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Board of Supervisors

Message from the Chair, Cynthia Jones

As we welcome the arrival of spring and watch flowers emerge from the ground, we can finally say goodbye to winter. This year brought a significant amount of winter precipitation, and I want to take a moment to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Public Works crew. Their dedication to maintaining, salting, and plowing our township roads ensures that we can travel safely, often while we are sheltered from the storm. **Thank you, Public Works!**

Exciting News! Our website upgrade was completed in early March, featuring a fresh design that makes it easier to find the information you need. Dedicated pages now provide quick access to Meeting Agendas and Minutes, Events, and each of our Township Departments. Now that website management is back in the hands of our township staff, updates will be made promptly as events occur. Thank you for your patience during this process—I hope you enjoy the finished product!

A major new feature is the **Township Email Blast List.** When you visit the webpage, you'll be prompted to enter your email to subscribe. Our plan is to send out a **monthly update** with

to send out a **monthly update** with details on upcoming meetings and events. Additionally, this list will allow us to distribute important information quickly, such as snow emergency declarations.

In other news, at the December Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board unanimously passed the **2025 Budget**. One of the approved capital projects is an exciting **playground update** for the front section of North Branch Park. The new equipment will be **ADA-compliant** and complement the existing system already installed in North Branch.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our Township events!

Dan Fox Message from Township Manager

The 2025 budget for New Britain Township, adopted on December 9, 2024, represents sound financial planning. The budget includes a 1.5-mill property tax increase, which is expected to raise the average tax bill to about \$569 for residents, a \$53 increase over the previous year

Key Aspects of the 2025 Budget:

- Tax Increase: The increase in property taxes aims to help fund various municipal services and infrastructure needs. The increase is part of a broader effort to ensure that the township's budget remains balanced despite rising costs.
- Public Participation: The preliminary budget was made available for public review on the township's website and at the township building. This allowed residents to engage with the proposed budget before its final approval, ensuring transparency in how the funds are allocated.
- Budget Focus: The budget includes allocations for essential services like public safety, road maintenance, park maintenance, and general administration. The increase in taxes is expected to support these vital community services while maintaining fiscal responsibility.
- Final Approval: The Board of Supervisors held a formal meeting to approve the budget, which included the tax levy resolution. This final step solidified the financial plan for 2025.

Financial Transparency:

The 2025 budget for New Britain Township reflects the municipality's commitment to maintaining quality services while facing economic pressures that require tax adjustments. By increasing the tax rate modestly, the township aims to keep the community well-served and operational for the coming year, while keeping the budget balanced and sustainable.

Going forward, residents will continue to be engaged in future budget discussions as the township looks to manage costs and invest in critical infrastructure projects. Transparency in the budget process ensures that New Britain Township remains responsive to the needs of its community members, even as it navigates financial challenges.

For those interested in the detailed breakdown of the budget, the township provides access to full budget documents and financial reports on its official website. This transparency helps ensure that residents have a clear understanding of how their tax dollars are being spent.

For further information, you can explore the detailed budget and financial documents directly from the township's financial information page.

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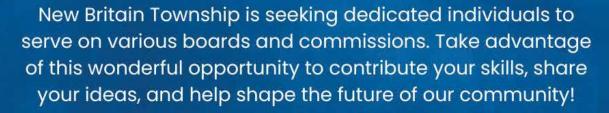
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEEDS YOUR HELP!



Applications Available For:



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
PLANNING COMMISSION
VETERANS COMMITTEE
ZONING HEARING BOARD

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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.



NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP

207 Park Avenue | Chalfont, PA 18914 215-822-1391

Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM **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

COVEDNIMENT

Parks & Recreation Commission Third Tuesday of each Month

Veterans Committee Third Wednesday of each Month at 6:00pm

Environmental Advisory Council First Wednesday of each Month

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

CONTACTS OF INTEREST

GOVERNIMENT		SCHOOLS		
	Township Administration Office	215-822-1391	Central Bucks South H.S.	267-893-3000
	Police Non-Emergency	215-822-1910	Central Bucks West H.S.	267-893-2500
	Public Works Department	215-822-3698	Tohickon Middle School	267-893-3300
	Tax Collector - Nicole Percetti	215-822-2930	Unami Middle School	267-893-3400
	Keystone Collections Group	1-866-539-1100	Pine Run Elementary	267-893-4450
	Voters' Registration Office	215-348-6154	Butler Elementary	267-893-4250
	Bucks County Courthouse	215-348-6000	St. Jude's Catholic School	215-822-9225
	LOCAL VOLITH SPORTS		Plumstead Christian School	215-822-0187
	Lenape Valley Recreational Council	cil -	North Penn School District	215-368-0400

The Board of Supervisors

Cynthia M. Jones, Chair MaryBeth McCabe, Vice Chair William B. Jones, III, Member Stephanie Shortall, Member Bridget Kunakorn, Member

lenapevalleyrc.org

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

SCHOOLS

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North Branch Park Facilities Update

We are pleased to announce that the basketball courts were finished in October along with the resurfacing of the 1.25-mile walking trail surrounding the park. The Park and Recreation department is continuing to regrade around the edges of the trail with topsoil to eliminate areas of excessive drop-off, which shall be seeded and strawed when completion.

