on the Butler Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization for 10 years, serving as president for two. She also participated on the Parent Council throughout her children's middle and high school years. She was active in her church's youth group and chaired the church's largest fundraiser, Lobsterfest, for two years. Currently, Cynthia volunteers for our local Meals on Wheels.

She has two grown children: Aidan, a graduate of Penn State who is working as a Software Engineer in West Chester, and Brianna, a Business and Technology consultant in Brisbane, Australia. Cynthia is a graduate of James Cook University with a bachelor's degree in secondary education (science and math).

What are you looking forward to in 2023?

A key goal for 2023 is recruiting more resident volunteers to participate in community events. This is particularly important as we move forward with planning the 300th Anniversary, as it will literally take a village to make the celebration fun and meaningful for all.

I would also like to build stronger relationships with neighboring municipalities to make community projects extend past our own borders. I believe we are stronger, better and more effective when we share ideas and work together.

As always, I hope we will continue to be good stewards of our township budget by partnering with available volunteer organizations to help us improve our township.

What does the 300th anniversary mean to you?

I have always been interested in American history, so learning more about the rich history of our township is very exciting to me. There is a lot to be learned from history, so I think it will be good for residents to gain a better understanding of our past so we can continue building a bright future.



MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., has lived in New Britain Township since 1992. She previously lived in Horsham, where she grew up. She holds a B.A. in Political Science from Penn State and a J.D from Temple School of Law. She is an Attorney with over 35 years of experience, in a wide range of areas, in Philadelphia, Montgomery and Bucks Counties.

She is a volunteer mediator/Judge Pro Tem with the Bucks County Court's Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program which provides an opportunity for homeowner's to save their homes from foreclosure. She is a volunteer with Legal Aid to provide free legal representation to those who cannot afford attorney services. She has an adult son and several dogs. She is a strong supporter of animal rescue groups and animal welfare.

"As Supervisor, I bring my years of experience, skills and knowledge to serve the residents of the Township. As a lifelong resident of this beautiful area, I will work to keep it a great place to live for the generations to come."

What are you looking forward to in 2023?

I would like to restart the Township Open Space Committee and/or The Environmental Advisory Committee. The Township has recently seen a surge in contact from township residents who want to preserve their property. As our open space continues to disappear to development, it is vital that the Township become proactive in partnership with township landowners to want to help preserve our remaining open spaces.

What does the 300th anniversary mean to you?

I am a life long student of history. The Township's anniversary is a cause for celebration and reflection. The Township needs to preserve and celebrate the history of this area for the generations to come. As a former resident of Horsham Township who celebrated its 300th anniversary in 2017, I enjoy the many reminders of our past that remain today in this beautiful area.

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2023 Budget

New Britain Township’s budget process is a year-round collaborative process that includes the Board of Supervisors, Township Manager, Department Heads and Staff. Revenues and expenditures are continuously monitored to ensure the Township is adhering to its practice of continued fiscal responsibility. The formal process of developing the 2023 budget began in August 2022, with Department Heads submitting their operational budget requests. Those requests were included in the draft budget that was presented to the Board of Supervisors at public Workshop Meetings in September and October, with a Preliminary and Final budget being presented at public meetings in November and December. The 2023 Budget focused on three goals: continued decrease of budgeted Township cash reserves; expanding the current level of service regarding staffing the administrative, public works and police departments; and funding the Township’s Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan that was adopted in September 2022.

After careful consideration, the Board of Supervisors adopted a balanced budget at the December 2022 Business Meeting. As illustrated in the chart, the slight modifications in millage to the General Operating, Parks & Recreation, and Capital Equipment Funds will better position the Township to further invest in the Township’s infrastructure and provide increased services to its residents.

Overall, the average New Britain Township Real Estate Tax bill will increase from \$528 to \$586 per year, an increase of approximately \$58, which is less than \$5 per month! As illustrated in the graphic below, for every \$1 collected in real estate tax, New Britain Township only receives \$0.08, with Bucks County and Central Bucks School District splitting the remaining \$0.92. The Township believes this modest real estate tax increase in 2023, coupled with the Township’s primary revenue source, Earned Income Tax, will provide the necessary funding to serve the needs of Township residents now and in the future.

