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NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS Your Hometown Newsletter

2012 TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS AWARDED

New Britain Township awarded two contracts for the 2012 Road Maintenance Program at the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on May 21, 2012. The Oil and Chip contract was awarded to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions. The Paving contract was awarded to Bray Brothers. Both companies have completed road projects within the Township in prior years and have done an outstanding job.

Paving Projects

- Peggy Lane from New Galena Road to the Cul-De-Sac
- Gertrude Drive from New Galena Road to Peggy Lane
- Ashmont Way from Peggy Lane to the Cul-De-Sac
- Buxmont Way from Peggy Lane to the Cul-De-Sac
- Richard Drive from Cul-De-Sac
 to Cul-De-Sac
- Hampshire Drive from Brittany
 Drive to Surrey Road (1 lane only)

• Surrey Road from Rt. 202 to Hampshire Drive (1 lane only)

Oil & Chip Projects

- King Road from Upper Church Road to Rt. 313
- Keller Road from King Road to Upper Stump Road
- Chapman Road from New Galena Road to Upper Stump Road
- Old Limekiln Road from New Galena Road to Upper Stump Road
- Upper Church Road from the Park Road to Upper Stump Road
- Upper Stump Road from Rt.
 152 to Hilltown Border, that
 Border to Callowhill Road
- Skunkhollow Road from Rt.
 152 to Hilltown Border
- Stone Creek Lane from Upper Stump Road to the Cul-De-Sac
- Myers Road from Callowhill Road to the Park Road

The Oil & Chip projects will be completed by the end of June, with Paving Projects completed by the end of summer. All residents that live on the roads listed under Paving Projects will receive a notice in the mail prior to paving commencement and after the start date has been set by the contractor.

All current projects in the Township are listed on the Township website under the Public Works Current Projects Page.

If you have any concerns with Township-Owned Roads, create a ticket on Civicall that will be sent directly to the Public Works Superintendent. Just go to the Civicall section of our website www.newbritaintownship.org/civicall



NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP VETERANS COMMITTEE'S 3RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Come out and support our Veterans at our 3rd Annual Fall Festival to help raise funds for Veteran's Park. This year, the Committee has decided to incorporate a Flea Market, Community Yard Sale, and a "Mommy Market" in conjunction with Crafters and Vendors.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

NORTH BRANCH PARK

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CRAFTER AND VENDOR COST - 10 X 10 SPACE FOR \$35 FLEA MARKET, YARD SALE, & MOMMY MARKET - 10 X 10 SPACE FOR \$5

Tables and Chairs are NOT provided, NO electric is available

The Veterans Committee is also looking to incorporate local performance groups or youth organization groups in this year's Fall Festival. If any dance schools, karate schools, boy scout troops, girl scout troops, choirs, etc, would like to set up a demonstration stand or hold a performance during the Fall Festival, contact Angela Benner at the below contact information.

For additional information or to reserve a space for the 2012 Fall Festival, email Angela Benner at abenner@newbritaintownship.org. Information will also be available on the Township Website on the Veterans Committee Event page. Go to www.newbritaintownship.org to view.

NBT WELCOMES NEW POLICE OFFICER SHAWN MAGUIRE



From left to right: Chairman William B. Jones, Supervisor Helen B. Haun, Chief Robert Scafidi, Officer Shawn Maguire, Supervisor John A. Bodden, Sr., Vice Chairman A. James Scanzillo, and Supervisor Robert V. Cotton.

NOTES FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SOLICITORS

Solicitors selling a profitable product door-to-door are required to obtain a permit from the Police Department. Due to a recent court decision, non-profit organizations are not required to obtain a permit.

Some groups go around claiming that they are charities, but often the relationship to the charity is tenuous or non-existent. If you have never heard of the charity or the charity is not local, be careful. If you have any concerns about individuals or organizations

soliciting, contact the Police Department on their nonemergency number, 215-822-1910

SPEEDING

The Police have issued many citations for speeding throughout the Township. Be careful and conscious of the posted speed limit.

DOGS

State law requires that dogs be licensed at six months and all dogs must be under owner control at all times. Citations will be issued for violations.

WILD ANIMALS

There have been wild animal sightings in NBT recently. It is illegal to feed these animals. To report sightings, call the Game Commission at #610-926-3136.