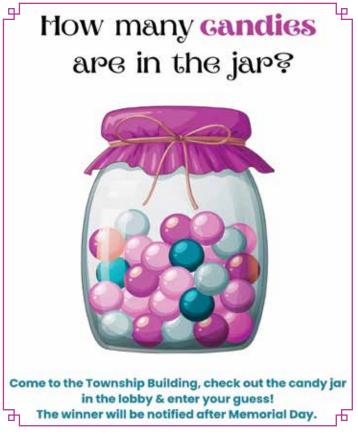
Under the 2025 capital plan we are scheduled to replace the roof on the pavilion at Highlands Park and remove the old chain link fence that



surrounds Highlands Park and replace it with a new concrete post-split rail fence. There are also plans to revamp the playground at North Branch Park and to update the trail system at Pine Run

We cannot wait for the community to enjoy all of the improvements of our parks!





2025 NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP EVENTS CALENDAR*

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 10am
Photos with the Easter Bunny at 9:30am
North Branch Park, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA

EAC Rain Barrel Workshop

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 at 1pm *limited spots available*

North Branch Park, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA

Spring Yard Waste Collection

May 6th through May 10th 2025

Tuesday-Friday 7:30am-2:30pm Saturday 8am-12pm

New Britain Township, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA

Veterans' Committee His and Hers Bingo

Friday, May 9th, 2025 at 7pm The Shrine of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

Community E-Recycle and Shredding Event

Saturday, May 31st, 2025 9am-12pm

New Britain Township, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA

Tri-Municipal 4th of July Parade

Friday, July 4, 2025 at 9:30am

Town Center in New Britain Borough through New Britain Township, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 20, 2025 10am-3pm

New Britain Township, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA

Veterans Day Ceremony

November 11th, 2025 at 11am North Branch Park, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA

Fall Yard Waste Collection

November 18th through November 22nd 2025

Tuesday-Friday 7:30am-2:30pm Saturday 8am-12pm New Britain Township, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA

Santa House

Friday, December 12th & Saturday, December 13th, 2025 5pm to 7pm

North Branch Park, 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA 18914

All dates are tentative and subject to change





EASTER EGG HUNT

FREE ADMISSION! KIDS, BRING YOUR BASKET!
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North Branch Park 207 Park Avenue Chalfont. PA 18914

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH
10:00 AM SHARP
PHOTOS 9:30AM-10:00AM



Pocketful of Flavors Food Truck will be on site selling yummy breakfast treats!

Non-perishable goods & monetary donations will be collected for the New Britain Food Pantry

Event will take place rain or shine

THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP PARTNERED WITH THE BUCKS COUNTY MASTER WATERSHED STEWARDS TO HOLD THE INAUGURAL

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THE SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE APRIL 14.

THE COST FOR A FULLY ASSEMBLED BARRELS IS \$60 - PAYABLE BY CHECK IN ADVANCE

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

1 PM - 3 PM NORTH BRANCH PARK, PAVILLION #1 207 PARK AVE, CHALFONT, PA 18914

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.NEWBRITAINTOWNSHIP.ORG | 215-822-1391 | EAC@NBTPA.US

Get Ready for Fun! New Britain Township Veterans Committee **Presents**



May 9th, 2025

7:00PM - 10:00PM The Shrine of Czestochowa 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA 18901 \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door



Join us for an unforgettable evening of excitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of Bingo.

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MAY 6, 2025 - MAY 10, 2025 TUESDAY-FRIDAY 7:30AM TO 2:30PM SATURDAY 8:00AM TO 12:00PM

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PLANT MATERIALS ONLY

BIODEGRADABLE OR RECYCLABLE PAPER BAGS
DO NOT MIX TRASH WITH LEAVES AND PLANT MATERIALS

RECYCLING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
HELP THE ENVIRONMENT & KEEP OUR TOWNSHIP CLEAN!



