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# 300th Anniversary

Honoring Our Past, Celebrating the Present, Working Toward Our Future.

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. The Township and its Tricentennial Committee are working tirelessly to make many memorable milestones. The focus of the Tricentennial Committee has been on the following:

- A parade float was created by the Tricentennial Committee that took part in the annual Tri-Municipal July 4th Parade. It was a representation of the 27 flags seen during the 300 years of New Britain Township and a large cake to celebrate New Britain Township's 300 years of heritage and history.



- Fall Festival Exhibit on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 10:00am to 3:00pm, walk through time in this historical exhibit with re-enactors and various artifacts on display.
- The 300th Anniversary celebration will come to a close with a grand Fireworks display. This event will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at North Branch Park, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont. This event is co-sponsored by Begley, Carlin and Mandio, and Gilmore & Associates.
- Anniversary collectible tiles are available for purchase at the Township building to commemorate the promising occasion.



Thank you for taking part in the Celebration of our fine community. New Britain Township would not thrive without our residents.



## THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES

New Britain Township would like to thank the businesses and organizations that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

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# Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

In September 2022, New Britain Township adopted a Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP"), which represents a five-year schedule of anticipated significant improvements to the Township's physical property, including equipment and infrastructure. Since the adoption of the CIP, the following projects are either currently in process, or completed in fiscal year 2023:

- Culvert/Pipe restoration at Walters Road;
- New Patrol Vehicle with upfitting, which includes computers, cameras and emergency equipment;
- Professional Administrative Office redesign, which includes both office and common area furniture;
- Server Upgrade and IT Consolidation between the Administration and Police Departments;
- Police Department lockers.

Township Staff is currently meeting on a weekly basis to discuss the status of ongoing projects, as well as prioritizing future needs for the Township, both next year and beyond, that will then be presented to the Capital Planning Committee.

The Capital Planning Committee is scheduled to meet this summer to address these needs, so that the Board of Supervisors can approve and/or modify the requests as part of the following year's annual budget. Some highlighted items to be discussed for consideration in the 2024 budget include the fixing of the existing walking trail / planning and installation of reflection area (Veterans Park), streambank restoration (Brittany Farms), and the restoration of basketball courts and walking trail (North Branch Park).

Both Township Staff and the Board of Supervisors have demonstrated an official commitment to funding the expenditures of the CIP in the upcoming and future budget(s). Not all projects' costs are financed by tax millage rate adjustments – Long-term debt obligations, program revenue, utility payments, fees, state, and federal grants (including funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") are all considered as the Township seeks to allocate funds to support its investment in the CIP.

For further detailed financial information on the Township's Capital Improvement Plan, please visit [www.newbritaintownship.org/information/financial-information/](http://www.newbritaintownship.org/information/financial-information/).



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# Board of Supervisors

During the monthly Board of Supervisors business meetings on Monday, June 19, 2023, Pennsylvania State Representative Shelby Labs and Bucks County Commissioner, Robert J. Harvie, and on July 17, 2023, Senator Steve Santarsiero presented the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors with proclamations celebrating the township's 300th anniversary. Founded on June 14, 1723, New Britain Township is rich in municipal history and participation in their Bucks County community. The Township formed a Tricentennial Committee to mark this momentous occasion.



NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMITTEE

300TH ANNIVERSARY

# FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023  
10:00AM - 3:00PM

RE-ENACTOR ENCAMPMENT  
HISTORICAL TREASURES, BLACKSMITHING, WOODWORKING, AND MORE!

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INFLATABLES, PETTING ZOO, FACE PAINTING CARICATURES, AND MORE!

TOUCH A TRUCK  
PUBLIC WORK AND POLICE VEHICLES, FIRE TRUCKS, AMBULANCE, WATER TRUCKS, TRACTORS, ETC.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE FALL FESTIVAL OR CAR SHOW  
CONTACT CHRISTINE AT 215-822-1391 OR BY EMAILING [EVENTS@NBTPA.US](mailto:EVENTS@NBTPA.US)

# 2023 New Britain Township Events Calendar

## Fall Festival

Saturday, September 23, 2023,  
10:00AM to 3:00PM

Join us at North Branch Park for a day of fun featuring:

RE-ENACTOR ENCAMPMENTS -  
Historical treasures, blacksmithing, woodworking, and more!

CRAFT FAIR VENDORS - Fine handcrafted items, household items, jewelry, etc.