NBT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Robert Scafidi 207 Park Avenue Chalfont, PA 18944

Non-Emergency Number #215-822-1910

Emergency Number

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Bucks County District Attorney's Office #215-348-6344

Bucks County Area Agency on Aging #215-348-0510

Bucks County Office of Consumer Protection #215-348-6060

Network of Victim Assistance #800-675-6900

Crimes Against Older Adults #800-490-8505

> A Women's Place #800-220-8116

FOLLOW THE NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT.

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/NBTPD

TWITTER www.twitter/#!/NewBritainTwpPD

You can also visit the Police "About Us" section of the website to access the Facebook and Twitter pages.

www.newbritaintownship.org

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP HONORS GIRL SCOUT AMANDA M. SERGEYEV

On April 2, 2012, a Resolution was passed by the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors acknowledging the accomplishments of Amanda M. Sergeyev in her journey to achieve the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Scouting teaches and instills upon our youth important values such as trustworthiness, loyalty and honesty, while developing self-purpose and commitment to country and community. Scouts are encouraged to participate in community activities to help develop skills in leadership.

Amanda has consistently shown interest in the community through her participation with Troop 22077 of the Girls Scouts of East-

ern Pennsylvania and through community service.

Amanda has successfully completed her Girl Scout Gold Project using her combined talents, strengths and leadership skills to videotape Central Bucks West High School Football games, arrange broadcast on local cable television channels, place them for viewing on YouTube, and create a Facebook Group known as "The Mob", all in an effort to increase and encourage support of the CB West Football Team.

The New Britain Township Board of Supervisors commends Amanda M. Sergeyev and extends its best wishes for Amanda's continued success.



From left to right: Supervisor John A. Bodden, Sr., Supervisor Helen B. Haun, Girl Scout Amanda Sergeyev, Chairman William B. Jones, and Vice Chairman A. James Scanzillo.

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YARD & LEAF WASTE 2012 DROP OFF

New Britain Township is pleased to offer our residents a drop-off container for yard leaf waste. The container is located directly behind the Municipal Building at 207 Park Avenue, in the fenced in area.

DATES OF DROP OFF

November 13th - 17th Tuesday - Friday 7:30am - 2:30pm Saturday 8:00am - 12:00pm

2012 FALL LEAF **PICK UP DATES**

CHESTMONT DISPOSAL **Saturday November 17 Saturday December 15**

WASTE MANAGEMENT Saturday November 17

When placing trash and recycling out for collection, remember that ALL containers must be placed behind the curb line. Placing containers in the street is a Public Safety Hazard.



2012 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND COMPUTER/ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

HAZARDOUS WASTE

WHAT YOU CAN BRING

As many as 3 old computers and up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products. Hazardous products will have cautionary words on the label. For example; Danger, Warning, Hazardous, Toxic and Corrosive.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Non-Hazardous Items. If the label on a product does not contain words indicating that it is hazardous that it is not a hazardous item.

DROP OFF SCHEDULE

July 21, 2012

Central Bucks South High School 1100 Folly Road Warrington Township

August 18, 2012

Quakertown High School 600 Park Avenue, Quakertown Borough

August 25, 2012

Bucks Technical High School 610 Wistar Road **Bristol Township**

COMPUTER / ELECTRONICS

WHAT YOU CAN BRING

No quantity limits. Any and all amounts of the following items; CPU's, monitors, printers, scanners, mice, keyboards, peripherals, laptops, TV's, copiers, answering machines, camcorders, phones, electric typewriters, fax machines, microwaves, radios, rechargeable batteries, remote controls, stereos, print cartridges, VCR/DVD players, **Gaming Consoles**

DO NOT BRING

You can not bring appliances (with or without Freon), Biological Waste (needles, test strips etc), explosives, gas cylinders, household batteries, radioactive waste, tires, kitchen appliances, vacuums, blenders, lawn mow-

DROP OFF SCHEDULE

June 30, 2012

Pennridge High School 1228 N. 5th Street Perkasie

July 14, 2012

Bucks County Planning Commission Almshouse Road and Route 611 Dovlestown

August 11, 2012

Upper Bucks Gov't. Service Center 261 California Road Quakertown.

