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Message from the Chair, MaryBeth McCabe, Esq.

Hello to 2026! As I begin my term as Chair, I look forward to many new and old projects for the township. We will install a new front playground at North Branch. Our Environmental Council will be working on expansion of the native plant pollinator garden and several tree plantings to aid the Township with its stormwater management obligations. Our police force will continue community engagement with Coffee with a Cop, Kona Ice, the Angel Tree. Our Veterans committee will present Bingo and our yearly Veterans Day observance. I encourage all of our residents to come out and celebrate our community.

As we begin a new year, I want to thank our township staff for their efforts that make the Township work. Without them, we could not put on the many events enjoyed by the community. Our Public Works, Police Force, and Administrative staff all work to plan and present these fun community events.

Our Fall Fest 2025 had the highest attendance ever. Our 2025 Easter Egg Hunt was well attended and enjoyed, even inside due to weather. The Fourth of July Parade is always a great time. Santa House was very special with its new location at North Branch Park.

Many thanks to our community volunteers and sponsors who donate time, money and even horse drawn carriages for Santa to make these events the best. Every volunteer contributes to make our community better. Please reach out if you or your organization would like to join us.

Looking forward to a great new year!

MaryBeth McCabe

**Fire Marshal's Safety Corner**

As we begin a new year and welcome the arrival of spring, the New Britain Township Fire Marshal's Office encourages residents to take a few simple steps to keep their homes and families safe.

- **Test Alarms:** Start the year by testing all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Replace batteries as needed and replace older units according to manufacturer recommendations.
- **Heating to Spring Transition:** As winter heating use decreases, remember to turn off and safely store portable space heaters. Have fireplaces and chimneys cleaned if they were used during the winter months.
- **Spring Cleaning Safety:** Dispose of unwanted items properly and avoid storing combustible materials near furnaces, water heaters, or electrical panels. Use caution with extension cords and replace any that are damaged.
- **Outdoor Safety:** With warmer weather approaching, ensure grills are clean and used outdoors only, away from structures. Store propane tanks safely and never inside the home or garage.
- **Escape Planning:** Take time to review and practice your home fire escape plan with all household members. Every room should have two ways out and a designated meeting place outside.

Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. The Fire Marshal's Office is always available to answer questions regarding fire safety, inspections, and permits. Working together, we can help ensure a safe and healthy year ahead for all residents of New Britain Township.



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# Message from Township Manager Dan Fox

## Behind the Curtain: A Look at How the Township Budget Is Built

Creating the Township's annual budget isn't something that happens overnight. It's a thoughtful, months-long process designed to ensure public dollars are spent wisely, essential services are supported, and residents can clearly see how financial decisions are made.

Long before formal budget meetings begin, Township staff are already closely monitoring the Township's financial health. Throughout the first half of the year, staff regularly review financial reports, revenue trends, and spending patterns. Prior years' budgets are used as key reference points, helping staff understand historical spending levels, identify long-term trends, and anticipate future needs. Quarterly and year-end financial reports serve as important benchmarks, allowing staff to build projections and make informed adjustments as the year progresses.

The formal budget process begins in August. Department heads are asked to start preparing their budget requests, using current-year performance, prior-year budgets, and financial reports as guides. Staff meet to discuss priorities, expectations, and upcoming needs, ensuring requests are realistic, fiscally responsible, and aligned with community goals.

By September, each department submits its budget requests, including ongoing and recurring costs. These requests are compiled into a first draft budget and presented to the Board of Supervisors at the first Budget Workshop Meeting

of the year. This initial review gives the Board an opportunity to ask questions, discuss assumptions, and provide early feedback.

In October, the draft budget undergoes further refinement. Departments review their figures, adjustments are made based on updated financial data and Board input, and projections are fine-tuned using the most recent quarterly reports. The revised draft is then presented at the second and final Budget Workshop Meeting, continuing the collaborative process of shaping the Township's financial plan.

The Preliminary Budget is presented in November at a Board of Supervisors Business Meeting. At this stage, the Board considers advertising and adopting the preliminary budget, which allows ample time for public review and comment. Once approved, the proposed budget is made available to residents so they can see how Township funds are planned to be allocated.

The process concludes in December with the presentation of the Final Budget at the December Board of Supervisors Business Meeting. After final discussion and any necessary adjustments, the Board votes to adopt the budget, officially setting the financial plan for the upcoming year.

