

Please join the NBIM & the NBPL for the
45th Anniversary Presentation of the

NIGHT OF FIRES

Jimmy Golon will present a history and images of
the fires that New Britain fought for
3 days in June of 1971.

Thursday June 2, 2016
7:00 PM

Community Room,
New Britain Public Library
20 High Street

New Britain, Connecticut, Thursday, June 3, 1971

Fires rage out of control during night

Several suspects questioned:

*Hundreds inspect fire scenes,
firemen called back to Emhart*



Homes Destroyed

Only a chimney and charred ruins remain of apartments on Franklin Street in New Britain Thursday after flames swept through the area, destroying a nearby lumber company and leaving two families homeless. See story on page 1. (Courant Photo by Robert B. Ficks).

Lumber Company Destroyed

Flames leap skyward at the New Britain Lumber Co. on Elm Street in New Britain Wednesday night as crowd gathers to watch the largest blaze in the city's history. Shortly after the lumber yard fire, the abandoned Emhart building nearby was engulfed in flames. When it was over, seven blocks

of buildings and tenement houses were destroyed. Fire Chief Stephen J. Kelly said the fires were set and police began rounding up suspects Thursday (Courant Photo by Robert B. Ficks).