FUND	2022	2023	Change
Fund 01 - General Operating	6.1	6.75	0.65
Fund 02 - Street Lights	0	0	0
Fund 03 - EMS	0.5	0.5	0
Fund 03 - Fire	1.25	1.25	0
Fund 04 - Land Preservation	0	0	0
Fund 07 - Parks & Rec Capital	0	0	0
Fund 07 Parks & Rec Operations	2.4625	2.25	-0.2125
Fund 15 - General Reserve	0	0	0
Fund 18 - Capital Equipment	0	1	1
Fund 20 - Capital Infrastructure	1	1	0
Fund 20 - PW Building	1.25	1.25	0
Fund 30 - Highway Equipment	0.5	0.5	0
TOTAL	13.0625	14.5	1.4375



As economic volatility continues, the Township understands the need to prepare for present and future budgetary needs and looks forward to developing a plan to meet these challenges!

For detailed financial information on both the 2023 Budget and the Township’s Capital Improvement Plan, please visit www.newbritaintownship.org/information/financial-information/.











Put a

FREEZE

on Winter Fires



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

 <p>DEC JAN FEB</p> <p>Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p>	 <p>Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.</p>	 <p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p>
 <p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p>	 <p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p>	 <p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>
 <p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p>		 <p>Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.</p>



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.

300th Year Anniversary of New Britain Township

Here is a little bit of history on the Township you may find interesting.

When it was originally laid out, it was approximately 6 ½ miles long and 4 ½ miles wide.

The Township was part of a 20,000-acre tract of land which was owned by the Free Society of Traders who lived in England. A grant from William Penn included part of Doylestown and Warrington. New Britain developed slowly, primarily due to Lenni Lenape Indians having a large population.

Two of the early settlers were Simon Butler and Simon Mathew. Parts of their original homes are still standing. One is the Butler Mill House and the other is Nostalgia, next to the Mill House.

A petition signed by 22 residents of the area created the Township called New Britain. The petition was filed in Philadelphia and passed in 1733.

One of the early settlers was Squire and Mary Boone who were the parents of Daniel Boone. The house and barn they lived in are still standing on the corner of Barry Road and Railroad Avenue.

Some of the early settlers were Welsh Baptists - Simon Butler, Thomas Davids, Methuselah Evans, Benjamin Griffiths, David Davis and David Williams.

As New Britain grew over the years, the two largest villages in the Township decided to become separate boroughs. Chalfont Borough was incorporated in 1902 and New Britain Borough in 1928.

Another interesting bit of history - on June 20, 1778, on the way from Valley Forge to Monmouth, NJ, Washington's troops forded the North Branch of the Neshaminy Creek in New Britain Township. At that time there were few bridges, so they walked through the woods on Simon Butler's property. These woods are on the property owned by Bob and Maryanne Showalter.

Many of the Historic homes throughout the Township have been preserved for future generations to enjoy.

New Britain Township has grown substantially over the last 300 years and now has a population of over 12,335 residents according to the 2021 U.S. Census Bureau figures. During 2023, the Township will be having a number of events to celebrate. Join us to help make them all memorable. A Tricentennial Committee has been formed and more information will be forthcoming on the township website.

Bob Showalter
Local Historian



Black and white photos courtesy of Bob Showalter's collection.

Planning & Zoning **FAQ**

Is a Zoning Permit required to construct a fence?

A Zoning Permit is required to install a fence. A fence may be up to 6 feet high in the side and rear yards. Within front yards, a fence can be no higher than 4 feet with a 4:1 ratio of opaque to non-opaque areas.

Is a Zoning Permit required to replace an existing fence?

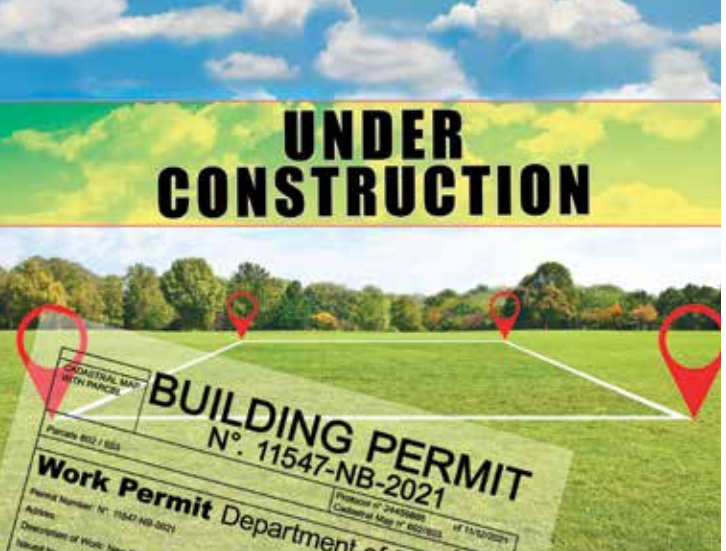
Zoning Permits are not required to replace an existing fence, so long as the replacement is like-for-like.

