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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



### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

10 a.m.

**CRICKET FIELD**

**RAIN DATE MARCH 22**

### **Corzine Targets Small Towns**

On February 26, Governor Corzine presented his FY 2009 budget to a joint session of the state legislature. The proposal represents what the Governor called “many unpleasant choices” including the elimination of two departments of state government (Agriculture and Personnel) and the State Commerce Commission. All state departments will see funding cuts. It further calls for cuts in a number of other areas, including direct property tax relief (rebates), hospital aid, higher education assistance, and Medicaid ..... but the deepest cuts will be in municipal property tax relief funding, in particular funding for small towns such as Gibbsboro.

The Governor’s proposal will eliminate Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid (CMPTRA) for all municipalities with a population of under 5,000 (194 municipalities) and it will cut CMPTRA funding in half for all municipalities with a population between 5,000 and 10,000 (136 municipalities). (Gibbsboro’s estimated 2006 population is 2,451.) CMPTRA will also be reduced for larger towns, but not anywhere near as much as proposed for small towns. All towns will lose Municipal Homeland Security Assistance. **Gibbsboro stands to lose more than \$158,294 in CMPTRA and Municipal Homeland Security Assistance and \$125,000 in extraordinary aid!** These cuts will make small towns less desirable as they will only result in large property tax increases in small towns.

The proposal now goes to the legislature, which must pass a balanced budget by the start of the state’s next fiscal year, which begins on July 1. **You can help derail this part of the governor’s budget.** We urge you to call or write State Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, Chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee, and one of our state assemblymen. He can be reached at:

1103 Laurel Oak Rd., Suite 142  
Voorhees, NJ 08043  
(856) 435-1247

Also copy Assemblywoman Pamela R. Lampitt at the same address and State Senator John Adler at 1916 Route 70 East, Suite 3, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
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
Tuesday	3/18	Family Bowling Night	6:00 p.m.	La Martinique
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
Saturday	4/5	HSA Night at the Phila Soul	7:00 p.m.	Spectrum
Sunday	4/6	Pancake Breakfast	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Fire House
Monday	4/7	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	4/8	Planning Board	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	4/8	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Wednesday	4/9	Council	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	4/17	Municipal Court	5 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	4/22	Zoning Board	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	4/23	Council	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	4/24	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Saturday	4/26	Night at the Races	8:00 p.m.	Fire House
Sunday	5/4	Pancake Breakfast	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Fire House
Monday	5/5	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	5/13	Planning Board	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	5/13	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Wednesday	5/14	Council	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	5/15	Municipal Court	5 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	5/22	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Monday	5/26	Memorial Day Services	8:00 am – 10:30 am	
Tuesday	5/27	Zoning Board	8 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	5/28	Council	8 p.m.	Borough Hall

## 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 ***
New Jersey One Call (Utility Mark Out)	1-800-272-1000
Gas Leaks	1-800-582-7060 *** ALSO CALL 911 ***
Police/Fire	911



Gibbsboro HSA Presents  
**Family Bowling Night**

All proceeds to benefit the  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Enrichment Project**

\*\*\*Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>\*\*\*

\*\*\*6:00 PM – 8:00 PM\*\*\*

(Arrive 20 min. early to get your lane, ball and shoes)

**La Martinique Lanes**  
**White Horse Pike, Stratford**  
**(856) 783-0558**



**2 hours of bowling, free shoe rental**  
**\$34.95 per lane (up to 6 people)**  
**\$9.95 whole pizza & pitcher of soda**

Invite family, grandparents, cousins & friends!  
 Come out to support this wonderful project!