September 1, 2012

Lower Bucks Gov't. Service Center Enter near 4270 Woodbourne Road Levittown

September 29, 2012

Bucks County Planning Commission Almshouse Road and Route 611 Doylestown

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON DISPOSAL OPTIONS OR TO **CONFIRM WHAT YOU CAN BRING** CONTACT:

- The PADEP Recycling Hotline at # 1-800-346-4242
- Bucks County Planning Commission at # 215-345-3400
- www.buckscounty.org/Recycling



IDEAS FOR CREATING A RAIN FRIENDLY YARD

SAVE WATER WITH RAIN BARRELS

Rain barrels are containers that collect and store rainwater from downspouts and rooftops for future use in watering lawns and gardens. A rain barrel is generally made of a 55-gallon drum, vinyl garden hose, PVC couplings, and a screen grate to remove debris and keep insects out.

Rain barrel can be constructed in a number of ways, but they all collect rainwater and decrease stormwater runoff that leaves your property. During summer months, it is estimated that nearly 40% of household water is used for lawn and garden maintenance. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for those times that you need it the most-during the dry summer months, Using rain barrels potentially helps homeowners lower water bills, while also improving the vitality of plants, flowers, trees, and lawns.

REDIRECT DOWNSPOUTS

comes off your roof by redirecting your downspouts to deposit rainwater to gardens, grassy areas, rain barrels or any other place where water can infiltrate into the ground and roots of plants, decreasing the amount of water that goes down storm drains.

Rain is naturally soft and devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride, and other harmful chemicals that can cause imbalances in soil and damage sensitive plants. Rainwater from the roofs of houses picks up very little contamination, and is very healthy for plants. The use of extension gutters or splash blocks helps direct the flow of water if your downspout isn't long enough. When directing storm water to a yard, try to discharge the water at least five feet from foundations to prevent potential leakage into the house.

BUILD A RAIN GARDEN

Take full advantage of the rain that A great way to compliment your rain barrel and increase your property's ability to absorb runoff is through a rain garden. Rain gardens can be a fun and easy way to learn about beautiful, native plants as well as help to improve water quality and reduce flooding.

> Rain gardens typically absorb more water than the same size area of lawn. They are drought resistant, winter hardy and less prone to destructive insects and diseases. Rain gardens create a preferred habitat for birds, butterflies and dragonflies. These specialty gardens are versatile; they can be any size or shape imaginable. To maximize their benefit, you should build them in an existing low spot or near the drainage area of your rain barrel or downspout.

> http://www.marc.org/Environment /Water/raingardenhowto.htm

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CIVICALL SYSTEM SERVES THE COMMUNITY

ABOUT CIVICALL

Civicall is a web-based Customer Tracking System, that enables residents to report concerns, request a service, or provide the Township with any comments or concerns.

The Township has had the Civicall system available to residents for the past 3 years, and has just recently upgraded the program, making Civicall easier to use by the residents and Township employees.

HOW CIVICALL WORKS

Residents can log onto Civicall through the Township website at www.newbritaintownship.org, and

create a ticket. A ticket can be created for any department of the Township for any reason. There are drop-down options to select and a section where you can type a summary of your concern, complaint, or question.

Once a ticket is submitted to the system, the ticket will be immediately emailed directly the department head as well as to the Township Manager and Administrative Assistant who monitor all tickets.

After a ticket is completed by the Township, an email will be sent to the ticket creator so they can see how their ticket is being handled and how it was completed. If you

request a phone call, make sure to include your phone number in your summary description when completing the ticket.

A ticket can also be created anonymously, however, if created anonymously, the creator will not be able to view the ticket resolution.

The Civicall system is also used by Township staff to log all phone calls and visits from residents. Employees create a ticket so that information goes directly to the correct department for follow-up.

If you have any questions on how to use the Civicall system, call 215-822-1391 for assistance.

PARTY ON THE PARKWAY

Sunday, September 16, 2012

In celebration of the opening of the Route 202-Section 700 Parkway, residents will have the unique opportunity to explore the roadway before it is open.

Organized Family Bike Ride 8:00 AM

Open Walk / Bike / Stroll 9:00 AM

For information on how to participate or for additional details call Doylestown Township at #215-348-9915

202 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AND CORNWALL DRIVE

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

On June 11, 2012, construction of the Route 202 Bridge located between Route 152 North and Route 152 South was scheduled to commence. Construction of the bridge is scheduled to be completed by December 2013.

The Bridge Project is a joint Chalfont Borough / PennDOT project and the contractor is J.D. Eckman.

Two lanes of Route 202 are to remain open at all times, with an occasional flagger crew in place when the utility companies come in to relocate utility poles. If flaggers are required to assist in pole installation, this will only occur

during off-peak hours.

