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Our Twenty-Second Year!

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Borough Hall Office Hours

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



REMINDERS

ANNUAL RABIES CLINIC
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
GIBBSBORO FIRE HALL

DOG LICENSE RENEWALS
DUE BY FEBRUARY 28.

NJDOT Awards \$78.75 Million to New Jersey Municipalities

\$150K Marked for Gibbsboro

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) Commissioner Kris Kolluri recently announced that the NJDOT will award \$78.75 million in Municipal Aid to fund street improvement, rehabilitation and safety projects in 438 New Jersey towns, including \$150 thousand for Alden Road phase II in Gibbsboro.

The Municipal Aid program is directly funded by the Transportation Trust Fund. NJDOT allots each county a specific funding amount based on its population and road mileage and distributes funds to towns based on field investigations and engineering evaluations of proposed projects. NJDOT provides 75 percent of the grant amount to the municipalities when award a contract and the remaining 25 percent upon completion of the project.

NJ DOT's Municipal Aid program is popular and competitive. This year, NJDOT will fund 440 of the 835 grant requests received. Funding for this popular program is limited to \$78.75 million; NJDOT received over \$237 million in requests.

Environmental Commission Leads Hilliards Creek Trail Cleanup

On Saturday, November 17, 2007 members of the Environmental Commission and volunteers spent several hours cleaning up the nature trail in the Hilliards Creek Wildlife Preserve, located behind the Post Office on Kirkwood Road. Led by Environmental Commission Chair Ghislaine Griswold the workers included Jennifer Belko, and sons Michael (7) and Jared Martin (13), Gary Dodd and daughter Julie, Jack Flynn and son Tim, Pat and Councilman Jack Croghan, Ellen Egan, and Mayor Ed Campbell. The Borough extends its gratitude to those that helped to improve the path and open space area.

The Gibbsboro Environmental Commission is looking for new members. The Environmental Commission is an advisory Board appointed by the Mayor. Its members are volunteers, anyone with an interest in environmental issues. The Commission reviews applications brought before the Planning and Zoning Boards for environmental impacts, and provides comments and recommendations to those Boards.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall on Kirkwood Road. All meetings are open to the public. If you have any concerns about environmental issues, please come to a meeting. If you are interested in joining the Commission, please contact the Commission chair, Ghislaine Griswold, at 856-346-1004 or ggriswold4@comcast.net.



Library Happenings

If you haven't visited the Gibbsboro Library in awhile, you need to come in and see how it has changed! Thanks to several state grants awarded over the past few years, we have been able to expand the technology offered to our patrons. We now have two computers available to the public for research, homework, or emailing; a 40-inch LCD TV for movie viewing; and new furnishings and shelving that give our library a fresh, updated look. These grants also have enabled us to spruce up our children's room with new furnishings and a lovely wall mural. Painted by Cherry Hill muralist/artist Susan Marshall, the mural features Silver Lake and the smoke stacks of the Paintworks, as well as surrounding wildlife.

Gibbsboro Library offers all the latest best-sellers, many in large print. Magazines as well as books can be borrowed for three weeks. We carry 40 different magazines, including new subscriptions to Diabetic Cooking, Prevention, Family Handyman, Entertainment Weekly, Fitness and More. Our DVD collection now includes more than 300 titles. DVDs can be borrowed for one week, and the fine is \$1 per day per DVD past due. Each library patron is allowed to borrow up to three DVDs at a time.

Please check our library events listed below:

Afternoon at the Movies: Every Monday from 1-3 p.m., adult patrons are invited to select and view a movie from our DVD collection and then have a discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

Kid's Book Bingo: Every Thursday from 3:30-4 p.m., we will hold a Kid's Book Bingo Tournament. We will play a bingo game that features famous kid's book titles rather than numbers. Winners will receive prizes.

If you are a student who needs to earn community service hours, please contact the Gibbsboro Library at 435-3656. We are always in need of helping hands, and would love to have some new volunteers.



**2008 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION
BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO, COUNTY OF CAMDEN**

1. Enclose check or money order payable to: Borough of Gibbsboro.

Per Dog (includes State fees) \$ 10.00

Additional Fees: Non-neutered/Non-spayed Dogs \$ 3.00
Late Fee (for payments after 2/28/08) \$ 3.00
2. Enclose current rabies certificate, valid through October 2008, and proof of neutering or spaying.
3. Enclose Veterinarian's certificate stating your dog has been neutered or spayed. If you do not have a certificate, add three dollars (\$3.00) to the cost of the license.
4. Complete and return application to Borough of Gibbsboro, 49 Kirkwood Road, Gibbsboro, NJ 08026.
5. If mailing payment, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

IF PAYING IN PERSON, PLEASE HAVE EXACT CHANGE.