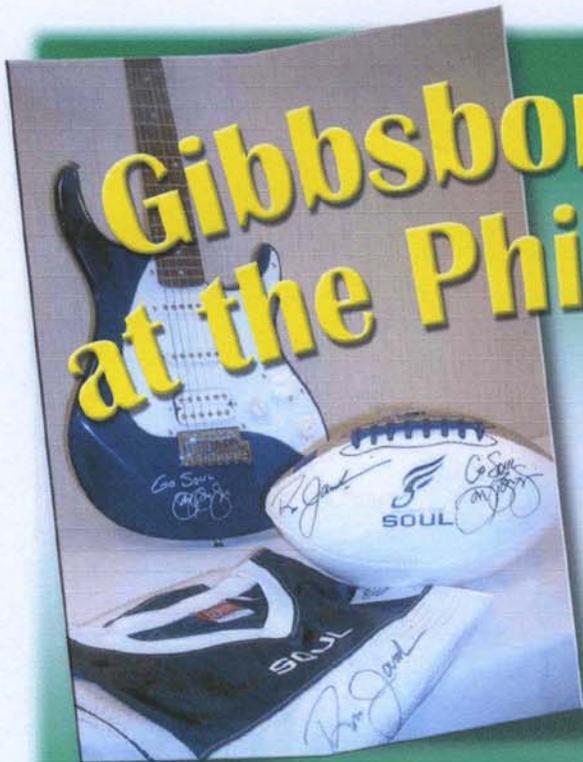
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**Bowling Reservation**

(Space is limited. Turn in with payment, checks made out to “Gibbsboro HSA”, no later than  
**Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**)

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ HR \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bumper Lane? \_\_\_\_\_ # of pizza/pitcher combos \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount paid (\$34.95 + \$9.95 for each pizza/pitcher combo) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Can I bowl next to \_\_\_\_\_

# Gibbsboro HSA Night at the Philadelphia Soul



**Limited tickets available now!**

**April 5, 2008 (7:00pm start)**

**Wachovia Spectrum - Philadelphia**

**\$23.00 each**

**For each ticket purchased, buyers will receive  
one FREE raffle ticket, with a chance to win:**

a Soul jersey autographed by Ron Jaworski

or

a Soul football autographed by Ron Jaworski & Jon Bon Jovi

or

4 VIP club box tickets to the Soul game on May 17th.

Separate raffle tickets are available for only \$5.00 each for a chance to win an "autographed Jon Bon Jovi electric guitar"

**The Philadelphia Soul will donate  
\$8.00 for each ticket sold  
to the Gibbsboro HSA!**



To order tickets, mail payment with a Self addressed  
Stamped Envelope to:

**"Gibbsboro HSA"**

37 Kirkwood Road • Gibbsboro, NJ 08026

**Make checks payable to "Gibbsboro HSA"**

Contact HSA President Colleen McCullough with any questions  
or to purchase additional raffle tickets at (609) 560-4230 or email  
gibbyhsa@comcast.net

Event on April 5th will also feature a  
"meet & greet" with former Eagles' QB  
& current Soul President Ron Jaworski

## Senior Citizens' Legal Workshops March 2008 Events Calendar

Free Senior Citizen Legal Workshops are planned for the Camden County Store at the Echelon Mall in Voorhees. These workshops, sponsored by the Camden County Board of Freeholders and cooperating agencies, enable Camden County residents **60 and over** to acquire free, at no cost, a **Last Will and Testament**, an **Advance Directive for Health Care (Living Will)**, and a **Power of Attorney**.

**Advance Directive for Health Care (Living Will)** Participants who wish to prepare an Advance Directive for Health Care (Living Will), will need to provide their name, address, phone number and the names and addresses of their health care representatives.

**Last Will and Testament** Participants who wish to prepare a Last Will and Testament, will need to provide the lawyer with the following: name, address, phone number, executor, alternate executor, cash bequests, and the names of the residuary and successor beneficiaries of their estate. **Please note that the wills prepared through this program are conventional (simple) wills. We do not do wills for people who need life estates, trusts, guardianships or that exclude spouses.**

**Power of Attorney** Participants who wish to prepare a Power of Attorney will need to provide the following: name, address, phone number, social security number, the names, addresses and phone number of their appointed agent and alternate agent.