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL 215-822-1391
NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP 207 PARK AVENUE, CHALFONT, PA 18914







Community E-Recycle **Shredding**



May 31, 2025

215-822-1391 newbritaintownship.org

9am - 11am

Titan Mobile Shredding

ACCEPTED

- Paper
- Checks
- Bills
- Manila folders
- Thin plastic covered reports

NOT ACCEPTED

- · Phone books
- Books
- Newspapers
- Non-paper items



*PLEASE REMOVE LARGE BLACK CLIPS & THREE-RING BINDERS

9am - 12pm eForce Recycling

ACCEPTED

- Laptops
- Peripherals
- Typewriters
- Telephones/Cell Phones
- Microwaves
- Cameras
- Computers
- Calculators
- Dehumidifiers
- · Mice & Keyboards
- Small Appliances
- Fax Machines
- Printers
- Air conditioners
- TV's

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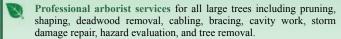


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JULY 4TH 9:30AM

ALL ARE WELCOME
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EVENTS@NBTPA.US OR CALL 215-822-1391





VETERANS DAY

CEREMONY

NOVEMBER 11TH



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

CEREMONY TO BEGIN AT 11:00 AM





Veterans Memorial at North Branch Park 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA 18914







Crafts | Treats | Photos With Santa

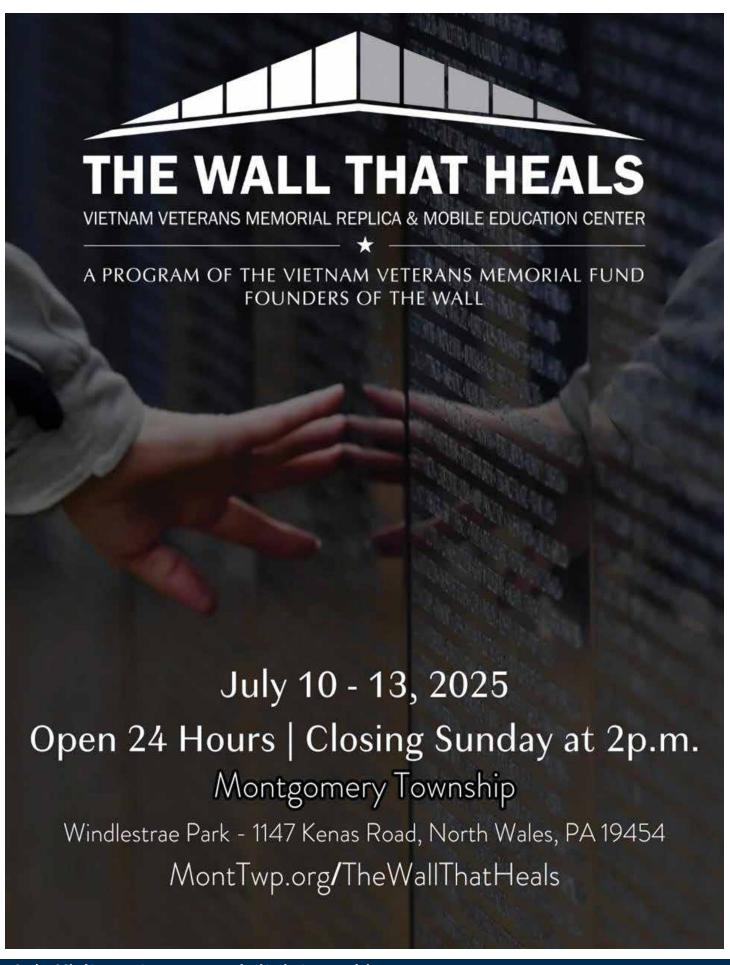
Friday | December 12 2025 | 5 PM - 7 PM Saturday | December 13 2025 | 5 PM - 7 PM







North Branch Park 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA 18914





THE WALL THAT HEALS IS COMING TO MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP FROM JULY 10TH TO JULY 13TH, 2025

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall and Mobile Education Center spreads healing legacy of The Wall and educates about the impact of the Vietnam War

Montgomery Township, Pennsylvania – The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Montgomery Township, Pennsylvania on July 10th to July 13th, 2025 at Windlestrae Park and will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public. The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War, and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

"The Board of Supervisors and Township staff are honored and humbled to have been chosen to host The Wall That Heals in 2025. This is an opportunity for everyone to come together and experience a once-in-a-lifetime event and share in something that's meaningful to so many. We look forward to welcoming visitors to Windlestrae Park in July," said Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager, Montgomery Township.

"The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is pleased to bring The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit to Montgomery Township, Pennsylvania to allow local veterans and their family members a chance to experience The Wall," said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF. "Hosting The Wall That Heals provides an opportunity to honor and remember all those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War and educate visitors on the continuing impact of the Vietnam War on America."

The Wall That Heals is transported from community to community in a 53-foot trailer. When parked, the trailer opens with exhibits built into its sides, allowing it to serve as a mobile Education Center telling the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the divisive era in American history.

The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors will experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C. Visitors are able to do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall.

The mobile Education Center exhibit includes: digital photo displays of "Hometown Heroes" - service members whose names are on The Wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit; digital photo displays of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF's In Memory program which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died; video displays that teach about the history and impact of The Wall; educational exhibits told through items representative of those left at The Wall in D.C.; a replica of the In Memory plaque; a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War. The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context.