CAR SHOW - Variety of cars from antiques, special editions, and brand new.

FREE FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES  
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Inflatables, Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Caricatures, and more!

TOUCH A TRUCK - Public Works and Police Vehicles, Fire Trucks, Ambulance, Water Trucks, Tractors, etc.

## 300th Anniversary Celebration Fireworks

Saturday, September 23, 2023,  
check [www.newbritaintownship.org](http://www.newbritaintownship.org) for more details

Bring the family out to North Branch Park to  
enjoy a grand fireworks display to celebrate New Britain Township's 300th Anniversary.

## Santa House

Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th – 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Join Santa as he visits with children of all ages. Santa's Helpers will be providing candy canes, packaged cookies, and hot chocolate along with collecting canned foods for the New Britain Food Pantry. Enjoy holiday cookies, hot cocoa, & sing carols! You are our special guest!





# 2023 Fall Yard Waste Collection Drop-Off

We are offering our residents a drop-off container for Fall Yard Waste. The walk-in 40-yard container will be located next to the Municipal Building at 207 Park Avenue, by the fenced area of the parking lot.

**Please deposit plant materials only.**

Loose, in 40- gallon biodegradable or recyclable paper bags only!  
Paper bags are available at local hardware and grocery stores.  
Do not mix trash or other debris with leaves and plant materials.

Remember that recycling is extremely important.  
It helps the environment and keeps our Township clean.  
For additional information call 215-822-1391.

**November 14 - November 18**  
**Tuesday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



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# New Britain Township Police Department

## New Britain Township Police to deploy body worn cameras.

Over the past year the New Britain Township Police Department has been researching the procurement of body worn cameras. By June of 2023, the members of the department will begin wearing Axon Body Worn Cameras (BWC). The BWCs are being purchased with the assistance of a matching grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

The awarding of the grant required the department to create policy, follow State and Federal procurement processes, and conduct training for all officers on policy and use of the BWCs. The process started with the development of policy that was reviewed and approved by the State grant administrators. Over several months officers in the department wore various BWCs from three different manufactures and evaluated each to determine which BWC would be the best fit for NBTPD. Officers have been trained in the BWC policy and will receive training on deploying the cameras prior to deployment in June.



Body Worn Cameras are becoming a vital tool for law enforcement. They are instrumental in investigating and prosecuting crimes, provide better analysis of critical incidents, and further strengthen trust with the community through transparency. BWCs fully support the Department's policing strategy and adds another step toward modernization and professionalization.

The police department is also approved for a PCCD Grant to offset the purchase of in-car cameras for the department's patrol vehicles. The in-car cameras are projected to be put into use in the beginning of 2024.

## Safety Tips

*Protect yourself and other family members from being scammed.*

We would like to remind you to be cautious of scams and fraudulent schemes. Criminals often use phone calls, emails, and text messages to trick people into giving them money or personal information. Please remember that government or financial institutions will never call or email you to ask for immediate payment, nor will they demand payment in the form of cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin or Ethereum.

It is essential to keep your personal information and financial data secure. Do not give out any information unless you are sure of the identity of the person or organization you are dealing with. If you are unsure about the legitimacy of any communication you receive from a government or financial institution, do not hesitate to contact them directly through their official channels.



Gift card scams are also becoming more prevalent.

Here's how this scam usually happens:

- The most common way scammers request gift cards are over the phone through a government impersonation scam. However, they will also request gift cards through text messages, email, or social media.
- A scammer posing as an IRS agent will call the taxpayer or leave a voicemail with a callback number informing the taxpayer that they are linked to some criminal activity. For example, the scammer will tell the taxpayer their identity has been stolen and used to open fake bank accounts.
- The scammer will threaten or harass the taxpayer by telling them that they must pay a fictitious tax penalty.
- The scammer instructs the taxpayer to buy gift cards from various stores.
- Once the taxpayer buys the gift cards, the scammer will ask the taxpayer to provide the gift card number and PIN.

Stay alert and informed to avoid becoming a victim of scams and fraudulent schemes. Your safety and security are of utmost importance to us.



## Yard Signs to Support NBTPD

The New Britain Township Police Department is in the process of developing yard signs to help residents show their support for the New Britain Township Police. Once developed we would like to have a rough idea of how many signs to order. If you are interested in obtaining a sign, please give us a call at 215.822.1910.

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 below.