This deliberate, transparent approach—grounded in historical data, ongoing financial reporting, and public input—helps ensure the Township remains fiscally sound while continuing to meet the needs of the community.



# NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP

207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

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

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors - First & Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Environmental Advisory Council - First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission - Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Veterans Committee - Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board - Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission - Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted (please confirm prior to attending).

Agendas are available online & posted outside the Township building prior to the scheduled meeting.

Residents can call the Township Administrative office with questions regarding agenda items.

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

## CONTACTS OF INTEREST

### Government

Township Administrative 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	1-866-539-1100
Voters' Registration Office	215-348-6154
Bucks County Courthouse	215-348-6000

### Schools

Central Bucks South H.S	267-893-3000
Central Bucks West H.S	267-893-2500
Tohickon Middle School	267-893-3300
Unami Middle School	267-893-3400
Pine Run Elementary School	267-893-4450
Butler Elementary School	215-893-4250
St. Jude's Catholic School	215-822-9225
Plumstead Christian School	215-348-6000
North Penn School District	215-368-0400

### Local Youth Sports

Lenape Valley Recreational Council

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

## The Board of Supervisors

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

## Township Administration Hours:

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

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# New Britain Township Police Department

## Welcome Our Newest Officers

There are two new members on the NBTPD team. Officer Thomas Ford and Officer Rachel Olimpo.

Officer Ford has been serving the Township since August of last year. He is a native of Warminster and comes to us with two years of policing experience from Richland Township. When not working, Tom enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Officer Olimpo was hired in September of last year and completed her field training program at the beginning of this year. Officer Olimpo is a Quakertown native and avid softball coach and player.



Officer Thomas Ford



Officer Rachel Olimpo



Sgt. Michie honored by State Rep. Brian Munroe

Congratulations to Sergeants Michie and Sandt on their retirements.

Sergeant C. Richard Michie II retired in August of last year after 33 years of service to New Britain Township.

Sergeant Michael Sandt retired in January of this year with over 30 years of service to New Britain Township.

With retirements came the promotions of Sergeant Jones and Sergeant Gonzalez.



Sgt. Sandt honored by State Rep. Brian Munroe



Promotion of Sergeant Brian Jones



Promotion of Sergeant Daniel Gonzalez

**National Drug Take Back is April 25th 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.

## 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
- Request for Extra Patrols
- Special Needs Registry
- Traffic Complaint Form
- Vacation Home Check – Let us know if you will be away and officers of NBTPD will be more than happy to check your residence occasionally.

**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 (**Administrative**) - 215-822-1910 (**If you need to report a crime, call 911**)

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

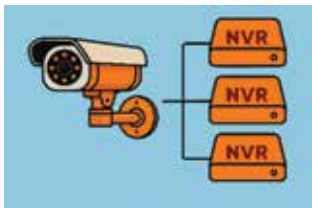
Bucks County Emergency Communications – 215-328-8508



## A SAFETY MESSAGE FROM NBTPD ON VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS

### Best Practices for Purchasing and Using Video Surveillance Cameras for Businesses and Residences

In today's world, video surveillance is no longer a luxury—it's a necessity for both businesses and homeowners. A well-designed camera system can deter crime, provide evidence when needed, and offer peace of mind. However, not all camera setups are created equal. Here are some best practices to consider when purchasing and using video surveillance cameras:



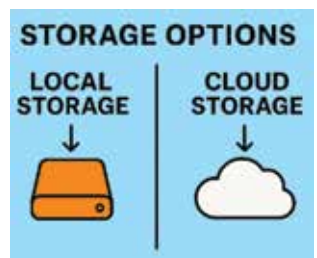
#### 1. Choose Cameras with Recording Capability

One of the most common mistakes is opting for cameras that only provide live viewing. While live monitoring can be useful, it offers little value if an incident occurs when you're not watching. Always select cameras that record video either locally (on a DVR/NVR or SD card) or to the cloud. Recorded footage is essential for investigations, insurance claims, and legal purposes.

#### 2. Local vs. Cloud Storage

**Local Storage:** Storing footage on a physical device like a DVR or NVR gives you full control and avoids monthly fees. However, ensure the device is secured and backed up to prevent data loss.

**Cloud Storage:** Cloud-based solutions offer remote access, redundancy, and protection against theft or hardware failure. While they often involve subscription costs, the convenience and security are worth considering.



