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Our Twenty-Fourth Year!

December 2010

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Borough Hall Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm
Tuesday Eve 5 – 8 pm
Friday 9 - Noon



Annual Tree Lighting
Friday, December 10
7 p.m.
Lucas Park

*Happy Holidays from
Mayor, Council, and
Gibbsboro employees!*



Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Set

Santa to Make Special Appearance!

Mark you calendars! The Borough will host its annual tree lighting at Lucas Park (Foster and Clementon Roads) on Friday, December 10 at 7 pm. Denise Hojnowski, Miss Gibbsboro 2010, will be the guest of honor and light the town tree promptly at 7.

The annual event will include seasonal music and the arrival of Santa Claus. Following the arrival of Santa, the Gibbsboro Elementary School will be open for hot chocolate, cookies, and special entertainment supplied by local school children.



The Gibbsboro Fire Company is sponsoring **Breakfast with Santa!**

December 12, 2010

8:00AM to 12:00PM

Come on down and enjoy a Pancake Breakfast
with the Jolly Ole' Man himself

Santa Claus
\$6.00 per Person



Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

Recycle used motor oil.

Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations



Clean up after your pet

Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.



Dispose of yard waste properly

Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Don't litter

Place litter in trash receptacles.

Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

Participate in community cleanups.



Keep pollution out of storm drains

Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Don't feed wildlife

Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites :

www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water Quality

Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control

Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program

(609) 633-7021



www.cleanwaternj.org



Dear Residents and Business Owners:

In accordance with the Borough's Tier A Municipal Storm Water General Permit, the Governing Body has adopted various ordinances to regulate the impact of storm water and pollutants on the environment. As part of our required Local Public Education Program, we are sending this letter to you annually to highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of these Ordinances. The following describes the Ordinances in the Municipal Code:

1. Pet Waste: This Ordinance requires all pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or private property. This requirement prevents fecal contamination from impacting our local waterways.
2. Litter: This Ordinance states that it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard, or otherwise place litter of any nature on any public or private property, other than a litter receptacle. This requirement has been adopted to prevent all types of litter from cluttering public streets and private property and prevents litter from impacting our waterways.
3. Improper Disposal of Waste: This Ordinance states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place other than a proper solid waste storage container. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.
4. Wildlife Feeding: Feeding of water fowl on municipal park land or property is prohibited by Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce water fowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria from fecal matter which is harmful to humans and fish populations.
5. Yard Waste: This Ordinance has been created to establish a system for the placement and collection of leaves, brush, and other yard wastes. The purpose of the Ordinance is to keep leaves, grass and other yard waste out of the storm water inlets and piping, and ultimately out of our waterways.
6. Illicit Connections: It is unlawful to connect any pipe or discharge to the municipal storm sewer system that is intended to discard, spill, or dump any substance other than storm water or groundwater (via sump discharge) into the system. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent contamination of our streams and waterways which receive discharge from our storm sewers.

The transport of pollutants into local streams and water bodies can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife, and habitats; threats to public health and the loss of recreational and aesthetic value.

The Governing Body has enacted the above listed Ordinances to protect our environment, and to keep pollutants that are commonly conveyed by storm water from adversely impacting our waterways and groundwater supplies. These ordinances can be found in the Section 343 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Gibbsboro or on the official Borough web site www.gibbsboroughtownhall.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edward G. Campbell, III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward G. Campbell, III
Mayor

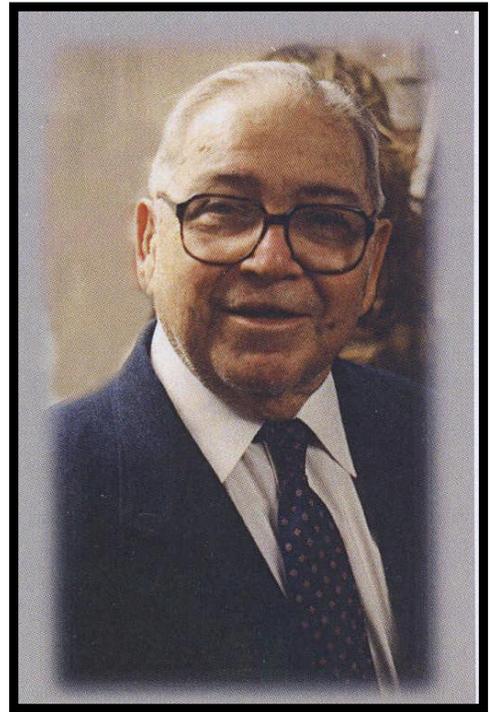


Fire House Gets New Roof

Construction recently completed construction on a new roof for the Fire Company. The governing body took advantage of the recession and excellent construction bids to convert the roof from a flat style to an “A” frame. The Fire Company has begun additional renovations inside the building.

Local Businessman Trims Tree

Gibbsboro resident John Foxhill of F&C Tree Service is pictured below during the annual tree trimming in the Triangle Memorial. For more than a decade John has donated his time and equipment to ensure the annual tree lighting is a success. **Thanks John!**



Howard Campbell “Soupy” Johnston Feb 8, 1925 – Oct 16, 2010

In Memoriam

Our community lost a long time resident and servant of the people in October. Campbell served more than a quarter century as Gibbsboro’s representative to the Eastern Regional Board of Education and later as a member of the Gibbsboro Board of Education. He actively followed the progress of Gibbsboro students through Eastern and long after their graduation, becoming a life long friend to many.



**BOROUGH OF
GIBBSBORO
49 KIRKWOOD ROAD
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**

**PRSRT STD
U. S. POSTAGE PAID
CHERRY HILL, NJ
PERMIT NO. 118**

**LOCAL POSTAL PATRON
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
DECEMBER				
Monday	12/6	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	12/8	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Friday	12/10	Annual Tree Lighting	7:00 p.m.	Lucas Park
Sunday	12/12	Breakfast w/Santa Fundraiser	8:00 a.m. - Noon	Fire Hall
Monday	12/13	Final Leaf Collection Begins		
Monday	12/13	Senior Citizens Holiday Party	6:30 p.m.	American Legion
Tuesday	12/14	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Tuesday p.m.	12/21	BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
Friday	12/24			
Monday	12/27			
Tuesday	12/28	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Friday	12/31	BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY JANUARY		
Monday	1/3	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	1/5	Council – Annual Reorganization Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	1/11	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	1/11	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Tuesday	1/25	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
FEBRUARY				
Monday	2/7	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	2/8	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	2/8	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Wednesday	2/9	Council	7:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	2/22	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Saturday	2/26	<u>Free Rabies Clinic</u>	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Fire Hall Hilliards Road
Monday	2/28	Last Day to Purchase 2011 Dog/Cat Licenses without Late Fee.	.	Borough Hall