USAA has returned as presenting sponsor for the national tour for the 11th year. Over the past decade, they have traveled to nearly 300 communities with VVMF. This year, VVMF also is pleased to announce a new sponsor for the 2025 season, Wipfli LLP. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wipfli is an advisory and accounting firm with more than 3,300 associates who deliver digital, people, strategy, risk, financial and outsourcing solutions to nearly 56,000 clients.

Through a partnership with the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA), the trucking industry, and Blue Beacon, the exhibit is able to travel across the country.

Since its debut in 1996, the exhibit has been on display in nearly 800 U.S. communities in addition to an April 1999 tour of the Four Provinces of Ireland and a visit to Canada in 2005. The Wall That Heals is a program of VVMF, the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1982. The Wall That Heals is the only traveling exhibit affiliated with The Wall in Washington, D.C. and includes the largest Wall replica that travels the country. Two VVMF staff members lead volunteers on site, educate visitors and students, and ensure the reflective atmosphere of The Wall. More information can be found at: www.thewallthatheals.org.

About VVMF

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. in 1982. VVMF continues to lead the way in paying tribute to our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families. VVMF's mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era through programs, ceremonies and education materials. To learn more about VVMF, visit www.vvmf.org or call 202-393-0090.

For more information: Derek Muller 215-393-6900 • dmuller@montgomerytwp.org

Completion of the "Neshaminy Creek Greenway Trail"

Celebrating the Completion of the Neshaminy Greenway Trail: A Ribbon-Cutting Event to Remember

Members of the community gathered to celebrate the completion of a significant expansion to the Neshaminy Greenway Trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on November 21, 2024. This new segment adds nearly two miles to the existing trail network, enhancing connectivity and providing residents and visitors with improved access to the area's natural beauty. This milestone marks the culmination of years of dedication, planning, and teamwork to create a beautiful, accessible outdoor space for all to enjoy.

The Neshaminy Greenway Trail, stretching through the heart of Bucks County, offers both residents and visitors an opportunity to explore nature, engage in outdoor recreation, and connect with the local environment. The trail is designed for walkers, runners, cyclists, and nature enthusiasts, featuring scenic views along the Neshaminy Creek, lush greenery, and diverse wildlife.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Highlights

The event kicked off with a heartfelt welcome from local leaders, including State Senator Steve Santarsiero, State Representative Shelby Labs, and State Representative Brian Munroe, who highlighted the importance of the trail as a key asset to the community. Township Supervisor and Chair, Cynthia Jones, stated that, "This trail represents not only the hard work and dedication of so many individuals, but also our commitment to creating sustainable, accessible spaces that enhance the quality of life for all."



Following the speeches, the crowd gathered for the ceremonial ribbon cutting, symbolizing the official opening of the trail. Dignitaries, residents, and outdoor enthusiasts eagerly participated in the celebration, with many excitedly preparing to experience the new expansion firsthand.

What to Expect on the Neshaminy Greenway Trail

The Neshaminy Greenway Trail is more than just a pathway; it's an experience. Whether you're looking to enjoy a peaceful walk surrounded by nature, take a brisk bike ride, or simply connect with your community, this trail offers something for everyone. Features include:

- Scenic Views: Stroll along the Neshaminy Creek with picturesque landscapes, ideal for photography and wildlife observation.
- Bike-Friendly Paths: Wide, smooth paths designed for cyclists to explore at their own pace.
- Recreational Spaces: Areas for picnicking, resting, or simply enjoying the fresh air.
- **Community Connection:** The trail provides direct access to several nearby parks, neighborhoods, and local businesses, fostering a stronger connection between the trail and the community.
- **Convenient Access:** The location along Upper State Road means that the trail is easily accessible for both residents and visitors, with convenient entry points and parking options nearby.

A Bright Future for the Trail

The Neshaminy Greenway Trail is part of an ongoing effort to expand green spaces and promote environmental stewardship throughout Bucks County. As additional phases of the trail development are completed, the community can look forward to even more connectivity and enhanced amenities.

"We're thrilled to see this project come to life and know it will serve as a cornerstone for health, recreation, and the well-being of future generations," said Cynthia Jones, one of the key figures behind the trail's development.



Now open to the public, the Neshaminy Greenway Trail invites you to lace up your shoes, hop on your bike, or simply take a moment to appreciate the natural beauty that surrounds us. Whether you're an avid adventurer or someone looking for a peaceful retreat, the trail offers an opportunity to connect with nature and the community in a meaningful way.

Fire Marshal News

Visible street address numbers are critical to life and safety when Emergency Responders are called to a location. Valuable minutes can be lost in trying to locate an address that does not have visible numbers. New Britain Township requires property owners to make their address easily seen from the street.