## New Britain Township Police Department has joined RING Neighbors

Your Ring Neighborhood just got a whole lot stronger. We're excited to announce that the New Britain Township Police Department has joined Neighbors! While this app is not monitored by public safety agencies 24/7, they can now view, post, and respond to crime and safety related information posted on the Neighbors App. New Britain Township PD may also create a 'Request for Assistance' post to notify the public and ask for help with an active investigation. Even if you don't have a Ring camera you can share videos with the police department through the Neighbors App. By working together, we can all make New Britain Township a safer community. Please remember for emergency situations always call 911.

If you witness a crime in progress, call 911. If you have witnessed suspicious activity, call or email and let us help you.

## Important Police Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911

NBTPD Non- Emergency: 215.822.1910

Email: [police@nbtpa.us](mailto:police@nbtpa.us)

Bucks County Emergency Communications: 215.328.8508

## 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).

A promotional graphic for the CrimeWatch app. At the top, it says "CRIMEWATCH!!" with a red play button icon. Below that is the New Britain Township Police logo, which includes the text "NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP 1723 POLICE BUCKS CO., PA". To the right of the logo is a QR code. Below the logo, it says "SIGN UP FOR CRIMEWATCH NOTIFICATIONS" and "NBTPD.ORG" in large, bold letters. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP TODAY", "Download on the App Store", and "GET IT ON Google Play".

# A Message from the Tax Collector

The 2023-24 School Tax Bills were mailed on July 1st. If you did not receive your bill, please contact me and I will be happy to send you a copy by email, or you may pick one up at the office. In order to receive the 2% discount, full payment must be postmarked by August 31st. If you would like to opt-in to the installment program, you must pay the first installment by August 31st. Also, once you pay the first installment, you may not opt out of the installment program.

There has been some concern about check fraud in our area. To help prevent check washing if you are mailing your payment, you can use Uni-ball gel pens. This is a fraud prevention gel pen that uses a special ink that becomes trapped in the paper and will make it difficult for anyone trying to remove the ink to re-write information on your check.

Collection hours at the Township building are Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm. Additional public hours will be listed on the bill. You can also pay online at [newbritaintax.com](http://newbritaintax.com) under the "MAKING PAYMENTS" tab. There is a \$1.50 fee for E-Checks and a 2.5% fee for Credit Cards. In addition, there is a secure tax payment drop box available 24/7 at the Township building located at 207 Park Avenue in Chalfont. If you have any questions, I can be contacted by phone at 215.822.2930 or by email at [newbritaintax@gmail.com](mailto:newbritaintax@gmail.com).



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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, here are reminders 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 place a Request For Service: <https://newbritaintownship.org/contact/report-an-issue/>. 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 November 14.
- 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.



# Be The Solution to Stormwater Pollution

## WHY IS STORMWATER AN ISSUE?

Stormwater washes pollutants into Waterways. Stormwater runoff can pick up and carry litter, nutrients, bacteria, chemicals, sediment (soil) and other pollutants through a storm drain system, untreated, to the nearest creek, stream, or lake that we use for swimming, fishing and as a drinking water supply.

- Sediment clouds the water and makes it difficult for aquatic plants to grow; it can destroy aquatic habitat.
- Nutrients applied in excess cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and pathogens washed into swimming areas can create health hazards.
- Litter, including plastic bags, cans, bottles, and cigarette butts, washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Hazardous household products like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil can poison aquatic life.
- Polluted stormwater can affect drinking water sources and increase the cost of treatment.

*Never dump anything down storm-drains or in ditches.* Many people wrongly think that storm drains are part of a sanitary sewer system that flows to a wastewater treatment plant. Storm drains are a direct link to local streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands.



*Pick up after your pet.* Pet waste that is left on streets, sidewalks, yards, or trails near streams can easily wash into area creeks and streams. Always pick up after your pets and dispose of their waste in a trash can or flush it down the toilet!

*Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil:* Improper disposal of used oil, which includes oil leaking from cars, contributes significantly to stormwater pollution. Improper disposal of used oil contributes significantly to stormwater pollution. If you change your own automotive fluids, recycle your used motor oil. Many places that sell motor oil also collect it for free.

*Don't litter! Pick up trash you see on the ground (even if it's not yours) and participate in a creek or watershed cleanup!* Litter can wash into area creeks and streams through storm drains where water from our streets goes untreated. Litter can also be dangerous to wildlife that might mistake it for food or get tangled in the trash. If

you are out for a stroll or walking your pet, bring an empty grocery bag to collect any litter you might encounter.

*Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways and sidewalks after application.* Use fertilizers according to your lawn and plant needs and the labeled instructions. Sweep driveways and sidewalks after application. Fertilizers applied in excess or scattered onto driveways or sidewalks have the potential to be carried by rain runoff into creeks and streams, causing high levels of nutrients in our waters, which can lead to unnatural algae growth, creating green "slimy" or "hairy" water that depletes oxygen for aquatic ecosystems.



*Compost yard waste and sweep grass clippings out of street gutters after mowing.* Grass clippings and leaves can contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus, which can cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in the waterways. Mulch leaves by running the lawnmower over them and leaving the shredded leaves and grass on the lawn. This also adds needed nutrients back to your lawn, minimizing the need for added fertilizers. Consider a compost bin or pile. Be sure to sweep up leaves and grass from driveways and sidewalks so they don't end up down the storm drain.

*Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces to slow water down.* When rain falls on a roof, its momentum increases and gives it more power to wash pollutants into storm drains. Storm drains carry rainwater untreated to area creeks and streams. By diverting your gutter downspouts to grassy areas, runoff can be slowed and allowed to soak into the soil. Consider using rain barrels or installing a rain garden to capture the rain as it flows off roofs. The collected water can be used during dry spells to water lawns and gardens.



*Wash your car at a commercial carwash that is plumbed to a treatment plant instead of washing your car on a driveway or street.* When you wash your car on the driveway or street, dirt, grease, and soap can wash into storm drains and directly into creeks and streams. Concentrations of detergents in streams can kill fish and their eggs and disrupt their ability to reproduce. Detergents can also destroy the natural protections fish have against bacteria and parasites and can severely damage fish gills. The phosphates from soap can also cause excess algae to grow in our waterways. Take your car to the car wash where the rinse water goes to a wastewater treatment plant instead of storm drains. If you do wash your car at home, do it on grassy or gravel areas that absorb the water without washing it into the street.



Use integrated pest management practices for controlling pests around your home. Use pesticides cautiously and only use recommended amounts. Excess pesticides applied to lawns and around surfaces like driveways and sidewalks wash off and pollute streams. These include bug killers, weed killers and fungus treatments. The most effective and important practice to minimize lawn and garden pests is to observe what is going on in the yard. Many serious diseases or insect problems can be stopped or slowed down early by observation and timely intervention.

Vegetate bare spots in your yard and terrace slopes to minimize erosion. Cover bare spots in your yard with mulch or vegetation. If your yard is sloped, think about terracing the land into steps to help slow down the water as it moves across your property.



**Information for this article was taken from the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Research Extension, Northwest Arkansas Stormwater Program.**

### MAINTAIN 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 infiltration, 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 bluegrasses and fescues no shorter than 2.5 to 3 inches. Remove tall clippings. Manually remove weeds or invasive plants. Remove leaves in the fall as 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:* Re-seed any bare areas. Contact DEP if you continue to have problems.

*Never:* Never use fertilizers or pesticides in the swale. Do not over-mow or mow shorter than 2.5 to 3 inches. Never mow immediately after rain events.

**WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY, REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY.**



All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb. Then into the storm drain and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters. And that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So how do you avoid this whole mess? Easy. Wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

If you have questions regarding storm water, please contact your municipality or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Office. For general questions, you may also contact DEP's Bureau of Water Management at (717) 772-5661 or visit [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us). Thanks to the Washington State Water Consortium for permission to adapt and use this poster

# From the Office of **Planning & Zoning**

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Anyone interested in conducting a “no-impact” home-based business, must apply for a Zoning Permit with the Township. The business must involve no customer, client or patient traffic, whether vehicular or pedestrian, pickup, delivery or removal functions to or from the premises, in excess of those normally associated with residential use. The business or commercial activity must satisfy the following requirements:

- The business activity shall be compatible with the residential use of the property and surrounding residential uses.
- The business shall employ no employees other than family members residing in the dwelling.
- There shall be no display or sale of retail goods and no stockpiling or inventory of a substantial nature.
- There shall be no outside appearance of a business use including, but not limited to, parking, signs, or lights.
- The business activity may not use any equipment or process which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical or electronic interference, including interference with radio or television reception, which is detectable in the neighborhood.
- The business activity may not generate any solid waste or sewage discharge, in volume or type, which is not normally associated with residential use in the neighborhood.
- The business activity shall be conducted only within the dwelling and may not occupy more than 25% of the habitable floor area.
- The business may not involve any illegal activity.

