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Board of Supervisors

Welcome everyone from the lazy hazy summer days to the busy fall season. There have been a few changes in the Township since our last newsletter.....one farewell and one new beginning. First a thank you to Randy Teschner for his service to the township.



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After more than 40 years of dedicated service to New Britain Township, Randy retired with a remarkable legacy of commitment, professionalism, reliability, and good humor. Randy began his Township career on November 18, 1985, with the Road Crew before moving into Code Enforcement and later becoming a Building Inspector and Fire Marshal. Throughout his career, he supported public safety, emergency preparedness, and Township operations, including playing key roles during severe winter storms, Tropical Storm Floyd, and the rescue of a woman who fell into Lake Galena. He also served on Township committees, continued extensive professional training, and was a longtime member and former Fire Chief of the Chalfont Fire Company. Randy's more than four decades of service have made a lasting impact on the Township and community. We extend our sincere thanks and best wishes for a well-deserved retirement filled with family, rest, and happiness.

The second is welcoming our new Township Manager Nick Valla.

On June 15, the Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Nick Valla as New Britain Township Manager. Nick is joining us from Middletown Township where he served as the Assistant Manager. He ventured from California to continue his education in Public Administration and liked Pennsylvania so much that he stayed. Nick has worked in this arena for the last 8 years. The Board of Supervisors are looking forward to partnering with Nick to bring New Britain Township to the next level of service and partnership with our residents.

Joining Nick in this endeavor is our newly promoted Assistant Manager, Alexandria Mullin. Congratulations to both of you!

A heartfelt thank you to all the staff, volunteers and sponsors who have made these past events so enjoyable... Veterans Lucky Bingo, Easter Egg Hunt, Rain Barrel workshop and our big July 4th Parade celebrating America's 250th.

Wishing everyone a happy autumn filled abundance and gratitude and a warm and joyful winter celebrating the holiday season with your loved ones.



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Message from Township Manager Nick Valla

I am honored to serve as the Township Manager for New Britain Township and am excited to become part of this outstanding community.

Before joining New Britain Township, I spent eight years with Middletown Township, where I most recently served as Assistant Township Manager. During that time, I had the opportunity to work on a wide range of municipal initiatives, including budget development, infrastructure improvements, grant funding, public safety projects, and sustainability efforts. I was fortunate to be part of a team that secured nearly \$10 million in grant funding to support important community investments and helped advance projects that received statewide recognition for innovation.

These experiences have strengthened my passion for local government and my commitment to providing responsive, transparent, and effective public service.

Since arriving in June, I have enjoyed meeting residents, getting to know our dedicated staff, and learning more about what makes New Britain Township such a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. I look forward to working alongside the Board of Supervisors, Township staff, our volunteers, and community partners as we continue to build on the Township's strong foundation and advance priorities that benefit our residents.

Thank you for the warm welcome. I look forward to serving the New Britain Township community and helping shape an exciting future together.



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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.

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

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The Board of Supervisors

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

A message regarding E-Bikes and Other Mobility Devices

Electric bicycles, or **E-Bikes**, are becoming more popular on our roadways. Unfortunately, we are observing issues with E-Bike riders not obeying traffic laws. Just like with regular bicycles, operators are required to obey all traffic laws, signs signals, like traffic lights and stop signs. Since E-Bikes are powered by an electric motor, many times they travel faster than a bicycle and if the operator is not stopping at traffic lights and stop signs, this can cause a major hazard for motor vehicles and pedestrians. If you own an E-Bike or bicycle and ride them on our roadways, please obey the traffic laws, signs and signals. Officers may issue traffic citations for riders who do not obey the laws.

Electric scooters have also become a popular way to get around, but their legal status in Pennsylvania can be confusing. They too can cause a major hazard for motor vehicles and pedestrians.

What's Important to Know

E-Bikes – Must be 16 or older to operate. May be operated on sidewalks and roadways in Pennsylvania, unless prohibited by local ordinance. They are prohibited on freeways. They are classified as a vehicle, but not a motor vehicle and is exempt from titling, registration, insurance, etc. They should follow laws related to and be treated by motorists the same as a bicycle.