Thank you for your cooperation, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Borough Hall at (856) 783-6655.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Dog: Male Female Breed: _____ Age: _____
Hair: Long Short Medium

Color and markings: _____ Name: _____

Address at which dog will be kept, if different from above:

Rabies Inoculation Expires: _____ Number: _____ (Mandatory)
Neutered _____ Spayed _____ (enclose veterinarian's certificate)

License Fee: \$ 8.80
State Fee: \$ 1.20
Additional Fees* \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

* Additional Fees: Non-neutered/Non-spayed Dogs \$3.00; Late Fee (After February 28th) \$3.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Tuesday	2/12	Planning Board	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	2/12	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Wednesday	2/13	Council	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	2/14	Municipal Court	5 p.m.	Borough Hall
Saturday	2/16	Hoagie Sale	10 a.m. - Noon	Fire House
Monday	2/18	Presidents' Day – Holiday BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED		
Saturday	2/23	Rabies Clinic	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Fire House
Tuesday	2/26	Zoning Board	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	2/27	Council	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	2/28	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	2/28	Last Day to Register Dogs		
Sunday	3/2	Breakfast with Easter Bunny	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Fire House
Monday	3/3	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	3/11	Planning Board	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	3/11	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Wednesday	3/12	Council	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Saturday	3/15	Easter Egg Hunt	10 a.m.	Cricket Field
Saturday	3/15	Hoagie Sale	10 a.m. - Noon	Fire House
Thursday	3/20	Municipal Court	5 p.m.	Borough Hall
Saturday	3/22	Easter Egg Hunt – RAIN DATE	10 a.m.	Cricket Field
Tuesday	3/25	Zoning Board	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	3/26	Council	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	3/27	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Sunday	4/6	Pancake Breakfast	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Fire House

Phone Numbers

Borough Hall	783-6655
Borough Clerk	Extension 105
Municipal Court	Extension 104
Construction Office	Extension 107
Public Works	784-2111
Gibbsboro Library	435-3656
Sewer Emergencies (Bommer Plumbing)	783-6721 *** 24 HOUR SERVICE ***
Gas Leaks	1-800-582-7060 *** ALSO CALL 911 ***
New Jersey One Call (Utility Mark Out)	1-800-272-1000
Police/Fire	911

2007 General Tax Rates Camden County

Audubon Borough	2.647
Audubon Park Borough	7.088
Barrington Borough	3.062
Bellmawr Borough	2.876
Berlin Borough	2.417
Berlin Township	2.835
Brooklawn Borough	2.603
Camden City	2.668
Cherry Hill Twp	2.496
Chesilhurst Borough	2.646
Clementon Borough	3.147
Collingswood Borough	2.621
Gibbsboro Borough	2.593
Gloucester City	2.589
Gloucester Twp	2.751
Haddon Township	2.796
Haddonfield Borough	2.536
Haddon Heights Borough	2.786
Hi Nella Borough	3.334
Laurel Springs Borough	3.417
Lawnside Borough	3.155
Lindenwold Borough	3.582
Magnolia Borough	3.266
Merchantville Borough	2.767
Mount Ephraim Borough	3.259
Oaklyn Borough	3.030
Pennsauken Township	2.802
Pine Hill Borough	3.252
Pine Valley Borough	1.455
Runnemede Borough	3.065
Somerdale Borough	3.340
Stratford Borough	3.337
Tavistock Borough	1.319
Voorhees Township	2.615
Waterford Township	2.765
Winslow Township	2.547
Woodlynne Borough	4.137

Source: NJ Department of the Treasury, Taxation Division. <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/lpt/gtr07cam.pdf>

Rates are “dollars of tax per \$100 market value. Rates are normalized to 100% market value. Actual tax rates equal the effective tax rate divided by the equalization ratio.

A Message from our Construction Official

Why do I need a building or zoning permit?

In 1975 the State of New Jersey adopted "the Uniform Construction Code Act" and "the Municipal Land Use Law." The "Uniform Construction Code" establishes standardized construction regulations throughout the state. As a result, all of our sub-code officials (Construction, Building, Electrical, Fire, and Plumbing) officials and inspectors are licensed and held accountable by the state of New Jersey to those standards. Under the Municipal Land Use Law, the local governing body can adopt a Zoning Ordinance to regulate local land use. Our local government has chosen to do this. This is why you have to get zoning approval and building permits before you start a project. These laws and rules also establish objective standards against which inspections are performed following the completion of all work.

What is the process to install a shed or pool?

Sheds and swimming pools require a zoning permit regardless of the size. While some sheds or pools may be installed without the need for a building permit, many require permits and even variances. We strongly recommend that you visit the construction office early in the planning stage so that the permit or approval process does not impede your summer plans. If you have any doubts or questions call the office for an opinion.

If I sell, rent, or lease my house or other building do I have to apply for a "Continuing Certificate of Occupancy" or CCO?

Yes. The person that will occupy your home or building is entitled to a reasonably safe place to live or work. Since the Borough began requiring CCOs, the quality of the structures in our town has greatly improved. This has improved the quality of our housing stock and improved the underlying insurance risk for underwriters, benefiting everyone in our town.

These laws are not meant to hurt anyone; they are made to protect the public.

My office is open every Tuesday from noon to 4 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm, Thursday 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm, and Friday from 9 am to noon. For more information call (856) 783 - 6655 ext 107.