What kind of development is happening at this address? Can I see the plans?

Visit the Township's website at newbritaintownship.org/information/subdivision-land-development-projects to view plans of ongoing Land Development projects.

Does the Township have a plot plan of my property on file?

Plot plan availability varies. Submit a Right to Know request to the Township requesting a plot plan of your property. Forms can be obtained from the Township building or online at newbritaintownship.org/services/forms-documents.



Are Planning Commission meetings open to the public?

Yes, Planning Commission meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. All interested parties are encouraged to attend in person or via zoom.

Are Zoning Hearing Board meetings open to the public?

Yes, Zoning Hearing Board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month and are open to the public. All interested parties are encouraged to attend in person or via zoom.

For more Frequently Asked Questions, visit newbritaintownship.org/information/faq

STORMWATER/MS4 SECTION

Rain Barrels to Reduce **Local Flooding**

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in Pennsylvania. According to PEMA, just one inch of floodwater can cause up to \$25,000 in damage. While floodplain management is a common practice in Pennsylvania, it is estimated that roughly 90% of flood reports made to the National Weather Service are located outside of FEMA's 100-year flood plain.

Rain barrels are an effective, low-cost tool that individual property owners can utilize to help combat local flooding. Rain barrels are barrels that collect stormwater runoff from roof drains and hold it for later use such as in gardens or on indoor plants. They are a great tool for conserving water, but they also reduce the amount of water that flows from individual properties, lessening local flooding. In addition, rain barrels reduce nonpoint source pollution.

For more information, including tips for building your own rain barrel, visit <https://www.nwwater.com/index.php/conservation/rain-barrels>

Sources:

<https://www.ready.pa.gov/BelInformed/Know-The-Threats/Pages/Flooding.aspx>

<https://extension.psu.edu/rain-barrels>

<https://www.ready.pa.gov/BelInformed/Know-The-Threats/Documents/Where-It-Can-Rain-It-Can-Flood-Sheet.pdf>





RAIN BARRELS

Help Conserve Water and Save Money!



WHAT EXACTLY IS A RAIN BARREL?

A rain barrel is a system that collects and stores rain water from your roof that would otherwise be lost to runoff and diverted to storm drains, streams, and eventually the Delaware River watershed. It is constructed using a reused 55 gallon food grade barrel, a bottom drain, a spigot, an overflow a screen to keep debris and insects out, and a downspout diverter to carry the water into the rain barrel.

A rain barrel is a relatively simple and inexpensive way to capture and store rain water for use at later times. It conveniently sits under residential gutter downspouts from your home, garage, and/or shed.

BENEFITS OF USING A RAIN BARREL

Lawn and garden watering can take up a large percentage or total percentage of total household water use during the summer months. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for when you need it most, during periods of drought! A rain barrel provides an ample supply of FREE water for flowers, gardens, lawns, and even car washing!

A rain barrel can conserve water and save YOU money during peak summer months. Conserving water helps protect the environment, saves energy (decreased demand for treated tap water and well water) and decreased the impact of runoff to streams and the Delaware River. Therefore by installing a rain barrel YOU can help protect the water quality, aquatic species, drinking water quality, and recreation in the Delaware River watershed.

A formula to remember: 1 inch of rain on a 1,000 sq. ft. roof yields 623 gallons of water. Calculate the yield of your roof by multiplying the square footage of your roof by 623 and divide by 1,000.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

The Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for years 2023-2027 at a public Board meeting on September 26, 2022. The CIP is a planning document representing a five-year schedule of anticipated significant improvements to the Township's physical property, including equipment and infrastructure. This plan is a result of an intensive review process undertaken by Township staff in coordination with the Capital Planning Committee (Committee) throughout the first several months of 2022. The CIP includes estimated project costs through the year 2027 with a total estimated investment of \$1.3M for 2023, and an additional \$4.1M investment in projects/assets expected between 2024 and 2027.

At the direction of the Board, and through coordination with the Committee, the CIP was created for New Britain Township to provide guidance on known near-future capital investments. The continued volatility of the global, national, and local economies places added pressures on municipalities to better prepare for present and future budgetary needs including capital investments.