Electric Scooters – They are prohibited on the roadways and may only be operated on private property. Pennsylvania law is quite strict when it comes to electric scooters on public roads. The state considers them vehicles, meaning they are not exempt from titling and registration requirements as set forth by PennDOT and would be required to pass equipment standards and inspection requirements. However, most electric scooters don't have the necessary equipment (like turn signals and mirrors) to meet these registration and inspection requirements. ***This effectively makes them illegal to ride on Pennsylvania roads.*** You might think sidewalks are a safer option, but **Pennsylvania law also prohibits electric scooters on sidewalks - Section 3703 PA Vehicle Code.** The primary place where you can legally ride your electric scooter in Pennsylvania is on private property. If you have a large yard, or obtain permission from a landowner, you can use your scooter there.

Please review the Fact Sheet to learn about the devices and their use in PA:

 PA MICROMOBILITY FACT SHEET												
DESCRIPTION	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX CAPABLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	RIDE ON BIKE LANE	POSSIBLE DUI	PA VEHICLE CODE
 ELECTRIC SCOOTER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	§ 102
Can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.												
 MOTORIZED PEDALCYCLE	16	C	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523(e), § 1714
Has operable pedals. Design speed of no more than 25 mph. Gas - motor rated 1.5 brake horsepower or less, has an automatic transmission. Electric - powered by an electric battery.												
 MOTOR SCOOTER	16	Class M/Class if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525
Is a motor-driven cycle. Motor shall not exceed five brake horsepower.												
 SEGWAY	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c)
Is an electric personal assistive mobility device. An electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is allowed on sidewalks unless a municipality prohibits it.												
 E-BIKE	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514
Is a pedalcycle with electric assist. Weighs less than 100 pounds. Motor not more than 750 watts. Has operable pedals. Not capable going faster than 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												
 BICYCLE	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3501 et seq., § 3802, § 1547
Is a pedalcycle. Is moved solely by human-powered pedals. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												

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May 2021

Electric Dirt Bikes

Technology advancements have now made **electric dirt bikes** more accessible and more powerful; yet because they are battery powered many owners view and treat them as an older child's toy. This misconception can unintentionally cause riders to violate Pennsylvania vehicle laws without realizing it.

In short, electric dirt bikes are illegal to ride anywhere except private property, which is the same as any gas-powered dirt bike, ATV, etc.

Below is a breakdown of how Pennsylvania law applies to electric dirt bikes, how they are defined, and where you can legally ride them.



Rules of the Road

Pennsylvania law regarding electric dirt bikes is more complex than many riders expect and is applied based on the specific design and performance features of the device. While unpowered bicycles and certain low-powered E-bikes enjoy more flexible rules, electric dirt bikes are generally treated differently because they lack pedals, have higher power outputs, and can reach speeds well beyond what PA laws allow for pedal-assist devices. As a result, electric dirt bikes are not legal to use on public roadways in Pennsylvania because they do not meet the required safety, lighting, equipment, or construction standards, thus they cannot be titled, registered, or inspected.

Defining an Electric Dirt Bike

Electric dirt bikes vary widely in power, weight, and design. Unlike E-bikes, which must meet a strict definition under Pennsylvania law to qualify as pedalcycles with electric assist, electric dirt bikes generally fall into entirely different vehicle categories. They often exceed brake horsepower or wattage limits, lack pedals, are capable of high speeds, and are typically designed for off-road use. Depending on the manufacturer's specifications, an electric dirt bike may be classified as one of the following:

- Motor-driven cycle
- Motorcycle
- Off-road recreational vehicle

These classifications matter because they determine what legal requirements apply. Even if a manufacturer advertises a dirt bike as "street legal," it may not meet Pennsylvania's specific safety equipment standards, which include lighting, mirrors, braking systems, and other construction elements required for registration. Additionally, they often do not have a proper 17-digit VIN (vehicle identification number), which precludes them from being titled or registered.

How the Laws Apply to Riders

If an electric dirt bike meets the definition of a motor-driven cycle or motorcycle under Pennsylvania law, then it must comply with all regulations for that category. This includes registration with PennDOT, insurance coverage,

and proper inspection where applicable. Riders must also hold a valid Class M driver's license. Likewise, a DOT-approved motorcycle helmet is mandatory for most riders.

If the e-dirt bike does not meet these standards, it cannot be legally operated on public roadways and is restricted to private property or designated off-road riding areas.

