



NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS

Your Hometown Newsletter

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300 Committee Volunteers Needed

New Britain Township is quickly approaching it's 300th anniversary and the Township is looking for volunteers and ideas that will aid in the planning of the big celebration. New Britain Township is seeking individuals who would like to join the 300 Committee.

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If you are interested in volunteering, contact Michael Walsh via email at mwalsh@newbritaintownship.org or call 215-822-1391.



THE NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE SANTA'S ARRIVAL!



Santa will arrive by Fire Truck both nights at the Giant Shopping Center at 4275 County Line Road (Route 202 and County Line Road).

Santa's House will be open on Friday, December 7th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A performance by the Lenape Chamber Choir will begin at 6:45 p.m. Santa will re-appear on Saturday, December 8th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A performance by the St. Jude Choir will begin at 6:45 p.m. Come out and enjoy a cup of

hot chocolate, freshly baked homemade cookies and a visit with Santa!!! Don't forget to bring canned goods to be collected and donated to the New Britain Food Larder.

Annual Township Events in 2019

March: Community Blood Drive (March 28)

April: Easter Egg Hunt (April 6) & Designer Bag Bingo (April 26)

May: Community Shredding & Electronic Recycling (May 4)

July: 4th of July Parade (July 4)

September: Movie Night (TBD) & Fall Festival (September 21)

November: Veteran's Day Ceremony (TBD)

December: Santa House (TBD)



NOTES FROM THE DESK OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Investigating Crime

Video surveillance cameras are a great crime fighting tool. If you have a surveillance camera outside of your home or business, we would appreciate access when investigating a crime. You may register your camera with Detective Cpl. Cummins at 215-822-1910.

Reporting Suspicious Behavior

If you see suspicious people in your neighborhood please call 911. A Police Officer will be dispatched to investigate the complaint.

Courteous and Safe Driving

• Slow Down

Citizen reports of speeding vehicles are a common complaint. Please slow down on our roads. Be mindful of crosswalks, construction zones and school bus-

es. It is our duty as motorists to be courteous and safe when driving.

• Respect Yellow Lights

Remember that the intent of a yellow light is to notify drivers to slow down and prepare to stop. A yellow traffic signal should not be viewed as a sign to step on the gas to rush through an intersection before the light turns red.

• Come to a Complete Stop

When you see a stop sign or a red light, it's important to bring your vehicle to a complete stop, even if you think no other vehicles are coming.

• Do Not Text and Drive

It is never acceptable to send text messages when operating a motor vehicle. It is also against the law.

• Obey Speed Limits

When driving, it's important to stick to the posted speed limit at all times. The restrictions placed on vehicle speed are not established arbitrarily. Rather, they are carefully selected to maximize safety for drivers and for individuals in the homes, businesses and other organizations in the areas where roadways are located.

• Make Adjustments for Weather

When the weather is less than perfect, such as rainy, snowy or foggy conditions, take extra precautions when driving and follow recommended guidelines for staying safe in inclement weather.

Act 53

Act 53 enables parents to obtain a court order to force children

under the age of 18 into drug treatment as a last resort.

Lock Car Doors

Theft from unlocked vehicles is a continuing problem. Thieves have been breaking into unlocked cars, looking for valuables that are easily removed. Residents should always lock parked vehicles, even if it is parked on the street in front of your home or even in your driveway. Simply locking your doors can prevent theft.

Scam

If someone contacts you and advises you to go to a store and purchase gift cards to pay an outstanding bill this is a sure indication that the request is a fraud. No utility companies or government agencies collect payments in this manner.

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



New Britain Township has issued the latest draft of a Concept Plan for development of a premier recreational facility at Cotton Park or Schoolhouse Road across from West Branch Park. A copy can also be found at www.newbritaintownship.org/downloads/cotton_park.pdf

Send your input to the Board of Supervisors before their November 19th by e-mail to Michael Walsh at mwalsh@newbritaintownship.org.

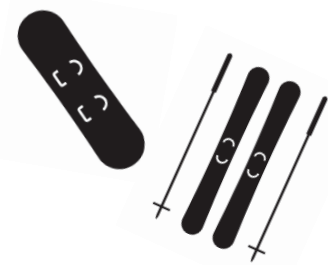
DISCOUNT SKI TICKETS

Ski Tickets are available for the 2018-2019 Winter Season. Ski tickets can be purchased at the New Britain Township office Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Ski Tickets are sold from mid-December to mid-March. Check out our website for availability and ticket prices starting in December:

www.newbritaintownship.org

For additional information, contact Jo Ann Lapp at 215-822-1391.



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.
- * 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.



PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Let us honor and wish Wayne Fultz a Happy Retirement! Wayne has worked in the New Britain Township's Public Works Department for 42 years where he has played a vital role as New Britain Township's Public Works Superintendent.

After careful consideration, Foreman Ryan Cressman has been promoted to Public Works Superintendent. Ryan has been with New Britain Township's Public Works Department over 16 years. We wish Wayne a relaxing retirement and Ryan great success in his new role!

WHERE CAN YOU FIND INFORMATION ON NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP?