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF EVENT
Monday Mar. 17	<p><b>Free Advance Directive for Health Care Living (Living Will) Preparation Seminar</b> Echelon Mall County Store, Upper Level near Boscov's 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Free Last Will &amp; Testament Preparation Clinic</b> Echelon Mall County Store, Upper Level near Boscov's 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>South Jersey Legal Services Free Power of Attorney Preparation Clinic</b> Echelon Mall County Store, Upper Level near Boscov's 1:00 p.m.</p>
Monday Mar. 24	<p><b>Free Advance Directive for Health Care Living (Living Will) Preparation Seminar</b> Echelon Mall County Store, Upper Level near Boscov's 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Free Last Will &amp; Testament Preparation Clinic</b> Echelon Mall County Store, Upper Level near Boscov's 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>South Jersey Legal Services Free Power of Attorney Preparation Clinic</b> Echelon Mall County Store, Upper Level near Boscov's 7:00 p.m.</p>

Participants are required to be Camden County residents aged 60 and over. Workshop are limited to 35 participants per session on a "first come, first serve" basis. **Pre-registration is required. To register please call 856-566-2920.**

For more information about this program, please call Ms. Joy Merulla, Director, Division of Senior Services at 1-877-222-3737.

# Spring Cleaning for Earth Day

Earth Day began in 1970 in the United States to raise awareness of the environmental deterioration that our civilization was causing. Now Earth Day is celebrated all around the globe. Earth Day is set for April 22 this year, and New Jersey has declared April 13-18 as Environmental Education Week.

The Gibbsboro Environmental Commission invites you to celebrate Earth Day by helping us clean up the litter around town. Take a look around your own yard, and pick up all the trash and detritus that have collected over the past year. Take a few extra minutes to pick up the litter that has blown into the open space around your neighborhood. Think twice before you toss that bottle or wrapper or cigarette butt onto the ground.

Aside from being unsightly, litter can harm people, wildlife, and the environment. Litter suggests that people do not care about their town, so it tends to attract more littering and other disruptive behavior. Broken bottles and rusted cans are health hazards. Wildlife can be trapped, choked or suffocated by various types of plastic litter. Plastics are washed down storm drains, run down rivers, and eventually end up in the oceans. Plastic is practically indestructible - it does not decompose, though it does break down into tiny pieces. All of the planet's oceans have "gyres", areas where the currents and winds circle and accumulate floating plastic debris. These debris fields are hundreds of miles across; it takes days to sail across them. And there is even more that you cannot easily see, covering the bottom of the oceans. (Read more about the "trash vortex" at <http://www.greenpeace.org/international/campaigns/oceans/pollution/trash-vortex> )

So spend an hour or so to clean up the litter that you find. Help us keep Gibbsboro the beautiful, green town that it is. And help save the environment that we all depend on for life.

More information about Earth Day can be found at many online sites. Try these to start:

- New Jersey DEP : <http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/earthday/eday.htm>
- US EPA Region 2 (NJ NY) : <http://www.epa.gov/Region2/earthday/>
- US EPA Earth Day site: <http://www.epa.gov/earthday/>
- US Government Earth Day Portal: <http://www.earthday.gov/>
- Earth Day Network: <http://www.earthday.net/>

Questions and concerns can be addressed to the Gibbsboro Environmental Commission. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30PM at the Borough Hall and are open to the public. You can also reach us by email at [environmental@gibbsborotownhall.com](mailto:environmental@gibbsborotownhall.com).

## Camden County Electronic Recycling Collection Event

Camden County is sponsoring an Electronics Recycling Collection Event for all Camden County residents. Recycling your electronics keeps dangerous materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium and chromium from being released into the environment.