Application forms can be obtained at the Township building or on the Township website. Any questions, please call 215-822-1391.

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## Important Information from **Code Enforcement/Fire Marshal**

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### **Subsection 304.3 Premises Identification: (page 13).**

Modify to read as follows: “The Township shall have final authority as to the assignment of a street number/letter or address to each structure or premises. Each structure or premises to which a street number and/or letter has been assigned by the Township or if the structure or premises is located in a private community, to which a street or identification number/letter has been assigned by the community, shall have the appropriate number/letter displayed in a location and size as to be readily observed and readable from the public or private right-of-way that provides access to the structure or premises. All street or identification numbers and letters shall be in Arabic characters with a minimum height of six inches and a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch. Structures that are set back more than 50 feet from the right-of-way providing access, or any distance where the number/letter cannot be readily seen from the right-of-way, shall have the assigned street or identification numbers/letters attached to a post or mailbox placed at the end of the driveway on the same side of the road as the structure is located. These numbers/letters shall be at least four inches in height with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch and shall be placed on both sides of the post or mailbox, at a minimum height of three feet so as numbers/letters can be seen by vehicles traveling from either direction. All street or identification numbers/letters shall be illuminated when possible and shall be colored in contrast with the background upon which the number/letter is placed. Nonresidential structures shall have the name of the tenant/occupant, along with the address/suite number, placed or painted on the rear entryway to the leasehold or area of the building occupied by said entity and shall meet the above height and width requirements of street numbers/letters.

“No street numbers shall be painted upon any public curbs, streets, signs, posts, or sidewalks without prior written approval of the Township. Any resident wishing to display a street address upon the public curblines may do so only with the permission of and in accordance with instructions provided by the Township Fire Marshal’s office. All curb painting shall be in addition to the display of numbers listed above. Any person(s) soliciting for curb painting shall first obtain a Township soliciting permit, as well as prior approval of the Township Fire Marshal. Commercial contractors may be required to produce evidence of liability and worker’s compensation insurance coverage.”



# New Britain Food Pantry



The New Britain Baptist Church houses and manages a community Food Pantry, providing food for both individuals and families in need of assistance in the Central Bucks and New Hope School Districts.

The Food Pantry is a designated food distribution site of the Opportunity Council of Bucks County. Support comes from government allocated funds, area churches and synagogues, the United States Postal Service, the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of America, Keller Williams Realtors, local businesses and organizations, local schools, and individual donors. Food, supply, and financial donations directly benefit those who need the help of the Pantry.

The Food Pantry is entirely operated and staffed by church and community volunteers. All food donations that come to the pantry are checked for expiration dates.

Families in need are welcome to our pantry. For more information, please call: 215.345.9170 or visit <https://www.newbritainbaptistchurch.org/food-pantry/>.

# Chalfont New Britain Business Alliance

CNBBA'S goal is to preserve the history and hometown integrity of Chalfont, New Britain and surrounding areas. As dedicated members of the business community, and in cooperation with our fellow residents, we hope to preserve the sense of vitality and small-town atmosphere we have grown to appreciate while promoting business growth. For more information: <http://www.cnbba.org/>.

# AARK Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center

AARK is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation and education center whose mission is to rehabilitate and release orphaned and injured native wildlife and promote harmony between humans and their wild neighbors through quality environmental education. They divide their programs into three major areas – rehabilitation, education, and training. For more information: <https://www.aark.org/>.