#### 3. Prioritize High-Quality Video

Look for cameras with at least 1080p resolution for clear images. Features like night vision, wide dynamic range (WDR), and motion detection enhance usability and ensure you capture critical details in all conditions.

#### 4. Secure Your System

Surveillance systems are vulnerable to hacking if not properly secured. Use strong passwords, enable encryption, and keep firmware updated. If using cloud services, choose reputable providers with robust security measures.



#### 5. Plan for Scalability

Your needs may grow over time. Choose systems that allow adding more cameras or upgrading storage without replacing the entire setup.

## Be a Good Stormwater Neighbor

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in Pennsylvania, causing more than \$1 million in property damage each year. Bucks County has over 250 miles of streams and numerous areas with recurring flooding problems. Even small, localized flooding can lead to soil erosion, damaged landscapes, and flooded basements. While these challenges are serious, residents can take effective steps to reduce flooding and protect their properties and neighborhoods.

Being a good stormwater neighbor means managing stormwater on your property in ways that reduce runoff and do not negatively impact neighboring properties. Stormwater does not follow property lines, even when fences are present, and uncontrolled runoff can lead to disputes between neighbors. Residents should become familiar with how rainwater and snowmelt enter, move through, and exit their property. Identifying problem areas and redirecting flow into vegetated areas helps slow water, promote infiltration, and filter pollutants. Properties near streams, drainage swales, or ponds can benefit from riparian buffers, which reduce erosion, stabilize banks, and improve water quality.

Routine maintenance of stormwater infrastructure is one of the easiest and most effective actions homeowners can take. Check that downspouts, driveway drains, and yard inlets are free of debris and draining properly. Avoid washing debris into drains—sweep walkways instead. Clean stormwater grates after mowing or raking, as yard waste can block drainage and reduce oxygen levels in waterways, contributing to dead zones. Culverts should also be inspected to ensure they are not blocked by trash or woody debris.

Additional stormwater management techniques include planting rain gardens, installing rain barrels, and creating dry wells to capture runoff and allow water to soak into the ground, helping recharge groundwater supplies. These simple practices, combined with regular maintenance and cooperation among neighbors, can significantly reduce flooding risks within the community.

For more information, visit the Township's Environmental Advisory Council webpage or [stormwaterguide.org](http://stormwaterguide.org), or contact [eac@nbtpr.us](mailto:eac@nbtpr.us) for stormwater management guidance in New Britain Township.

*Adapted from an article by Christina Kundrat, Watershed Conservation Intern, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance.*



*Did you know?*

You can leave a lasting mark in New Britain Township while honoring someone special! Our Memorial Program offers unique ways to celebrate loved ones and meaningful moments—whether it's a memorial bench for quiet reflection, a memorial tree that grows for generations, or a commemorative brick at the Veterans' Monument in North Branch Park.

Each memorial includes a personalized inscription. It's a heartfelt way to remember, celebrate, and give back to the community all at once.

For more information, please visit [newbritaintownship.org](http://newbritaintownship.org) to complete the **Memorial Program Application**.

**Thank You!**

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## *No Detours, Just Details*

### 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.

### Spring Clean-Up

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 April 7th, 2026.

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.



### Tree Maintenance

Per Township Ordinance § 21-402 Care and Maintenance, owners shall maintain all vegetation and street trees, within their property or within any right-of-way adjacent to their property, to ensure that they are free of damage and disease and shall not create a risk of harm to passersby. Owners trimming and/or maintaining street trees must take all proper precautions to protect the public from these activities. Where street tree maintenance will possibly affect the safe use of a public street, sidewalk, bike path, and/or pedestrian walkway, the area affected shall be cordoned off and the Township's approval of such work and street closure shall be obtained.

### 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.



# North Branch Park Update

New Britain Township is moving forward with planned improvements at North Branch Park to enhance community recreation and accessibility. Under the Township's multi-year capital plan, significant enhancements are scheduled for the park's play and picnic areas.

The project includes a full replacement of the upper playground with a new combined Tot-Lot and swing set, designed to improve ADA accessibility and allow children of all abilities to play together. The playground area will also be re-graded to resolve longstanding drainage issues and improve safety.

The nearby pavilion will be upgraded to enhance accessibility and provide a more comfortable space for family gatherings and community events, along with drainage improvements to reduce wet conditions after rain.

These updates build on recent improvements to the park's basketball courts and walking trail and reflect the Township's commitment to maintaining an inclusive, enjoyable park for residents of all ages.