Route 202 may be temporarily closed when steel beams are placed (three different instances), which will occur overnight.

Normal work hours are 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Questions or concerns regarding the Bridge Replacement project should be directed to Chalfont Borough at #215-822-7295.



CORNWALL DRIVE

New Britain Township was asked by Chalfont Borough to allow the opening of New Jersey Avenue and Cornwall Drive to ease traffic congestion along Routes 202 and 152 during bridge construction.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting held on May 21, 2012 the Board of Supervisors expressed no objection to opening New Jersey Avenue, as it lies within Chalfont.

The Board rejected opening Cornwall Drive due to safety concerns. Cornwall Drive will REMAIN CLOSED during the length of this project, with no plans to open in the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VETERANS FALL FESTIVAL

September 29, 2012 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM North Branch Park

NBT BUSINESS ALLIANCE 5K RACE

September 30, 2012
Start time: 9:00 AM
For additional information on the
5K Race or how to participate
and sponsor, contact Race Director Cathy Scanlon at 215340-0069 or email csanlon@firstrust.com

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Sunday, November 11, 2012 Start time: 11:00am At the Veterans Monument located at North Branch Park.

PARK AND RECREATION INFORMATION

ACTIVE PERSONAL FITNESS

Start your path to a new "You" by joining a 4-week Elevation Boot Camp that will amp up your cardio, improve your strength, increase your flexibility and help you lose weight.

This camp is led by one of Central Bucks' leaders in personal training and group exercise, and is brings their unique brand of fitness to New Britain Township's North Branch Park.

To get into bathing suit shape and for additional information on Elevation Boot Camp, visit www.ElevationBootCamp.com

FIELD & PAVILION RENTALS

Celebrating a birthday? Having a picnic? Want to hold an event at one of our parks?

Rent one of the our Pavilions or Fields located throughout the Township. For a full listing of Township Parks, investigate fees and to download a Field Use Application, visit the Park and Recreation section of our website at www.newbritaintownship.org.

For additional information or to check on whether fields and pavilions are available, contact Angela Pomeisl at the Township Office at 215-822-1391.

2012 DISCOUNT TICKETS

Discounted summer tickets are now available. Tickets are available for Adventure Aquarium, Dorney Park, Hershey Park, Knoebels, Morey's Pier, Philadelphia Zoo, and many other venues.

Visit the Park and Recreation Summer Tickets Page at www.newbritaintownship.org for a full listing of tickets and prices.

Tickets can be purchased at the Township Building weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Cash or Checks are accepted.



A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO
MADE THE 2012 EASTER EGG
HUNT A SUCCESS

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NOTE FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

SCHOOL TAXES

Central Bucks School District Tax Bills will be sent out the end of June. School District Tax Bills are sent directly to the owner, not to the mortgage company or bank. It is the homeowner's responsibility to send it immediately to their mortgage company.

You will receive in the mail a Tax Payer copy of the Tax Bill and a Tax Collector copy of the Bill. When making payment, you must provide the Tax Collector copy of the Bill with your payment. If the owner information is incorrect on the Tax Collector copy of the Bill, attach a note with the correct owner information. DO NOT write on the Tax Collector's copy of the Bill.

If you mail in your payment and would like a receipt, you must include the Tax Collector copy of the Bill and the Tax Payer copy of the Bill, along with a postage-paid envelope.

Make sure you write out your check accurately and make sure the check is legible. If the bank's scanning system cannot read the check, your check will be rejected and your taxes will not be paid.

If you have made a change to the Deed of your property, you must fill out a new Homestead Act form to continue to be eligible for the Homestead Discount.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENTS

To appeal your taxes and lower your assessment, you must contact the Board of Assessments by

going to www.buckscounty.org. To be eligible, you will need to have three comparables in your neighborhood that have sold within the last 18 months, or an appraisal from a certified appraiser.

August 1, 2012 is the deadline to appeal your taxes. For additional information or questions about appealing your assessment, call the Board of Assessments at 215-348-6219.