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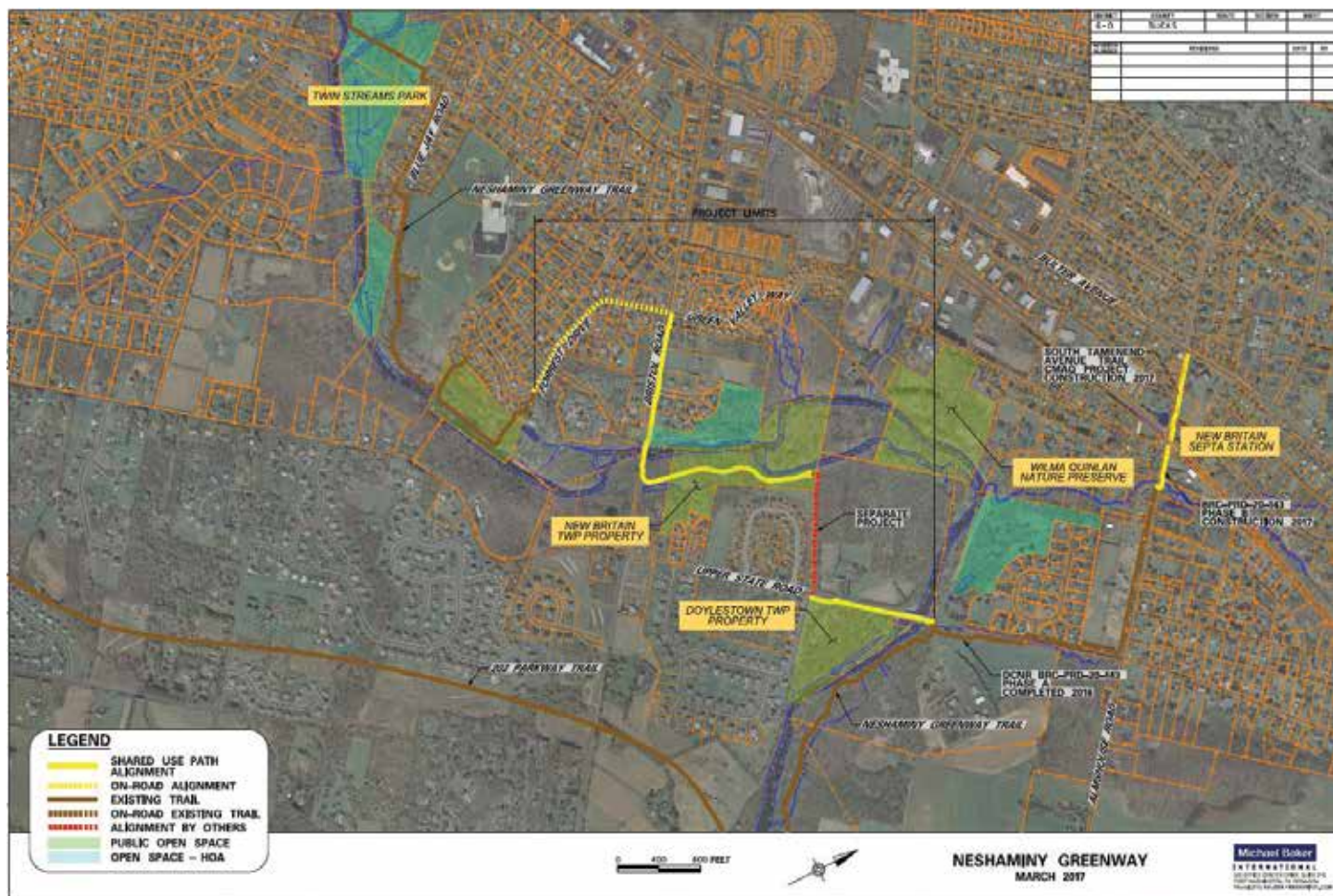


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# Neshaminy Greenway Trail History



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), this 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 map above).

# Neshaminy Greenway Trail What's Next?



New Britain Township is excited to announce that the design for the final connection in the Greenway is complete, and the project has obtained all the necessary permits. The project will be ready for bid in 2023, with construction to begin shortly thereafter. Construction to close the gap in the Greenway will provide a pivotal link to the local municipal trail system, create a trailhead park-and-ride area with ADA accessibility and improve non-motorized travel throughout the region (see map above). The entire length of the Greenway is meant to introduce pedestrians and bicyclists to the joy of non-motorized travel throughout Bucks County's varied scenery. Completion of the trail will lead to interconnections with existing trails in five municipalities, public transportation sources, countless parks, the Quinlan Nature Center/Preserve, Unami Middle School, Delaware Valley University, and the major town centers of Doylestown and Chalfont Boroughs. New Britain Township's Board of Supervisors is thrilled to be completing a vital trail link our residents will enjoy for years to come.





# NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP

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[newbritaintownship.org](http://newbritaintownship.org)

## 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

**Parks & Recreation Commission** Third Tuesday of each Month

**Veterans Committee** Third Wednesday of each month, excluding May, June, November and December

**Environmental Advisory Commission** Look out for more information on this new committee!

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
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### LOCAL YOUTH SPORTS

Lenape Valley Recreational Council - [lenapevalleyrc.org](http://lenapevalleyrc.org)

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### Township Administration Hours:

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