Sidewalk Use

Electric dirt bikes cannot be legally operated on public sidewalks in Pennsylvania. While unpowered bicycles and qualifying E-bikes may use sidewalks in certain areas, dirt bikes are classified as motor vehicles and therefore prohibited from sidewalk operation under state law.

Township Parks

Because e-dirt bikes are classified as motor vehicles but cannot be registered or inspected, they are not permitted anywhere in any Township parks.

Where Can I Legally Ride?

The primary lawful locations for using an electric dirt bike include private property (with permission of the property owner) and certain off-road trail systems that specifically permit motorized recreational vehicles.

It is important to verify whether a park or trail system allows electric dirt bikes before riding, as many trail networks restrict motorized use to protect the environment and ensure the safety of other trail users.

Staying Informed

If you are unsure whether your electric dirt bike meets Pennsylvania's requirements for on-road operation, or if you have questions about where you may legally ride, contact the New Britain Township Police Department.

An officer can help review the specifications of your dirt bike and explain how the law applies to your specific situation. Riders should also stay informed about updates to state laws, as regulations regarding electric mobility devices can evolve as these technologies continue to grow in popularity.

PennDOT Mopeds, Motor-Driven Cycles and Motorcycles Fact Sheet: <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pennDOT/documents/public/dvspubsforms/bmv/bmv-fact-sheets/fs-momo.pdf>

New Britain Township Police Department

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

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

Bucks County Emergency

Communications – 215-328-8508



Stay up to date on the latest crime and safety information and stay tuned for police department hosted events such as Making Spirits Bright and Coffee with a Cop.

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 to the left.



National Drug Take Back is October 24th 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.

Safety Tip

With winter and colder weather nearly upon us it is tempting to warm up our vehicles or leave them running and unlocked when stopping at a convenience store for a hot cup of coffee. We want to help you from becoming a victim. Please refer to the following tips:

- Do not leave your vehicle running without supervision
- Always lock your car
- Do not leave anything valuable in plain sight, such as loose change, cash, electronics, purse, wallet, etc.



SCAM ALERT: KNOW HOW TO PAY NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP

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If Unsure, Contact Us Directly:

Township Administration Office:
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nbt@nbtpa.us



Fire Marshal's Safety Corner

As the seasons change and colder weather approaches, the New Britain Township Fire Marshal's Office encourages residents to take a few simple steps to help keep their homes and families safe throughout the fall and winter months.

- **Heating Safety:** Have furnaces, boilers, and heating systems inspected and serviced annually by a qualified professional. Keep combustible materials away from heating equipment and never use ovens or stoves to heat your home.
- **Space Heater Precautions:** If using portable space heaters, keep them at least three feet away from furniture, bedding, curtains, and other combustible materials. Always turn them off, or unplug the unit, when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms:** Test all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly and replace batteries as needed. Carbon monoxide incidents increase during the heating season, making working detectors especially important. If the alarm sounds, don't assume it's false. Get outside and call 9-1-1.
- **Fireplace and Chimney Safety:** Have chimneys inspected and cleaned regularly. Burn only appropriate materials and allow ashes to cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container away from structures.
- **Holiday Decorating Safety:** Inspect holiday lights and extension cords for damage before use. Avoid overloading electrical outlets and never leave candles unattended. Consider using battery-operated candles as a safer alternative.
- **Generator Safety:** During winter storms and power outages, operate generators outdoors only and at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents. Never use generators inside garages, basements, or enclosed spaces.

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 enjoyable fall and winter season for all residents of New Britain Township.



Community Events Bringing Neighbors Together - Susan Gelb

Spring brought a variety of community events to New Britain Township, made possible by the dedication of our committees, volunteers, and staff. These gatherings provided opportunities for residents of all ages to connect and celebrate the strong sense of community, volunteerism, and civic pride that make New Britain Township a special place to live, work, and play.



Veterans Committee's Bingo Night Brings the Fun and the Funds

NBT Veterans Committee hosted a fun and well-attended Bingo Night to raise funds for the continued maintenance, preservation, and upkeep of the Veterans Memorial at New Britain Township and Veterans Park.

Attendees enjoyed 15 rounds of Bingo featuring a variety of prizes for both men and women, along with exciting raffle opportunities throughout the night. The event created a lively atmosphere of friendly competition, laughter, and community connection. The Veterans Committee expresses its gratitude for overwhelming community support.

Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Easter Bunny

Despite a cold and windy day in April, families gathered for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Easter Bunny. The event was filled with smiles, laughter, and plenty of excitement as children searched for eggs and enjoyed the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny.

Spring Yard Waste Collection Encourages Eco-Friendly Habits

New Britain Township's annual Spring Yard Waste Drop-Off Week was a success, giving residents a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of yard debris. The program supports the Township's commitment to a cleaner, greener community, and staff appreciated residents' cooperation throughout the event.

Second Annual Rain Barrel Workshop Promotes Sustainable Water Use

The New Britain Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), in partnership with the Bucks County Master Watershed Stewards, recently hosted its second annual Rain Barrel Workshop at Highlands Park. The hands-on event provided residents with an opportunity to learn practical, sustainable water conservation techniques while assembling their own fully functional rain barrels. All materials were included in the \$60 registration fee.

Following the strong community response, the Environmental Advisory Council plans to continue offering similar educational workshops and programs in the future to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability.



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Community E-Recycling and Shredding Events Support Clean Living

The Tri-Municipal E-Recycling Event and New Britain Township's Paper Shredding Event were both well attended, providing residents with convenient and secure ways to recycle electronics and dispose of confidential documents. The success of these programs reflects the community's commitment to sustainability, responsible waste management, and environmental stewardship.



Fourth of July Parade

New Britain Township, together with Chalfont Borough and New Britain Borough, united to celebrate 250 years of American independence, sacrifice, innovation, and hope. As we reflected on our shared history and the achievements that have shaped our nation, we also looked ahead with pride and optimism toward the future we are building together.

Community members, families, organizations, and businesses joined in the celebration, participating in a vibrant parade featuring colorful floats, fire trucks, live music, classic cars, civic groups, local leaders, and our honored veterans. The event showcased the spirit, pride, and unity that continue to strengthen our community and our country.

Looking Ahead

New Britain Township is already looking ahead to future events, including exciting new fall and winter programs, including Movie Nights in the Park this Fall. Township officials extend their sincere gratitude to the volunteers, sponsors, community organizations, and residents support help make these events successful year after year.

Get Involved and Stay Connected!

Residents are encouraged to stay connected and get involved in the many programs, activities, and special events offered throughout the year. Attend events, support local businesses, and consider volunteering—we'd love your help!

For volunteer and sponsorship opportunities or questions, contact Susan Gelb at sgelb@nbtpa.us or 215-822-1391, ext. 110.

Follow us on social media and subscribe to the Township website for updates and event information.





Fall Festival

Local Vendors | Inflatables | Petting Zoo
Touch-A-Truck | Pumpkin Decorating
Food Trucks | Live Entertainment | Games



19

Sept. 2026
10am - 3pm

North Branch Park

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Entry

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Family Movie Night

North Branch Park
October 3rd, 2026

Stay tuned for more details!

double feature | food vendors

Bring blankets & chairs!

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HALLOWEEN & HARVEST HOME DECORATING CONTEST

Showcase your best decorations and enter for a chance to win a prize!
Categories: Most Creative, Spookiest, Best Overall Display & Best Seasonal Display
Winners will be announced on November 2nd
Register by October 15th at the New Britain Township office or online at
www.newbritaintownship.org

New Britain Township's Halloween & Harvest Home Decorating Contest

Contest Rules & Participant Application Form

Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Category (circle one): Most Creative / Spookiest / Best Overall Display / Best Seasonal Display

Thank you for participating in the New Britain Township's Haunted House Contest! This contest is intended to celebrate community spirit and creativity while showcasing the seasonal decorations of New Britain Township residents.

Eligibility & Participation

The contest is open to residents of New Britain Township only. Members of the Parks & Recreation Board and Township staff will serve as judges, as well as members of their immediate household, are not eligible.

Contest Categories & Judging

Winners will be selected in: Most Creative, Spookiest, Best Seasonal Display, Best Overall Display. A judging panel of Parks & Recreation Board members and Township staff will evaluate entries. A property may receive only one prize. Judges' decisions are final. Each category winner will receive one (1) \$100 gift card prize.