Regards,

John E. White,
Construction Official & Zoning Officer



Mayor Ed Campbell and Borough Engineer Greg Fusco at NJSME Awards Ceremony in Atlantic City

New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers (NJSME) Recognizes Gibbsboro Bikeway

The New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, at its annual meeting in Atlantic City on November 14, recognized twelve projects statewide for engineering excellence including our own bikeway. The Gibbsboro Bikeway was one of two recreation projects to be honored.

Just three South Jersey projects were recognized. Mayor Ed Campbell and Borough Engineer Greg Fusco of KEI Engineers in Berlin accepted the plaque on behalf of the Borough at the NJSME's annual luncheon at the League of Municipalities Convention.

Land Use Decisions

Zoning Board

An application to demolish a house at 78 Manor Road and construct a new home was continued so a "letter of interpretation" (LOI) may be applied for, and obtained, from NJ DEP establishing wetlands boundaries, if any are present. The property involves an undersized lot.

Historic Preservation Commission

An application for a certificate of appropriateness was recommended for approval to the Planning Board for the construction of a new house at 121 Kirkwood Road.

An application for a certificate of appropriateness to enable the demolition of property on route 561 was heard. The property was demolished without permits or approvals. Issuance of a certificate of appropriateness was recommended to the Planning Board.



Mayor Ed Campbell presenting a plaque to Ron Brozo of Harbor Linen



Mayor Ed Campbell, Joe Hartmann, and Councilman Mitch Brown

Harbor Linen Celebrates 25 Years at the Paintworks

When developer Robert Scarborough acquired the former Sherwin Williams factory in town he immediately started looking for businesses that could use the existing facilities on the site. He found a good match in Harbor Linen that needed warehousing and office space as well as loading facilities. Harbor Linen was among the first tenants at the Paintworks and they have the longest tenure at the corporate park.

Ron Brozo represented Harbor Linen and received a plaque from the Borough recognizing the firm's 25th anniversary in Gibbsboro. Congratulations to Harbor Linen on 25 years in Gibbsboro. We hope to recognize you for your 50th anniversary in Gibbsboro too!

Gibbsboro Student "Takes Aim" at Olympics

Sixteen year old Eastern High School student and Gibbsboro resident Jodie Nilan is much like any other successful student in town. She's a participant in Eastern's successful field hockey program and plays in the school's bell choir. But Jodie has another passion: she's an expert marksman with a rifle!

Training at our local sportsman's club, Square Circle, has enabled Jodie to develop the talent to win or place in many state and national competitions. Recently she received a distinguished expert award and silver medal at Ft. Benning Georgia representing New Jersey. Now Jodie's heading to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado to train as an Olympic candidate. Good luck Jodie!

Joe Hartmann Lifetime Achievement Award

Former Mayor Joe Hartmann has served Gibbsboro for so long and in so many capacities that it would take the entire newsletter to recount his contributions. Of note, he served as Mayor, Councilman, and Athletic Director at Eastern Regional High School for much of his professional career where he also coached varsity baseball. Joe founded the Diamond Classic, the Delaware Valley's premier showcase for high school baseball talent. He has also coached other area baseball teams including Gibbsboro's American legion baseball entry.

For many years Mr. Hartmann ran local youth programs and served as Gibbsboro's Clean Communities Director, running the town's summer work program. Joe continues to serve on our Planning Board and is our chaplain at many of our functions. To many he is known as "Coach" out of respect for his leadership.

For his many contributions, Mr. Hartmann was presented with a 'Lifetime Achievement Award.' Thanks Joe!



Resident Jodie Nilan has Olympic ambitions

Pledge to Make a Difference, One Light at a Time

Be a part of Gibbsboro's commitment to save energy and our environment.

This year, Gibbsboro School is volunteering to help preserve our country's energy resources and join Americans nationwide in the fight against global warming by encouraging our students and staff to change at least one light at home to one that has earned the government's ENERGY STAR for energy efficiency.

Gibbsboro School is doing this as part of the national ENERGY STAR Change a Light, Change the World campaign, a partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and organizations across the country to encourage individuals to actively help save energy at home, starting with a switch to energy-efficient lighting.

We have set a goal to encourage **150 people** to take the online ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge, which would mean a **potential savings of \$4,000** on our energy bills this year. To give you a sense of the impact that small actions can have on our energy resources and the environment, if every American home replaced just one light bulb or fixture with an ENERGY STAR labeled one, each year we would save more than \$600 million in energy costs, enough energy to light more than 3 million homes, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars!

Because lighting accounts for nearly 20% of the average home's electric bill, changing to more efficient options not only makes a dent in the amount of fossil fuels our local power plants must burn to generate electricity, but also helps reduce our electric bills at home. Over the life of a single compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL), you can save an average of \$30 or more in electricity costs while preventing more than 400 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions. And, every CFL uses 75% less energy than a standard incandescent and lasts as much as 10 times longer.

Please join us now in taking the pledge. It's a simple commitment that will go a long way to assure that the energy resources we rely on and the environment we live in are preserved for generations to come. Go to www.energystar.gov/changealight and select **Gibbsboro School** and help demonstrate that our community is a significant part of this vital national movement.

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Gibbsboro, NJ
Permit #30**

**Local Postal Patron
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