In an effort to support continued sound financial planning and decision-making, the CIP offers six primary benefits to the Township:

- The CIP allows for the practical project and financial management of capital expenses within the annual budget to minimize variability;

- Allows for the prioritization of capital needs to ensure funding for the most critical projects/assets;
- Allows the Board of Supervisors and Township staff to consider current expenditures' financial effects on future projects/assets;
- Allows Township staff to identify funding opportunities for projects/assets well in advance of their need for replacement;
- Reduces Township costs by replacing, repairing, or upgrading capital needs before maintenance or emergency repair costs escalate; and
- Allows the Township to maintain and/or improve its quality of service provided to residents and business owners.

The CIP will allow New Britain Township to anticipate upcoming capital needs, identify funding sources, and view projects/assets across all departments to determine how they fit into the Township's long-term goals and future budgets. A copy of the CIP is available for review on the Township's website:

<https://newbritaintownship.org/information/plans-reports-projects/>



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Important Information from the Public Works Department

Road Obstructions

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

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 by Police.

Snow Removal Reminders

With Winter almost upon us, 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.
- **Be Patient!** 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 you to 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. It is the driver's responsibility to clear the roadways for public safety.

Winter Driving Tips

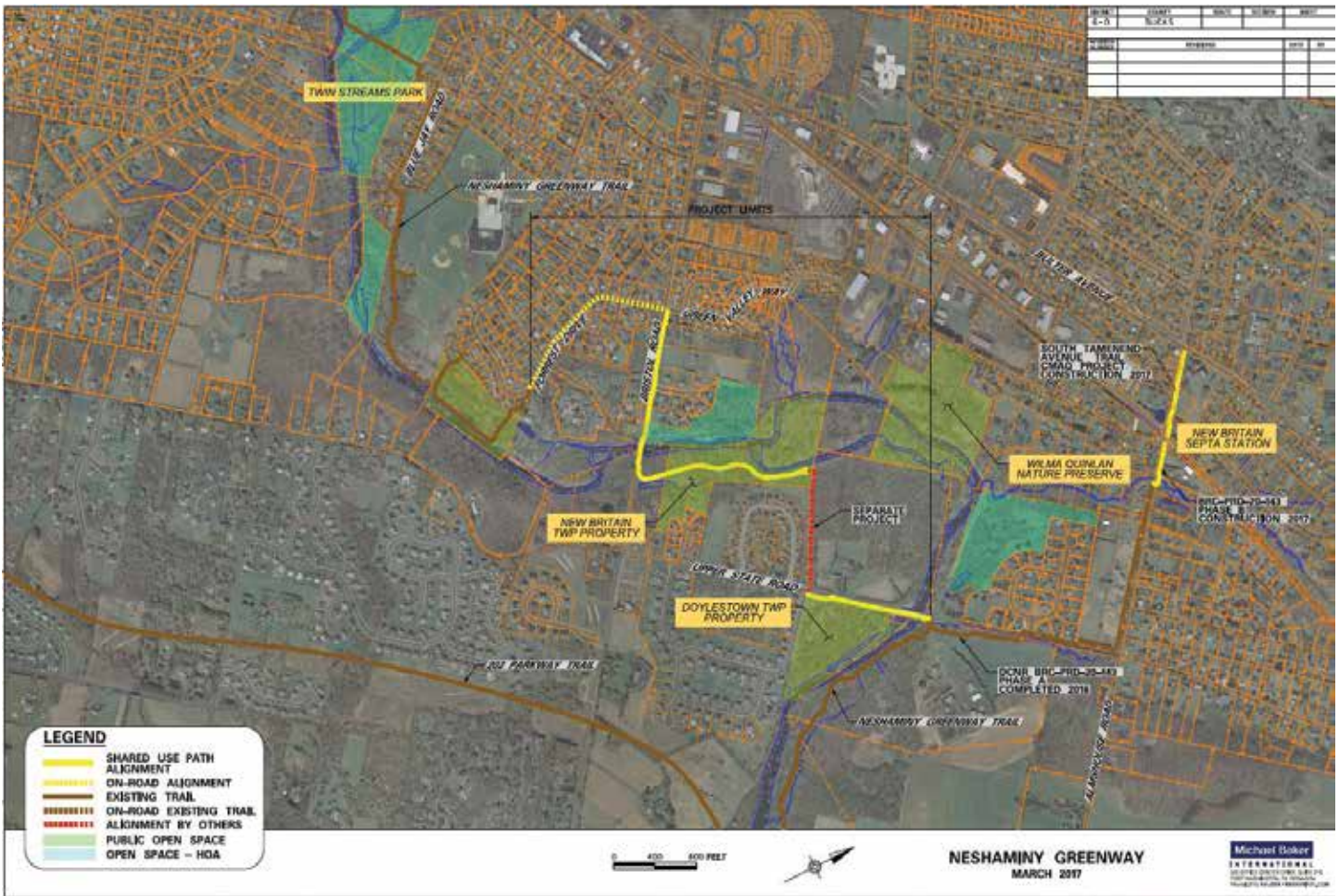
- Always use headlights during inclement weather.
- Allow extra time to get where you are going.
- Keep your gas tank full at all times.
- Clear snow and ice completely from all sides of your vehicle before driving.
- Maintain a distance of at least six car lengths behind a snow plow.
- Do not pass a 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.