Display Requirements & Safety

Decorations must comply with all applicable Township ordinances, zoning regulations, fire codes, and HOA requirements. Displays must be family-friendly (PG/PG-13). The Township reserves the right to disqualify any inappropriate display. Participants are responsible for safe installation, maintenance, and operation. Decorations may not obstruct sidewalks, roadways, intersections, traffic devices, fire hydrants, or public rights-of-way. Displays must remain in place through the official judging period, October 28th - 30th.

Photography & Publicity

By entering, participants grant New Britain Township permission to photograph or record their display and use those images, along with the property address, for the Township website, social media, newsletter, and other publications, without additional compensation.

Liability & Township Rights

The Township assumes no responsibility or liability for any injury, loss, damage, theft, or expense arising from participation or from installation, display, or removal of decorations. The Township reserves the right to disqualify any entry not in compliance. New Britain Township reserves the right to modify, suspend, or cancel the contest if necessary.

Participant Acknowledgment: I have read and understand the New Britain Township Seasonal Home Decorating Contest rules and agree to abide by all requirements. I certify that I am the homeowner or have permission from the property owner to enter this property into the contest.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to: New Britain Township Office | www.newbritaintownship.org

2026 NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP EVENTS CALENDAR

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 19th | 10am - 3pm

North Branch Park,
207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA



FALL YARD WASTE COLLECTION

October 13th - October 17th

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

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



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Wednesday, November 11th | 11am

North Branch Park,
207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA



SANTA HOUSE

Friday, December 11th &
Saturday, December 12th | 5-7pm

North Branch Park,
207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA



*All dates are tentative and subject to change
Check www.newbritaintownship.org for the latest news & updates





SANTA HOUSE

at North Branch Park

Bring your little ones for a fun evening filled with joy and wonder.
Join us for photos with Santa Claus, where children can share their holiday wishes
& revel in the magic of the season.

LIVE MUSIC | TREATS | FESTIVE CRAFTS
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2026 | 5 PM - 7 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2026 | 5 PM - 7 PM

207 Park Ave, Chalfont, PA 18914



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North Branch Park Playground Update

The transformation of North Branch Park continues! We're excited to share that the park's brand-new playground has now been installed, marking a major milestone in this long-awaited improvement project.

The new playground features modern, inclusive play equipment designed to encourage active play for children of all abilities. Highlights include slides, swings, climbing features, a fire rescue-themed play structure, interactive musical elements, and accessible play features, all set on a new poured-in-place safety surface. This exciting addition creates a space where more children can play, explore, and enjoy the park together.



Construction is also progressing on the new pavilion, which will provide a covered gathering space for families, community events, and park visitors. Depending on when you read this, you may notice the pavilion is still under construction as work continues.

Please note: The rest of North Branch Park remains open and available for public use. Only the playground and pavilion area is temporarily closed while construction is completed and final inspections are performed. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation in staying out of the fenced construction area.

This project has been a long time coming, and we're thrilled to see it coming together. We can't wait to officially open this beautiful new, ADA-accessible playground and pavilion for the entire community to enjoy. Stay tuned for details on the grand opening!



Fall is for Planting – Plant for the Deer

Feeding wildlife can unintentionally do more harm than good. Artificial feeding sites concentrate animals in small areas, increasing the spread of diseases through direct contact, saliva, urine, feces, contaminated feed, and soil. This can contribute to the transmission of diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), mange, and other illnesses that affect Pennsylvania's wildlife. Feeding corn or other high-carbohydrate foods can also cause fatal digestive disorders, including lactic acidosis and hoof abnormalities in deer.

Artificial feeding also alters natural behavior. Wildlife may become dependent on people, lose their natural wariness, experience increased competition and stress at feeding sites, and degrade surrounding habitat through overuse.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission recommends improving habitat instead of feeding wildlife. Planting native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers provides natural food sources, nesting areas, and year-round cover while supporting healthy wildlife populations. Mast-producing trees, berry-producing shrubs, and native flowering plants benefit deer, birds, pollinators, and many other species.

Winter stewardship is equally important. Leaving stems, seed heads, and fallen leaves in place provides overwintering habitat for native bees, nesting material for birds, shelter for amphibians and reptiles, and natural mulch that protects soil, retains nutrients, and reduces erosion. These simple practices help sustain healthy ecosystems through the winter months.