Township Ordinance No. § 5-202.1.P requires property owners to have property identification numbers placed where it is easily visible from the street, with a minimum height of 6 inches and a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch. Structures that are set back more than 50 feet from the right-of-way should have the address numbers 4 inches on a post or mailbox, on both sides, at the end of the driveway.

No street numbers can be painted on any public curbs, streets, signs, posts, or sidewalks without prior written approval of the Township and the Fire Marshall's office.



News from Nicole Percetti, the **Tax Collector**

The 2025 County/Township tax bills were mailed on March 1, 2025. If you did not receive your bill, please contact me and I will be happy to send you an additional copy. To pay online please go to my website newbritaintax.com under the making payments tab. There is a \$1.50 fee for E-Checks and a 2.5% fee for Credit Cards.

The Bucks County Recorder of Deeds has a free fraud alert system you can sign up for that will notify you anytime a document has been recorded in their office against your name. A cell phone or email address is needed to sign up for this program. The website to sign up is landex.com/recordalert/bucks

The 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is open for eligible taxpayers to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent you paid last year. The income limit is \$45,000 annually for both homeowners and renters (excluding 50% of Social Security), so if you were earning too much to qualify before, you may be eligible now. If you need an application, you can apply online, pick up an application at your local state representatives office, or I have applications in my office.

If you have any questions, please email me at newbritaintax@gmail.com or call me at 215-822-2930.

New Britain Township Police Department

Welcome Officer Michael Kilroy

NBTPD has a new member on the team. On September 9, 2024, the New Britain Township Police Department swore in Officer Michael Kilroy as the newest member of the department. Since then, Officer Kilroy has completed the required field training program and is proud to be serving our community.

Officer Kilroy is a native of Massachusetts and has served as patrolman with the Philadelphia Police Department for the past 13 years. He looks forward to serving and meeting the New Britain Township Community and its visitors. In his free time Mike enjoys spending time with his children, fishing, and playing hockey.



Officer Michael Kilroy

Did you know we do car seat installations/inspections to ensure your children's safety?



NBTPD reminds all drivers that they are responsible for securing children in the appropriate restraint system. NBTPD offers child safety seat installation and check-ups. We have two specially trained officers who will ensure that your child safety seat is properly installed and meets the legal requirements of the age range for those children. Residents may call NBTPD, during normal business hours, to schedule an appointment.

- All children from birth to age 4 must be secured in an approved car seat anywhere in the vehicle.
- All children 4 years of age and older, but less than 8 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system and an appropriate belt-positioning booster seat anywhere in the vehicle.
- All children 8 years of age and older, but less than 18 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system anywhere in the vehicle.

For more information, please visit www.PAKidsTravelSafe.org

Blue Envelope Program Improves Safety for Drivers with Autism

The New Britain Township Police Department has implemented a Blue Envelope Program, which is modeled after a program that was first developed and distributed in the State of Connecticut. The program has also been adopted by police agencies, not only in Bucks and Montgomery Counties but in several other states including New Jersey.

The purpose of the Blue Envelope is to improve the interaction between a driver with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and Police Officers on a traffic stop. The Blue Envelope provides written information and guidance on enhancing effective communication between Police Officers and persons with ASD.

The primary goal of the Blue Envelope Program is to assist drivers with ASD with document organization and to help them understand what to do on a motor vehicle stop. The envelope's instructions warn the driver that the officer might have a radio and flashing lights on their patrol car. The instructions also direct the driver to keep his or her hands on the steering wheel until they receive further instructions from the officer. The directions detail the process of events that should occur during the stop and how the driver should respond.

The Blue Envelope also provides Police Officers with the means to quickly identify an operator of a motor vehicle who has ASD and helps to guide Police Officers with the interaction.

The Police Officer's section of the envelope explains some behaviors that the driver might exhibit, including repetitive body movements and signs of high anxiety. Police Officers are also instructed to allow the driver extra time to respond, to use the



most simplistic language possible and to clearly tell the driver when he or she can leave the scene.

The ASD driver can place a copy of their driver's license, registration and insurance cards inside the envelope for quick access. The envelope also contains an emergency contact form for the ASD driver.

The Blue Envelopes are available for pick up at the New Britain Township Police Department located at 207 Park Ave, Chalfont.



National Drug Take Back is April 26th from 10 am to 2 pm.

On this date drive up collection of expired and unneeded medications can safely be disposed of at the Police Headquarters (also accepting sharps at this location only) and Giant in the New Britain Village Square. Collection boxes are accessible Monday thru Friday from 8am to 4pm in both the Township and police department lobbies.

It's Spring – Decorate your yard and show your support for NBTPD with a Yard Sign

After many requests, New Britain Township Police Department, has "We Support Our Police" yard signs. Donations for these signs are accepted, but not required. Stop by and pick up your sign today! We are open Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.