Leaf Waste Disposal

- As a reminder, leaf waste and other yard waste must be bagged and disposed of properly, either by your trash hauler or at a designated facility. The Township holds two yard waste collection events per year at the Township Building. The next Township yard waste collection will be held during the week of May 8, 2023.
- Leaf waste and other yard waste is not permitted to be deposited on roadways or in roadside swales. Per §20-204.1 of the Township's Solid Waste Ordinance, leaf waste is considered a recyclable material and shall be placed at the curb, separated from solid waste, for collection or taken to a designated facility that accepts yard waste. For more information about yard waste pickups, please contact your trash hauler directly.



Neshaminy Greenway Trail What's Next?



History:

Since 2016, New Britain Township, Doylestown Township, and Chalfont Borough have jointly planned and sought grants to implement construction and completion of significant portions of the Neshaminy Creek Greenway (the Greenway). Upon completion, the Greenway will follow the Neshaminy Creek 30 miles from Peace Valley Park in Central Bucks to the Delaware River, connecting residents to natural open spaces, countless municipal parks, local schools, employment areas, and other community destinations.

Recognized as a Priority 2 regional greenway trail by the Circuit Trail Network and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR), makes the Greenway a key trail in Bucks County. In November 2019, New Britain Township awarded a bid to construct Neshaminy Greenway Trail Phase III. Participating municipalities provided funding in addition to Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grants, and DCNR grants. Completed in 2021 this portion of the trail, terminates north of Willow Wood Drive and includes work on the south side of Upper State Road, in Doylestown Township, from Leapson Lane toward the existing Neshaminy Trail at the Chalfont-New Britain Sewer plant. A 3/4-mile gap in the Greenway remained at the project's conclusion (see above map).



Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to their portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations away from all doors, windows and vent openings.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is running.
- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.



Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

FACT

! CO deaths associated with generators have spiked in recent years as generator sales have risen.



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2023 New Britain Township Events Calendar

Blood Drive

Monday, March 13
from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
at 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 AM
Photos with the Easter Bunny, 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (Rain Date: Saturday, April 1) at North Branch Park, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Bingo

Friday, April 21
from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Rd, Doylestown, PA 18901

Community Shred & E-Recycle

Saturday, May 6
from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
at 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Spring Yard Waste Collection

Tuesday to Friday, May 9 - 12
from 7:30 AM -2:30 PM
and Saturday, May 13
from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
at 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Tri-Municipal 4th of July Parade

Tuesday, July 4 at 9:30 AM
The parade starts at the Town Center in New Britain Borough and ends at North Branch Park in New Britain Township, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914.

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 23, 2023
from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
at North Branch Park, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Veterans Day Ceremony

Saturday, November 11
at 11:00 AM
at North Branch Park, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Fall Yard Waste Collection

Tuesday, November 14 – Friday, November 17 from 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM and Saturday, November 18 from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
at 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Santa House

Friday and Saturday, December 8 and 9
from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Santa arrives by Fire Truck at 5:00 PM at the Giant Shopping Center at 4275 County Line Road (Route 202 and County Line Road) both nights!



A Message from the **Tax Collector**

The 2023 County/Township Real Estate Tax Bills are being mailed on March 1, 2023. Bucks County approved their 2023 budget with no increase to real estate taxes. New Britain Township approved the 2023 budget with an increase of 1.4375 mills for real estate taxes. If you do not receive your bill by the 2nd week in March, please contact me and I will be happy to email you a copy, or you may pick one up at the office. In order to receive the 2% discount, full payment must be postmarked by April 30th. Please note that per the law, postdated checks will not be held, payments are processed daily as received.