Bird Boxes

Have you visited West Branch Park lately? The riparian buffer restoration project—launched and supported by the Neshaminy Watershed Association and Master Watershed Stewards since spring 2023—looks absolutely fabulous. Vibrant native plants and trees are quickly filling in the spaces previously mowed by the township. Thanks to the abundant food and water nearby, tree swallows have happily moved into the birdhouses donated to the Environmental Advisory Council's Bird Town committee by Scout Corbin Siller.

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Safe Communities, Safer Skies

New Britain Township is proud to be a Bird Town Pennsylvania community. Two simple conservation practices—using dark sky compliant lighting and bird-friendly windows—help protect migrating birds while also benefiting residents.



Pennsylvania lies along the Atlantic Flyway, where millions of birds migrate each spring and fall, navigating by the stars, moon, and Earth's magnetic field. Excessive artificial light can disorient birds at night, while reflective glass causes an estimated 365 million to 1 billion bird deaths annually in the United States because birds cannot distinguish reflections from real habitat.

Dark sky compliant lighting directs light where it is needed, reducing glare, improving nighttime visibility, conserving energy, and minimizing unnecessary light pollution. Research also shows that brighter lighting does not necessarily improve safety.

Residents can help by installing shielded, warm-colored outdoor lighting, using timers or motion sensors, turning off unnecessary lights at night, and making large windows more visible with bird-safe films, patterns, or screens. These simple, voluntary actions support bird conservation while maintaining safe, comfortable neighborhoods.

Voluntary Resident Action Guide

Property owners are invited to consider these simple, optional improvements. Participation is entirely voluntary, and even adopting one or two small changes around your home can make a significant difference for local ecosystems:

- **Fixture Shielding:** Consider installing fully shielded outdoor fixtures directing light downward.
- **Bulb Choice:** Choose warm-colored bulbs (3000K or lower) when replacing old lights.
- **Smart Controls:** Use motion sensors, timers, or dimmers to reduce constant lighting.
- **Nighttime Scheduling:** Voluntarily turn off unnecessary outdoor lighting during overnight hours when possible.
- **Interior Management:** Close blinds or curtains as a personal choice when bright interior lights are visible from outside during migration seasons.
- **Glass Treatments:** Apply bird-safe patterns, decals, or films to large windows, especially those reflecting trees or sky.
- **Window Screens:** Keep exterior screens in place to help reduce reflections and soften impacts.
- **Feeder Safety:** Choose to place bird feeders either within 3 feet of windows or more than 30 feet away to establish safe flight zones.

The Core Principle: *"Turn lights down at night. Make windows visible during the day."*

These voluntary yet practical steps help reduce energy use, lower household utility costs, improve nighttime visibility, and support the migratory and resident birds enriching Bucks County throughout the year.

A Township-Wide Opportunity

As Bird Town Pennsylvania's 101st participating community, New Britain Township has a unique opportunity to demonstrate how grassroots, community-driven environmental stewardship can benefit both wildlife and residents. By exploring dark sky principles and reducing bird-window collisions at home, we can collaboratively help ensure our community remains safe, welcoming, and environmentally responsible for generations to come.

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STORMWATER SMART RESTAURANTS



When water from rain, snow, or sleet flows over the ground, it's called "stormwater." Stormwater can pick up grease, oil, or litter from restaurant parking lots or alleys. And when that stormwater flows into street gutters, storm drains, and downstream, it can pollute rivers, lakes, and streams. Follow these simple pollution solutions to help keep local waterways clean and healthy!



PUT WASTE IN A BIN

Grease and oils can clog pipes and pollute our water. Make sure grease is thrown away in used oil containers and grease traps or recycled, and all food waste goes into trash cans or containers with tops.



AVOID OVERFLOWS

Keep outdoor waste containers away from drains, and make sure they are emptied or collected regularly to avoid overflows.



KEEP A LID ON IT

Remember to close lids tightly on outdoor containers and grease traps, so the rain does not wash waste into the storm drain.



WIPE IT UP

If you spill oil or grease outside, soak it up with absorbent materials. Sweep up trash and food scraps, then dispose in a garbage can.



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Per Township Ordinance, 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.