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# 2025 End of Year Recap by Sue Gelb - Events Coordinator

This fall season brought a mix of community events to the Township. With the help of NBT's dedicated committees and volunteers, we hosted a lineup of events for our residents. From seasonal celebrations to family-friendly gatherings, the calendar was packed with opportunities for neighbors of all ages to come together, connect, and celebrate the strong sense of community that makes New Britain Township so special.

## Fall Festival-A Celebration for our Community

We had our most successful and well-attended Annual Fall Festival yet!

It was a day full of fun, food, and exciting activities for all ages! Residents enjoyed live entertainment and music, pumpkin decorating, crafts and local vendors, inflatables, and—new this year—food trucks serving delicious seasonal treats, and so much more! With friends, family, and neighbors coming together, there truly was something for everyone. We can't wait to celebrate the season again in 2026! Mark your calendars—we'll see you there!



## Veterans Day Ceremony – Honoring Those Who Have Served

During our Veterans Day Ceremony, we proudly honored the brave men and women whose courage, commitment, and service have defended our nation. Due to weather conditions, the ceremony was moved indoors from the Veterans Memorial at North Branch Park. We were privileged to welcome the VFW Honor Guard, a guest speaker, and other dignitaries as we recognized three local veterans with flags that had been flown over our parks.



## Fall Yard Waste Collection Encourages Eco-Friendly Habits

In the spirit of fall cleanup, New Britain Township once again hosted its Fall Yard Waste Drop-Off Week. Residents eagerly took advantage of the opportunity to responsibly dispose of yard debris, helping to keep our neighborhoods cleaner and more attractive. The Township collected hundreds of bags of plant material, underscoring its commitment to environmentally sustainable waste practices. Township staff reported that operations ran smoothly throughout the week and expressed sincere appreciation for the community's cooperation in following the established guidelines.



## Santa House-New Location-Holiday Celebration

Santa House was a huge success, bringing the community out to celebrate at Santa's new location, drawing families from across the community to celebrate at Santa's new location and kick off the holidays in festive style. The magical holiday experience for families and children featured Santa's grand entrances, festive photo opportunities, heartfelt letters to Santa, live entertainment, and unforgettable holiday magic.



## Looking ahead for 2026

New Britain Township, along with Chalfont Borough and New Britain Borough, will come together to honor 250 years of American independence, sacrifice, innovation, and hope. As we celebrate where we have been, we will proudly march toward the future we are building together. **Won't you join us for a vibrant patriotic celebration honoring America's 250th anniversary?** We invite community members, families, organizations, and businesses to take part and participate in an exciting parade filled with colorful floats, fire trucks, live music, classic cars, civic groups, local leaders, and our honored veterans. Come celebrate our nation's history, pride, and spirit with us!

## Get Involved and Stay in the Loop!

With such strong community engagement and positive feedback, New Britain Township is already looking forward to future events, including the upcoming Spring and Summer events. Officials thank volunteers, sponsors, and residents for their continued support in making these events successful year after year.

These events are a great way to connect with neighbors, support local businesses, and celebrate all that makes New Britain Township a great place to live. We encourage residents of all ages to participate—not only by attending but also by volunteering. Whether you're interested in helping with event setup, handing out programs, or participating in our events, we'd love to have you on our team.

Be sure to follow us on social media and subscribe to the Township website <https://newbritaintownship.org/> for updates and volunteer opportunities.

# Thank You

To Our Generous Sponsors for  
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Pro Lift Garage



How many **candies**  
are in the jar?



Come to the Township, look for the candy  
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The winner will be notified after Easter!

## PABBY'S



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# 2026 NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP EVENTS CALENDAR

## **Veterans Committee Bingo**

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

The Shrine of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am

North Branch Park, 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA

## **Spring Yard Waste Collection**

April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 11<sup>th</sup>

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

New Britain Township Building, 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA

## **Titan Shredding**

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am - 11am

New Britain Township Building, 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA

## **EAC Rain Barrel Workshop**

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm

Highlands Park, 1034 Schoolhouse Road, Chalfont, PA

## **Community E-Recycling**

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 12pm

New Britain Township Building, 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA

## **Tri-Municipal 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

Town Center in New Britain Borough through New Britain Township

## **Fall Festival**

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 3pm

North Branch Park, 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA

## **Veterans Day Ceremony**

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am

North Branch Park, 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA

## **Fall Yard Waste Collection**

October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup>

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

New Britain Township Building, 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA

## **Santa House**

Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> & Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm

North Branch Park, 207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA

*\*All dates are tentative and subject to change*



**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP'S VETERANS COMMITTEE LUCKY BINGO**

**FRIDAY  
MARCH 13, 2026  
7:00 PM**

**THE SHRINE OF CZESTOCHOWA  
654 FERRY ROAD, DOYLESTOWN, PA**

*Purchase tickets here!*



# 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

Originally established in October 2002 as the Chalfont Business Alliance, the organization was created with a clear mission: to share ideas, strengthen local businesses, foster economic prosperity, and provide opportunities for networking and collaboration among business leaders.

Today, the Alliance remains dedicated to achieving these objectives. As a member-driven organization, they support the growth and development of local businesses while preserving the history, character, and small-town integrity of Chalfont, New Britain, and surrounding communities.

Working with residents and community partners, the Alliance strives to maintain the vitality and welcoming atmosphere that defines our hometown. Through the Alliance's fundraising events, they regularly give back by supporting local charities, non-profit organizations and providing scholarships through their Scholarship Fund. [www.cbbba.org](http://www.cbbba.org)

## 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.



**Aark**  
Wildlife Rehabilitation  
and Education Center

### 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 off-site 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](http://www.aark.org)  
**Facebook:** AARK Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center • **Instagram:** @aarkwildlife

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# TITAN MOBILE SHREDDING EVENT

May 2nd • 9:00-11:00am

New Britain Township Building  
207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA 18914



## News from Nicole Percetti, the Tax Collector

The 2026 County/Township tax bills were mailed on March 1, 2026. The county increased their millage rates from 27.45 to 29.65. The township did not increase their millage. 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](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.

**IMPORTANT:** The United States Postal Service has made adjustments to their operations that will result in some mail pieces not arriving at processing facilities on the same day that they are mailed. To ensure that your mail is postmarked with a specific date, please make sure you mail your tax payments a few days before the due date. You can also drop the payment at the box at the township building or walk into the post office and have the clerk manually place a postmark on your envelope.

The 2025 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 increased again this year to \$48,110 annually for both homeowners and renters (excluding 50% of Social Security). If you need an application or stamped tax receipts please, contact me. You can also complete the application online at <https://www.pa.gov/services/revenue/apply-for-property-tax-or-rent-rebate>.

If you have any questions, please email me at [newbritaintax@gmail.com](mailto:newbritaintax@gmail.com) or call me at 215-822-2930.





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## ***Fungus Among Us***

Fungi are everywhere, both seen and unseen. They decompose dead plant and animal matter, returning vital nutrients to the soil. A mushroom is only the visible fruiting body that releases spores, while the main body of the fungus—the mycelium—forms vast underground networks that bind soil, store carbon for decades, and can extend for miles. This carbon storage improves soil fertility and helps reduce excess atmospheric carbon.



Because fungi cannot produce their own sugar, mycelium supports green plants by supplying water and nutrients in exchange for sugars made through photosynthesis. Mushrooms are a common part of diets worldwide and are rich in vitamins B, C, and D, minerals, and protein. Many contain more protein than vegetables, making them a valuable meat substitute for vegan and vegetarian diets. Yeast, another edible fungus, is used to make bread rise. Edible mushrooms can be grown on agricultural waste, providing farmers with additional income. Fungi can also break down pollutants such as plastics, petroleum products, pharmaceuticals, and oil, making them useful in reducing environmental pollution.

Soil fungi are protected in the same ways as native plants. Deforestation, agricultural conversion, soil degradation, and increased soil salinity reduce fungal diversity. Responsible land stewardship helps preserve soil, water, native species, and the delicate balance between fungi and the planet.

## ***Composting: Turning Waste into Garden Gold***

Composting is an easy, natural way to recycle food scraps and yard waste while creating a rich soil amendment for your garden. By allowing organic materials to break down, composting reduces landfill waste and returns valuable nutrients to the soil.



Getting started doesn't require an expensive bin. Choose an accessible spot on grass or soil with good drainage, in sun or shade. You can build a simple bin from materials like wood pallets, wire, or even a plastic trash can with air holes. A compost pile about 4' x 4' is ideal, but composting can be done year-round in almost any space.