As always you can make payments by credit card or e-check online at newbritaintax.com under the making payments tab. There is a \$1.50 fee for e-checks and a 2.5% fee for credit cards. For collection hours, please check your bill. There is also a secure drop box available outside of the Township building. Please be sure to use the box labeled "Tax Payments Only".

If you need applications for the Homestead Exclusion, Property Tax/Rent Rebate, or Board of Assessment Appeals, you can find these applications at newbritaintax.com under the "Links" tab. I can also provide copies of these applications in my office upon your request.

Public hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call me at 215-822-2930 or send me an email at newbritaintax@gmail.com.



Thank you to all our generous Santa House sponsors who helped make this phenomenal event possible!

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New Britain Township Police Department

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Mission Statement

The New Britain Township Police Department is committed to working in partnership with all members of the community to identify community needs and deliver exceptional police services to improve the quality of life for all. We treat everyone with dignity, respect, and a safe atmosphere while recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, fairly enforce laws and protect individual rights.

Values Statement

Professionalism - We will conduct ourselves in a manner that is consistent with the standards of our mission, vision, and values statement. We will hold each other accountable for our actions and continue to provide exemplary services to our community.

Integrity - We as an organization believe that integrity is the foundation of community trust. To accomplish this we will be honest, consistent, and ethical as we interact in a procedurally just way with each other and the people we serve, developing a partnership within the community that maintains trust.

Courage - We will be selfless in our devotion to duty, taking action without hesitation in the face of danger and holding ourselves and our peers to the highest ethical standards.

Leadership - We entrust and demand our members to lead ethically and responsibly within the organization and in the community we serve.

You can be more involved with the community and stay up to date with the latest information from NBTPD at our CrimeWatch site. We will do our best to post up to date information such as last-minute road closures, criminal activity where you may be able to help us solve local crimes, and community events. It is quick and easy to set up alerts to your email or the CRIMEWATCH app. Go to NBTPD.org or scan the barcode in the image.

Police Trading Card Initiative

We want you to get to know our officers. Each officer now has their own baseball-style trading card with their photograph on the front and a short biography of the officer on the back of the card as well as a personal message.

Improving public outreach and positive engagement between our officers and the community we serve is not only a cornerstone of community policing in general, but also one of the most critical components of the Police Department's overarching policing strategy. Transparency and approachability are also essential components. The trading card initiative is an influential way for officers to interact with Township residents and the public-at-large, particularly our community's younger residents. The primary goal of the initiative is to show children that our officers are friendly, helpful, and approachable, while providing the chance to get to meet police officers in the community.



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Contacting the New Britain Township Police Department

- The Police Emergency Phone Number is 911.
- Please do not email the Police Department to report a crime or a situation that requires immediate action.
- The Non-Emergency dispatch phone number to Bucks County Communications is 215-328-8508.
- The New Britain Township Police Station Non-Emergency Phone Number which is manned by clerical staff during business hours from Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (excluding holidays is 215-822-1910).

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Residents of every age are invited to strike up a conversation with our officers, get to know them, and collect all 14 officer trading cards. Please be mindful of not interrupting officers if they are busy with police duties such as vehicle stops or in the middle of an investigation. Feel free to wave officers down to obtain a trading card or stop by the police department at 207 Park Avenue.

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TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted (please confirm prior to attending). Agenda for meetings are made available on the Township Website several days prior to the Meeting. Residents can call the Township Administrative Office 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 <https://newbritaintownship.org>.

Board of Supervisors First and Third Monday of each Month

Planning Commission Fourth Tuesday of each Month

Zoning Hearing Board Third Thursday of each Month

Recreation Advisory Board Third Tuesday of each Month

Veterans Committee First Wednesday of every other Month (Meetings start at 5:30 p.m.)

Township Meeting Information is posted at the Administration Building and can also be found on our website at <https://newbritaintownship.org>.

CONTACTS OF INTEREST

GOVERNMENT

Township Administration Office	215-822-1391
Police Non-Emergency	215-822-1910
Public Works Department	215-822-3698
Tax Collector - Nicole Percetti	215-822-2930
Keystone Collections Group	1-888-328-0565
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

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Township Administration Hours:

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