Leaf Waste Disposal

As a reminder, leaf waste and other yard waste must be bagged and disposed of properly, either by your trash hauler or at a designated facility. The Township holds two-yard waste collection events per year at the Township Building. The next Township yard waste collection will be held during the week of October 13th, 2026

Leaf waste and other yard waste is not permitted to be deposited on roadways or in roadside swales. Per 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 the Tree Care and Maintenance Ordinance, 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.

Snow Removal Reminders

The Public Works Department is responsible for salting and plowing all Township-owned roadways and facilities.

- Salting begins soon after snow starts to fall. Plowing commences after an accumulation of at least 2 inches of snow.
- It takes an average of 6 to 8 hours for the Public Works Department to plow all Township roads after the snowfall has ended. Please be patient!
- DO NOT put trash can containers or recycling bins in the street, as they will get hit by the plow.
- The Township Snow Ordinance requires you to remove your vehicle from the roadway after one (1) hour of continuous snowfall. Do not place it back in the street until the road has been completely cleared.
- Have on hand a flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares), and blankets. For long trips, add food, water, medication, and phone.
- If you have any concerns with plowing of the Township Roads, you can place a Request for Service: newbritaintownship.org or call the Township line at **215-822-3698**.



Winter Driving Tips

- Buckle up & use child safety seats properly.
- Never place a rear facing infant seat in front of an airbag.
- Always use headlights during inclement weather.
- Allow extra time to get where you are going.
- Always keep your gas tank full.
- Clear snow & ice completely from your vehicle before driving.
- Maintain a safe distance of at least six car lengths behind a snowplow.
- Do not pass a snowplow. Plow blades are wider than the truck itself.
- Be safe by always remaining alert.



Fall Yard Waste Collection

October 13th - October 17th

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am - 2:30pm

Saturday 8:00am - 12pm

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Please contact our Event Coordinator, Susan Gelb, at sgelb@nbtpa.us or call 215-822-1391 ext. 110.

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New Britain Township partnered with Titan Shredding and hosted an event on May 2nd, 2026.



Residents came together for a convenient and secure way to dispose of unwanted documents.



Together, the community collected **4,875 pounds** of paper waste for shredding and recycling.



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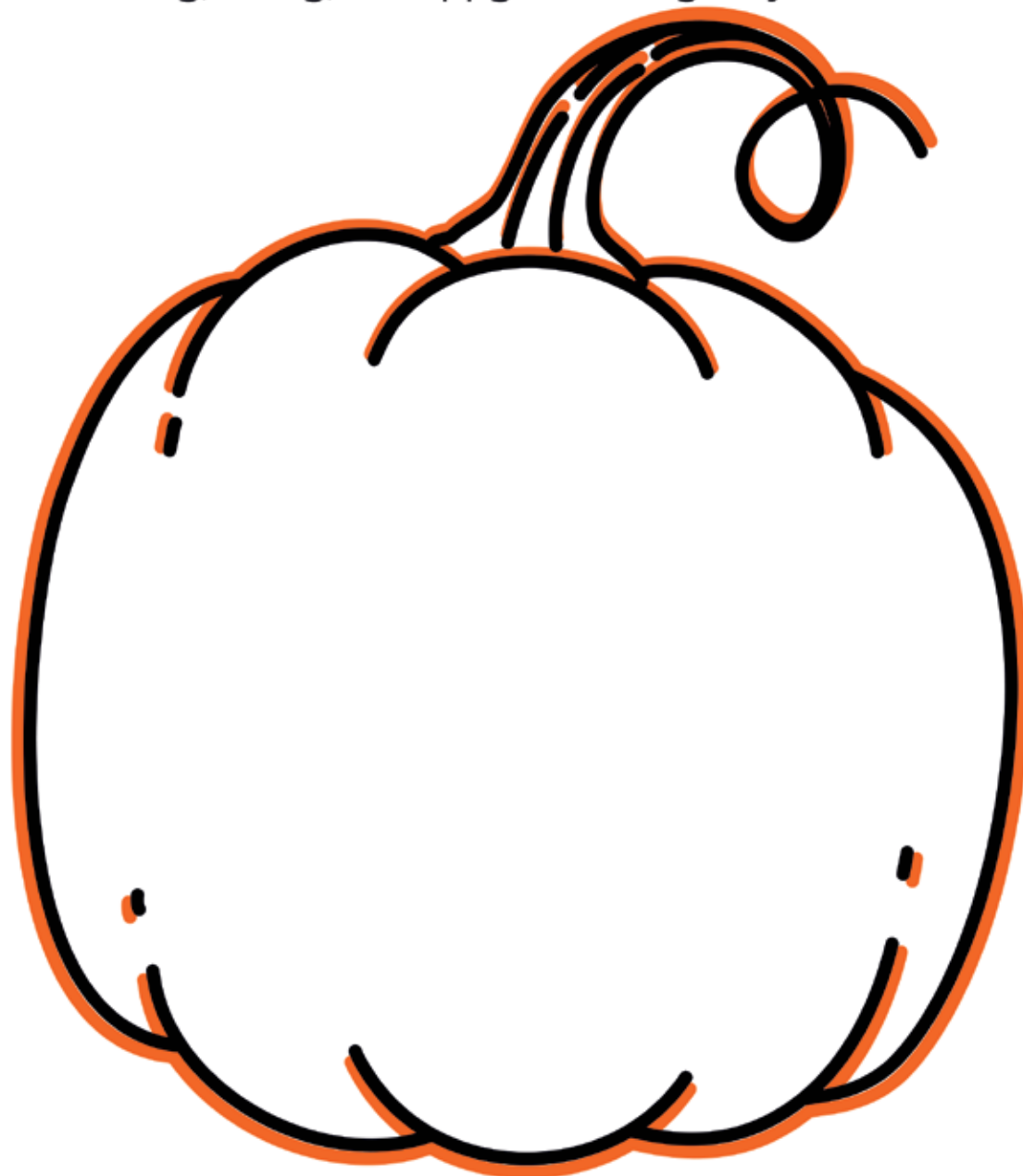
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My Jack-O'-Lantern