TAX COLLECTOR

Nancy Jones 207 Park Avenue. Chalfont, PA 18914 #215-822-2930

OFFICE HOURS

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays

CHALFONT FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

JUNE 30

Flea Market 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Sept 8

Turkey Hoagies 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM or Sold Out

Sept 30

Buffet Breakfast 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

All the events will be held at the Chalfont Fire House located at: 301 North Main Street, Chalfont

For additional information or to reserve the Fire House for banquets, receptions, or meetings call

#215-822-9685 or visit www.chalfontfirecompany.com

FOOD WANTED

The New Britain Food Larder is a designated food distribution site of the Opportunity Council of Bucks County. It is currently in need of food. New Britain Township will be collecting donations for the Food Larder. Donations can be dropped in the Township Administration Building's lobby. If you would like information on how to volunteer for the Food Larder, call #215-345-9170.

Please make sure food is not expired. The food larder can not accept expired food.

MEETING SCHEDULE

All meetings are at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted (please confirm prior to attendance)

Board of Supervisors

First and Third Monday of the month

Planning Commission

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month

Park & Recreation Board Third Tuesday of the month

Zoning Hearing Board

Third Thursday of the month

Veterans Memorial Committee

First Wednesday of every other month

If meetings are cancelled, a notice will be posted on the Township website www.newbritaintownship.org



Agenda's for Township Meetings are available on line prior to the Meeting. Approved Minutes are also available online.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Township Administration Building 215-822-1391

> Police Non-Emergency 215-822-1910

Public Works Dept. 215-822-3698

Tax Collector - Nancy Jones 215-822-2930

> **Keystone Tax Collectors** 1-888-328-0558

Voters Registration Office 215-348-6163

Bucks County Courthouse 215-348-6000

SCHOOLS

Central Bucks South HS 267-893-3000

Central Bucks West HS 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 267-893-4250

St. Jude's Catholic School 215-822-9225

Plumstead Christian School 215-822-0187

North Penn School District 215-368-0400

LOCAL YOUTH SPORTS

LVRC Sports www.lvrcsports.com

Lenape Valley Baseball www.lvbaseball.org

Lenape Valley Soccer www.lvscsoccer.com

Lenape Valley Softball www.lvsoftball.org

Lenape Valley Football & Cheerleading www.lvindians.com



CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH US!

New Britain Township and the Boroughs of Chalfont and New Britain

ANNUAL TRI-MUNICIPAL PARADE

Wednesday, July 4, 2012 Starting at 9:30 a.m.

Parade begins at Town Center (Route 202/Giant), travels 202 South to 152 North and ends at North Branch Park on Park Ave.

Bring your lawn chairs and watch your Hometown Community Parade go by with marching bands, scout troops, antique cars, decorated floats, fire trucks and more!

13th ANNUAL FLOAT CONTEST

Get creative and strut your stuff! Great prizes are awarded for most original, most humorous, and most patriotic floats.

No experience required!

CANNED FOOD COLLECTION

Cub Scout Pack #133 will be leading the Parade and collecting Canned Food items along their way. All the food will be donated and delivered to the New Britain Food Larder after the Parade.

PARADE SPONSORS NEEDED

Local Businesses are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the Parade or to become a Sponsor.

Sponsor are listed on the Township Website and in the Township Newsletter. A flag-shaped Sponsor Sign will be created for each donation of \$50 or more and posted at North Branch Park, the Parade's end.

For more information, to participate or to sponsor, please contact Angela Pomeisl at apomeisl@newbritaintownship.org or at 215-822-1391. Information and forms are available on our Township Website.



4TH OF JULY VETERANS CEREMONY

Join New Britain Township along with local Veterans in a patriotic ceremony immediately following this year's Tri-Municipal 4th of July Parade.

The ceremony will be held at North Branch Park at the site of the recently installed Veterans Monument, located in the rear of the Municipal Building, near the entrance to the park fields, where the parade will conclude.

The ceremony has become an integral part of the Annual 4th of July Parade festivities.

On hand for the ceremony will be representatives of New Britain Township, St. Jude's Select Children's Choir, Loch Rannoch Pipe Band, and local Veterans.

For additional information on Veterans Committee events contact Angela Benner at abenner@newbritaintownship.org



Township Meeting Information is posted at the Administration Building and can also be found on our website at www.newbritaintownship.org and on Cable Channel 38.

Township Administration Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Monday through Friday

The Board of Supervisors
William B. Jones.- Chair
A. James Scanzillo-Vice Chair
Helen B. Haun, Member
Robert V. Cotton, Member

New Britain Township 207 Park Avenue Chalfont, PA 18914 Telephone: 215-822-1391

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