Safety Tips

Going on vacation this summer or anytime throughout the year. Let us know and officers of NBTPD will be more than happy to check your residence occasionally. You

can either contact us by phone or email listed below or fill out the Vacation Home Check on our website at NBTPD.org.

Stay up to date on the latest crime and safety information.

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. The site has links to tips and we post our monthly blotter of police activity in the township. 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.

Take advantage of accessing these crime prevention and community policing initiatives through CrimeWatch.

- Alarm Registry Form
- Camera Registry Form
- Compliment an Officer Form
- · Do Not Solicit
- File Complaint Against Officer Form
- Fingerprinting
- Request for Extra Patrols
- Special Needs Registry
- Traffic Complaint Form
- Vacation Home Check

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

Bucks County Emergency Communications – 215-328-8508



Open Space - From MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., Vice Chair

Did you know that New Britain Township is looking to preserve open space, farmland and other natural areas in the Township?

Why?

Open space provides quality of life benefits, protects wetlands, streams, farms, animal habitats, and historic sites. And it can improve real estate values.

How?

The township will permanently preserve land through purchase or by a conservation easement that forever restricts development.

How can you help?

Do you own land you want to preserve? Contact the

Township Building, and let's talk options...including the Township purchasing the entire property, a portion of the property, or a conservation easement.

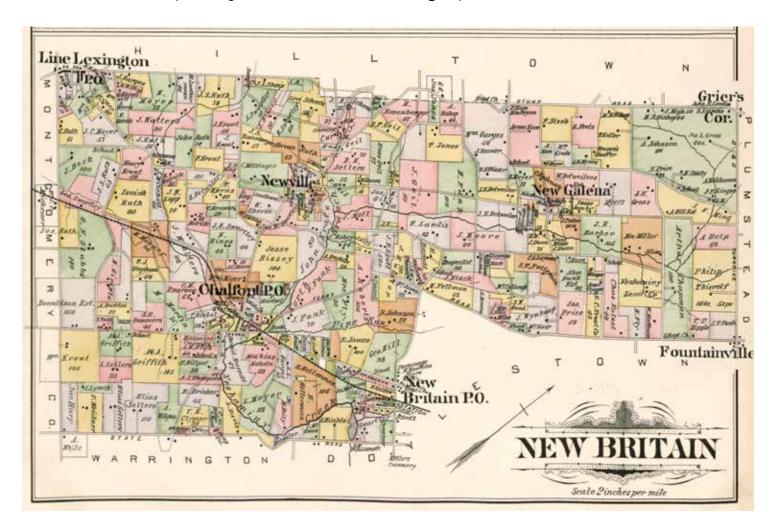
We'll work to create a plan that works best for you and your family. Let's keep New Britain Township a great place to live, work, and raise a family!



Photography by James McGinnis

Interested?

Please call the Township Building at 215-822-1391 or email dfox@nbtpa.us



Tips from your **Environmental Advisory Council**

Safeguard your trees: Avoid Mulch Volcanoes

Mulching your trees is important for their health. Mulch retains moisture, improves soil quality, and protects trees from soil compaction and damage caused by mowers. Organic mulch is best. However, it is important to mulch properly. Improper mulching can damage or even kill your tree.

Avoid "mulch volcanoes" (pictured at left in the illustration). Piling up mulch against the trunk can foster disease-causing plant pathogens, provide a home for stem-feeding rodents, and cause rot. Instead, follow this "rule of three": place the mulch 3" from the base of the trunk, 3" deep, and 3' around (as



 $pictured\ at\ right\ in\ the\ illustration).\ It\ is\ important\ that\ the\ root\ flare\ at\ the\ base\ of\ the\ trunk\ be\ exposed.\ Your\ tree\ will\ thank\ you.$

For more information see: https://extension.psu.edu/mulch-volcanoes-are-erupting-everywhere.

Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens

Every residence in the Township affects stormwater flow in some way. Impervious surfaces like roofs and driveways cause water to run rapidly into storm drains and sewer systems, sometimes resulting in downstream flooding, streambank erosion, contaminated streams and rivers, and habitat destruction. But stormwater that is absorbed slowly into the ground benefits plants and replenishes underground aquifers.

Don't Let Your Rain Water Run Away

Collecting water that runs off a roof can help prevent stormwater problems even as it helps your garden.

Rain Barrels can collect stormwater and can provide much needed water during drought. Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of rain falling on a 10 x 20 foot section of roof will fill a 50-gallon rain barrel. Place your barrel on a raised platform so that you can easily fill a watering can from the bottom spigot, and make sure your barrel has an overflow valve to manage excess during extreme weather events. For more information see: Penn State Extension's "Why Use a Rain Barrel" https://extension.



psu.edu/why-use-a-rain-barrel; and Penn State's "Rain Barrel Construction Guide" https://extension.psu.edu/rain-barrel-construction-guide.