A successful compost pile starts with the right balance of materials. Use a mix of "greens" (nitrogen-rich items like fruit and vegetable scraps, grass clippings, and coffee grounds) and "browns" (carbon-rich items such as dry leaves, plant stalks, shredded paper, and untreated wood chips). Adding a small amount of garden soil or finished compost introduces microorganisms that help speed up decomposition.

Some materials should be avoided, including meat, dairy products, oils, pet waste, diseased plants, and treated or painted wood. These can attract pests, create odors, or fail to break down properly in a backyard compost pile.

Compost needs air, moisture, and warmth to work well. Keep it as damp as a wrung-out sponge and turn it occasionally so oxygen reaches the center. Compost can be made in sun or shade and doesn't require an expensive bin—even a simple homemade container works.

Finished compost looks dark and crumbly and smells earthy. When ready, it enriches soil, improves plant health, and closes the loop by turning everyday waste into a valuable resource. Composting is a small habit that makes a big environmental difference.

For more information, please visit the following links:

<http://www.dep.greenport.state.pa.us/elibrary/GetFolder?FolderID=676763>

[https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Waste/Bureau%20of%20Waste%20Management/WasteMgtPortalFiles/DEP-Home\\_Composting.pdf](https://files.dep.state.pa.us/Waste/Bureau%20of%20Waste%20Management/WasteMgtPortalFiles/DEP-Home_Composting.pdf)

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>

## ***New Britain Township Supports Lights Out for Migrating Birds***

The Lights Out program aims to reduce the number of deaths of migrating birds caused by light pollution. Artificial light at night can disrupt bird migration in a variety of ways, including disorienting birds from their routes and causing collisions with buildings, resulting in millions of bird fatalities each year. New Britain Township is part of the Atlantic Flyway, one of our nation's four migration flyways.

The Lights Out Program is voluntary and encourages residents/business owners to turn off or dim exterior and interior lighting from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., from April 1 - May 31. During those months, the public is asked to limit or eliminate the outdoor light their homes and businesses emit. Motion activated lighting and lighting with warm colored bulbs (amber) can also be helpful, if turning off lighting is not possible.

For more information, please visit <https://www.audubon.org/our-work/cities-and-towns/lights-out>

Live bird migration can be tracked here: <https://birdcast.info/migration-tools/live-migration-maps/>

## Rain Barrel Workshop May 2

Good news! The EAC, in partnership with the Bucks County Master Watershed Stewards, will hold its second annual Rain Barrel Workshop on Saturday May 2. Check the Events page of the Township website for the sign-up sheet. We will have 19 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 2nd, 1pm to 3pm • **Where:** Highlands Park Pavilion, 1034 Schoolhouse Rd, Chalfont, PA 18914 • **Cost:** \$60, details on how to pay coming soon. Please check Township website.



## Native Plant Presentation and Pollinator Garden Event

Be on the lookout for the announcements of a spring Native Plant Presentation and a related workshop at our Demonstration Pollinator Garden at North Branch Park. Learn about our beautiful native plants and their role in a healthy ecosystem.

## EMPLOYEE *Milestones in 2025*

Sergeant Daniel Gonzalez	5 Years of Service
Kelsey Ganther	10 Years of Service
Sergeant Brian Jones	15 Years of Service
Barbara Morgan	15 Years of Service
Anthony Passerini	20 Years of Service
William May	35 Years of Service
Randal Teschner	40 Years of Service

Congratulations on this milestone!  
New Britain Township appreciates all that you do.

### Employee Milestones

Anthony Passerini has dedicated 20 years to New Britain Township, serving throughout his career in the Public Works and Park & Recreation Departments. Known for his reliability and strong work ethic, he plays an important role in maintaining Township facilities and parks and regularly participates in numerous Township events that support the community.

William May has served New Britain Township for 35 years, spending his entire career in the Public Works and Park & Recreation Departments. He currently serves as Foreman of the Park & Recreation Department, where his leadership and experience help ensure Township parks and facilities are well maintained. William also takes part in numerous Township events throughout the year.

Randal Teschner has dedicated 40 years of service to New Britain Township, beginning his career in the Public Works Department. He now serves as Fire Marshal, as well as Building and Code Enforcement Officer, playing a key role in protecting public safety and ensuring compliance with Township codes.



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Ordinance #75-5-4  
as amended 2015-09-07

- Field & Pavilion Permits Required
- Do Not Deface Property
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- No Abusive, Threatening or Indecent Language
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