**April 12th**

**Camden County Public Works Complex**

2311 Egg Harbor Road, Lindenwold

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The following items will be accepted at no charge:

Computers	Keyboards	VCRs
Scanners	DVD Players	Tape Players
Monitors	Stereo Equipment	Typewriters
Printers	TVs	Laptops
Modems	Telecommunication Equipment	Fax Machines
Computer Mouse	Radios	Answering Machines

All items will either be refurbished or recycled! For more information on this event, call the Camden County Division of Environmental Affairs at (856) 858-5241. Sorry - no electronic equipment will be accepted from businesses. Proof of residency required.

This activity is sponsored by the Camden County Board of Freeholders.

## **Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) Proposes New Rules**

Last year the New Jersey Supreme Court affirmed some, but invalidated many, of COAH's rules for regulating the state's affordable housing obligation as it pertains to municipalities. As a result of that ruling, late last year COAH responded with new rules for managing the third round of those obligations. The new rules largely pertain to what is referred to as the "growth share" that is the obligation that arises as a result of growth within a municipality. Each new home or business creates an affordable housing obligation for the town. For example, for every five new homes built, one must be built and restricted for families that meet state established income guidelines. A similar obligation is generated by new office or retail establishments. These rules will significantly slow construction in New Jersey and will have a great impact on developing towns, including Gibbsboro.

On the same front, Gibbsboro remains a defendant in a challenge by Fair Share Housing to its amended second round plan affordable housing plan that seeks to pay Woodlynne to take 50% of its second round obligation via a mechanism known as a regional contribution agreement (RCA). The Supreme Court upheld the use of RCAs. 50% is the maximum obligation that can be transferred to another town. State Senator Joe Roberts (Camden) has proposed eliminating RCAs, however, the legislature has not acted on his proposal. The Gibbsboro Council has passed a resolution opposing any adverse action by the legislature regarding RCAs. If upheld, Gibbsboro's agreement with Woodlynne would be grandfathered.

When Fair Share Housing's appeal is finally resolved, Gibbsboro will be required to file a third round housing plan with the Court that complies with the new rules scheduled for adoption by COAH in the next few months.

## **Land Use Decisions**

### **Planning Board**

Final Major Site Plan approval was granted to Albert Weisman t/a Chick's Block – 10 North Lakeview Drive for the demolition of various buildings, construction of a sales pavilion, landscape screening, parking, and streetscape improvements along Lakeview Drive (route 561).

A Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for the construction of new house on a vacant lot at 121 Kirkwood Road.

A Certificate of Appropriateness was approved for the demolition and removal of a residential structure and outbuildings at 43 South Lakeview Drive, formerly known as The Eye of the beholder. (Note the demolition agent is appealing significant fines levied by the construction office for acting without permits.)

A Certificate of Appropriateness and Amended Final Site Plan was approved for High Ridge Professional Campus, formerly the High Ridge Skating Center at Haddonfield-Berlin Road to make façade improvements and construct streetscape improvements.

### **Zoning Board**

A bulk variance was granted to Barbara Headley, 6 Henry Road to replace a 10x10 shed and construct a 14x10 shed in the rear of property.

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

An application for a certificate of appropriateness was recommended for approval to the Planning Board for the construction of an in-ground pool at 109 South United States Avenue.



View of High Ridge Professional Complex, looking west, from Haddonfield-Berlin Road. This is the third office project undertaken by Gibraltar Construction of Gibbsboro. The project will be built in accordance with the Borough's streetscape standards and should be an excellent addition to the route 561 corridor.

# Night At The Races



Hosted by Gibbsboro Fire  
Company and Ladies Auxiliary

Date: April 26, 2008  
Time: 8 p.m. - midnight  
Place: Gibbsboro Fire Hall  
131 Hilliards Road

For tickets and more  
information please see any  
Gibbsboro Ladies Auxiliary  
Member or call 856-261-6571.

Horse Racing and Raffle Baskets

Admission: \$10.00 includes beer,  
food, set-ups, and chances for door  
prizes.

Tickets can be purchased at the door at no extra  
cost.

**Borough of Gibbsboro  
49 Kirkwood Road  
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026**

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Gibbsboro, NJ  
Permit #30**

**Local Postal Patron  
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026**