Rain Gardens are shallow landscaped basins designed to collect and filter stormwater and planted with native, flood tolerant species such as sedges, Great Blue Lobelia, and Cardinal Flower. Downspouts or rain barrel overflow can be directed in a rain garden. For more rain garden information including plant lists see: "Rain Garden Resources from Penn State"

https://extension.psu.edu/rain-garden-resources-from-penn-state-extension?j=677405&jb=3008&l=159

HTML&mid=7234940&sfmc_sub=81807530&subscriberkey=0036T000045yu1vQAA&u=16898516; and Whitpain Township's "Create Your Own Rain Garden"

https://www.whitpaintownship.org/DocumentCenter/View/4416/Create-Your-Own-Raingarden.

Water Saving Tips

- Water deeply at plants' root zones
- · Water in the morning or evening
- Mulch to conserve soil moisture

- Add compost to increase the water-holding capacity of soil
- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses, rather than sprinklers
- · Collect rainwater for use in the garden

Rain Barrel Workshop May 3

Good news! The EAC, in partnership with the Bucks County Master Watershed Stewards, will hold its inaugural Rain Barrel workshop on Saturday, May 3. Check the Events page of the Township website for the sign-up sheet. We will have 14 openings. First come, first served. Barrels will be pre-drilled, and participants will leave with a fully assembled rain barrel ready to connect to a downspout.



When: Saturday, May 3rd, 1pm to 3pm • Where: New Britain Township Building, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont PA 18914 • Cost: \$60, payable by check in advance

Come See Us at A-Day!

The New Britain Township EAC will have a fun exhibit at Del Val's A-Day, April 25th through the 27th. Come see our interactive displays and get your photo taken on a vintage Ford pickup truck. Fun for everyone!

Pollinator Garden Event

Be on the lookout for the announcement of a spring event at the new pollinator garden planted by the EAC in North Branch Park. Learn about our beautiful pollinator plants and their role in a healthy ecosystem.

The EAC meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Township Building. The public is encouraged to attend. If you wish to contact us or receive a monthly informational email, please write to eac@nbtpa.us.

Recycling Reminders

Recycling is beneficial in so many ways, but some things can't be accepted by residential Waste Management Providers.



- Plastic Bags get caught in recycling machinery. No bread bags/freezer bags/sandwich bags/waste bags or other plastic bags. Some stores have recycling for these items.
- No Styrofoam/Take Out Containers or Cups. No Packing Peanuts
- No Snack Wrappers, Cellophane, other Flexible Packaging. No Pizza Boxes
- No Paper Cups, Napkins, Plates and Tissue
 Items for recycling should be clean and dry. If in doubt, throw it out!

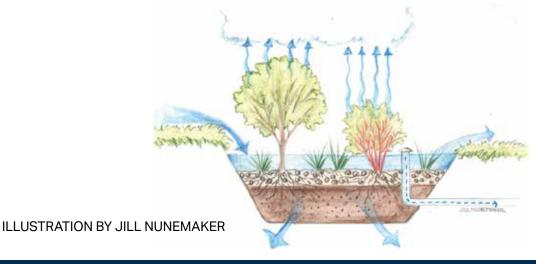


From the Office of Planning & Zoning

If you're proposing impervious surface on your property such as a building addition, patio, shed, driveway expansion, pool, etc. in addition to applicable permitting, stormwater runoff mitigation is required in accordance with the Township's Stormwater Ordinance Chapter 26:

Net increase in Impervious Area	STORMWATER REQUIREMENT
0-500 SF	1 Evergreen or 2 Deciduous Trees
501-1,000 SF	2 Evergreen or 4 Deciduous Trees
1,000 SF +	Engineered Design & Plans

For engineered stormwater management design, a local civil engineer or surveyor licensed in Pennsylvania is recommended to prepare a site plan and stormwater design for projects of 1,000 sf to 5,000 sf increase in impervious. A more involved design is required for projects proposing greater than 5,000 sf of impervious so the design and calculations shall be signed and sealed by a PA-licensed engineer. Some common options for stormwater mitigation include rain gardens or underground stone seepage pits or trenches. The Township requires a Professional Services Agreement (See the Zoning Officer) and a \$5,000.00 escrow deposit to cover legal and engineering review fees. Any remaining balance will be returned. This can be a great opportunity to plant that garden you've always dreamed of while controlling stormwater runoff from your new project!



MS4 Update

New Britain Township has an MS4. Township-owned storm sewer collection system including swales, pipes, inlets, and drains associated with the Township's roads, parks, and municipal facilities. This storm sewer system is regulated via an Individual Permit (MS4 Permit) from the PA Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law. The Permit, which became effective on September 1, 2024 and will expire on August 31, 2029, allows the Township to discharge stormwater into the local creeks and tributaries.