Draw a silly, scary, or happy face on your jack-o'-lantern!



Return your completed pumpkin to the Township Building by October 1st, 2026. All entries will be displayed in the lobby throughout the Halloween season.

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REQUEST FOR SERVICE

Have a Township issue to report? Let us know!

Did you notice a pothole, drainage concern, road issue, or another problem that needs our attention?

Submit a "Request for Service" on the New Britain Township website.

This form lets you share details, location, & which department/staff member should receive it.

Requests for Service are for routine Township matters only & are not monitored for emergencies.

For emergencies, call 911.

Submit a Request for Service:
www.newbritaintownship.com/information/request-for-service/

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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

News from Nicole Percetti, the Tax Collector

All County/Township & School tax bills have been issued for the year, if you did not receive your bill, please contact me, and I will be happy to send you an additional copy.

The deadline to apply for the Pennsylvania rebate on rent and property taxes has been extended to December 31, 2026. Income limits have increased this year to \$48,110, excluding 50% of Social Security benefits. I have instruction and application booklets available at the Township Building or you can apply online at my.path.pa.gov.



Central Bucks School District also offers a rebate program. This initiative is modeled after Pennsylvania's existing rebate program and provides a rebate from the district equal to 50% of the state rebate up to \$750. To qualify, you must have been approved for the state rebate and provide the required documents listed on the application. Applications will be accepted July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. I have applications available at the Township Building or you can apply online at cbsd.org/departments/business/property-tax-rebate

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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.



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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
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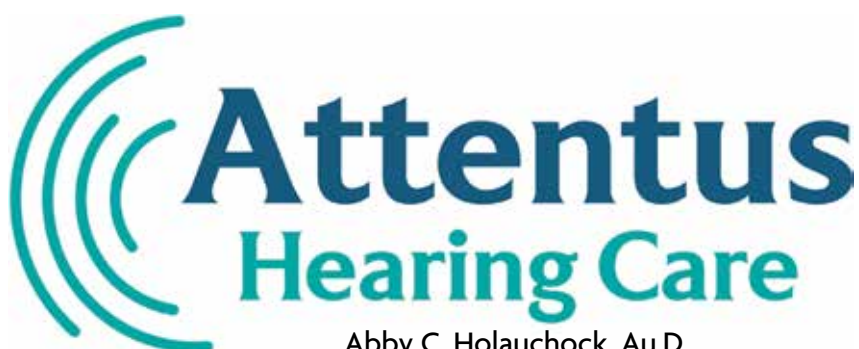
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