New Britain Township strives to provide residents with information as soon as it is available pertaining to projects within the Township, such as road closures, declared states of emergency, and more. The newsletter is a great source of information but it is limited due to having only three circulations per year. Limitations also exist when it comes to sending out public letters of notification that, typically, only go to residents within 500 feet of a project. Neither of these methods can account for an emergency situation. The Township uses other, quicker, avenues to convey information to the public as it becomes available. These include:

- **New Britain Township’s Website:** newbritaintownship.org
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/NewBritainTownship>
- **Twitter:** [@NewBritainTwp1](https://twitter.com/NewBritainTwp1)

These sources have the most up-to-date information about emergency road closings, the Township’s Annual Road Program, Developer Projects, latest news, anticipated events and many more. If you are unable to find the answers to your question in these locations, please do not hesitate to call New Britain Township at 215-822-1391 and the Township staff will assist you.

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 the 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 vege-

tation. 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.



A LETTER FROM THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Unless it is an interim tax bill, all 2018 Real Estate Taxes are now due in the penalty amount. If taxes are not paid by the end of the year they will be turned over to Bucks County Tax Claim for collections. If paying after December 15th, only bank checks or certified checks will be accepted. Please contact me if you have not received a copy of your bill and I can email or mail you a copy.

Please keep in mind the due date for The Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate program has been extended to December 31st which benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners. Half of social security income is excluded. The rebates range from \$250-\$650. More information can be found at www.revenue.pa.gov or you can contact me and I can send you the information.

If you would like to verify your tax payments were received or have any other concerns, please contact me at 215-822-2930 or by email at newbritaintax@gmail.com and I would be happy to assist you with any questions you may have.

Mail all tax payments to:

Nicole Percetti,
Tax Collector
P.O. Box 565
Chalfont, PA 18914

Any questions, call:
215-822-2930

Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK, FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!


Did you know New Britain Township has both a Facebook Page and a Twitter Page? These pages are used to update residents about road closings, power outages and various Township Events.

To "Like" us on Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/NewBritainTownship> and click the "Like" button.


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




TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

<p>All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. <i>(please confirm prior to attending)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Board of Supervisors</u> First and Third Monday of each Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Planning Commission</u> Second and Fourth Tuesday of each Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Park & Recreation Board</u> Third Tuesday of each Month</p>	<p><u>Zoning Hearing Board</u> Third Thursday of each Month</p> <p><u>Veterans Committee</u> First Wednesday of every other Month <i>(Meetings start at 6:00 p.m.)</i></p> 	<p>Agenda for Meetings are made available on the Township Website several days prior to the Meeting.</p> <p>Residents can call the Township Building in regard to questions about any Agenda item at 215-822-1391.</p> <p>If a meeting is cancelled, a notice will be posted on the Township website at newbritaintownship.org</p>
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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>GOVERNMENT</u></p> <p>Township Administration Bldg. 215-822-1391</p> <p>Police Non-Emergency 215-822-1910</p> <p>Public Works Department 215-822-3698</p> <p>Tax Collector - Nicole Percetti 215-822-2930</p> <p>Keystone Collections Group 1-888-328-0557</p> <p>Voter Registration Office 215-348-6163</p> <p>Bucks County Courthouse 215-348-6000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCHOOLS</u></p> <p>Central Bucks South H.S. 267-893-3000</p> <p>Central Bucks West H.S. 267-893-2500</p> <p>Tohickon Middle School 267-893-3300</p> <p>Unami Middle School 267-893-3400</p> <p>Pine Run Elementary 267-893-4450</p> <p>Butler Elementary 267-893-4250</p> <p>St. Jude's Catholic School 215-822-9225</p>	<p>Plumstead Christian 215-822-0187</p> <p>North Penn School District 215-368-0400</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LOCAL YOUTH SPORTS</u> LVRC Sports https://www.lenapevalleyrc.org</p>
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CHALFONT FIRE COMPANY

2018 EVENTS

November 25

Christmas Community Sing
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Santa will be arriving by Fire Truck.
Singing starting at 4:00 p.m.

December 1

Last Day To Order Holiday Cookies
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Call 215-392-2141

December 9

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

**All events are held at the
Chalfont Fire House:
301 North Main Street
Chalfont, PA 18914**

For additional information or to reserve the Fire House for a Banquet or Meeting, call 215-822-9685 or visit chalfontfirecompany.com



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

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Helen B. Haun, *Vice Chair*
William B. Jones, III, *Member*
Gregory T. Hood, *Member*
Cynthia M. Jones, *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 newbritaintownship.org.

The New Britain
Township Veterans
Committee

Please remember
this event and
please participate
in the 10th Annual
Fall Festival
September 2019

Merck Sharp & Dohme FCU	Bi County Fuels Inc.	Bergey's Chevrolet
Reckner Opinions	Byer's Choice	Doll Construction
Univest	Firstrust Bank	North Wales Water Authority
Dale Rimmer Siding	Guardian Training Center	Pabby's Pet Resort
	Jillamy, Inc.	Target World

A Special THANK YOU to our CORPORATE/PREMIER SPONSORS

The New Britain Township Veterans Committee would like to thank all that participated in the 9th Annual Fall Festival to benefit Veterans Park located at the corner of New Galena Road and Walters Road. Fall Festival, Craft Fair, Special Performances, Car Show and Community Yard Sale were enjoyed by all.

THANK YOU