The MS4 Permit is designed to help reduce the discharge of pollutants from the regulated small MS4 and to protect water quality. This is accomplished through the development and implementation of a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) which features 6 minimum control measures to meet certain measurable goals.

- 1. Public education and outreach
- 2. Public participation and involvement
- 3. Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- 4. Construction Site runoff control
- 5. Post-construction runoff control
- 6. Pollution prevention/good housekeeping

The Township's TMDL PRP (Total Maximum Daily Loading and Pollution Reduction) Plan can be found at the Township website https:// newbritaintownship. org/information/stormwater-management. Some projects that have taken place



Figure 1: A polluted waterway (Source: wwf.panda.org)

within the Neshaminy Creek watershed in the past include naturalizing stormwater basins, installing water quality inlet inserts, and tree plantings by local volunteers and watershed associations. Some of the tree planting locations are West Branch Park, the Coleman Property along the Neshaminy Greenway Trail, and the Forest Park open space along the Pine Run Trail. The Township has completed the streambank stabilization project at Brittany Farms Open Space. The Plan lists conceptual Best Management Practices that could potentially be implemented within the next 5 years including retrofitting the Walden Way stormwater basin, improvements to the Sycamore Circle Open Space or detention basin, and more. For information on how you can help, please see the Township's Website.

In addition to the Townships endeavors, the Township requests inspection reports annually from HOA's and private stormwater facility owners. As set forth in the Township's municipal storm sewer system (MS4) permit issued by the PA Department of Environmental Protection, inspection reports and maintenance activities for private stormwater facilities which drain to the Township's storm sewer system are required to be included with the Township's annual report.

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.



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:

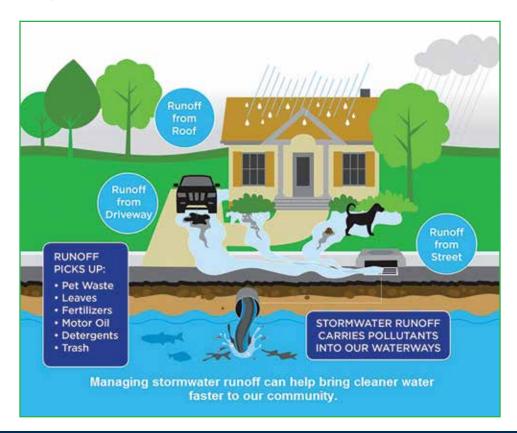
Monthly: Inspect your swale after all storms. Check that water has drained and that there is no erosion. Remove sediment and debris from in and around the swale.

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.

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



New Britain Food Pantry

The New Britain Food Pantry is located in Grace Church of Doylestown, 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 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.

Chalfont New Britain Business Alliance

Chalfont Business Alliance was founded in October 2002. The mission was to share ideas, strengthen local businesses, ensure economic prosperity, to create an opportunity for business leaders to network, support the growth and development of local businesses and the community.

Chalfont New Britain Business Alliance, remains dedicated to achieving these objectives. As a member driven organization, our goal is to preserve the history and hometown integrity of Chalfont, New Britain and surrounding areas. Through CNBBA fundraising events, they regularly give back to the community by supporting local charities, non-profits, and providing scholarships through the CNBBA Scholarship Fund.

AARK Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center

AARK Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center, located in Chalfont, Pennsylvania, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned native wildlife and to promoting harmonious coexistence between humans and wildlife through environmental education. Established in 1979, AARK has been serving the community for over 40 years.



Mission and Services:

- **Rehabilitation:** AARK provides medical care, including setting broken bones and treating illnesses, to birds and mammals that are injured or orphaned. The goal is to release these animals back into their natural habitats once they are healthy and capable of surviving independently. Annually, over 5,500 animals receive care at AARK, making it one of the busiest wildlife centers in Pennsylvania.
- Education: The center offers programs such as summer camps, winter education classes, and both on-site and offsite educational activities. These initiatives aim to inform the public about proper wildlife handling techniques and to foster an appreciation for wildlife, emphasizing that wild animals are best appreciated from a safe distance in their natural environments.
- **Training:** AARK provides internship opportunities accredited by regional colleges and universities. These programs offer individuals hands-on experience in wildlife rehabilitation under the guidance of experienced professionals, contributing to the development of future wildlife care experts.

Operating Hours:

The center operates daily, with staffed hours from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM during spring and summer, and from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in fall and winter. Assistance is available by phone during these times, and the facility is open 24 hours a day for animal drop-offs.

Contact Information:

Address: 1531 Upper Stump Rd, Chalfont, PA 18914 • Website: www.aark.org
Facebook: AArk Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center • Instagram: @aarkwildlife





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