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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



Memorial Day Services **Monday, May 26**

8 a.m. American Legion
9:15 a.m. Cedar Grove Cemetery
9:45 a.m. Triangle
10:15 a.m. Lauer Playground

Miss Gibbsboro Pageant
Monday, June 30
7 p.m.
Lakeside Manor

Small Towns Lobby Hard for Reversal of State Cuts

Gibbsboro among leaders in the fight for funding.

Leaders in small towns around New Jersey have been lobbying Trenton for the restoration of proposed municipal aid cuts that would eliminate Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid (CMPTRA) for all municipalities with a population of under 5,000 (194 municipalities) and cut it in half for 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 also 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 result in larger property tax increases.

Gibbsboro has been featured on the front page of major newspapers including the Washington Post and on a BBC radio talk show in London. Mayor Campbell has testified before the Assembly Budget Committee on the topic and written numerous Op-Ed articles in New Jersey magazines and newspapers. Council has passed numerous resolutions in opposition to various proposals and is also lobbying the legislature.

It's not too late for you to help! We urge you to call or write State Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, Chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee. Chairman Greenwald represents Gibbsboro. 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

A “Yellow Ribbon” Homecoming for Corporal Chris Cunningham

Gibbsboro resident and US Marine Corps Corporal Chris Cunningham was welcomed home in grand style on Sunday, April 13 when several hundred well wishers gathered in front of the family home across the street from the Gibbsboro Elementary School. Attendees included the Marine Corps League, American Legion Post 371 and its many auxiliaries, the Post 371 Honor Guard, the Gibbsboro and Evesham Township Fire Companies, the Gibbsboro Police Department, numerous chapters of the Daughter's of the American Revolution, Camden County Military Affairs, and the Yellow Ribbon Club. The Borough of Gibbsboro presented the key to the town to Corporal Cunningham.

The Yellow Ribbon Club is dedicated to making sure veterans receive a hero's welcome in their home town. They also collect and ship supplies for our men and women serving overseas. For more information about the Yellow Ribbon Club or to support them go to:

www.yellowribbonclub.org



Photos by Chaz Thawley





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National Junior Honor Society Induction

On Wednesday evening May 7th the Gibbsboro Elementary School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society conducted its new member induction at the Gibbsboro Elementary School. New members are selected based upon character, scholarship, leadership, service, and citizenship. The new inductees were Scott Hannum, Brian Levin, Jared Martin, Emma Johansson, Ashley Lewis, Caitlyn McCullough, Samantha Mohr, Anthony Thawley, Chloe Unger, and Steven Whartenby. The Borough presented each new inductee with a commemorative pen and a proclamation for the special day. Congratulations inductees!

Affordable Housing Update

The New Jersey Appeals Court has scheduled oral arguments in connection with Fair Share Housing Center's (FSHC) appeal of Gibbsboro's second round Housing Plan. Under the Borough's plan Woodlynne will rehabilitate 56 units of housing earmarked for low and moderate income families within Woodlynne. Gibbsboro will pay Woodlynne \$25 thousand for each of the 56 units. That will satisfy 50% of Gibbsboro's first and second round housing obligation, and represents the maximum that can be transferred to another town.

COAH recently adopted a number of Third Round Affordable Housing rules with which municipalities will be required to comply. Court challenges are expected from municipalities and affordable housing groups. COAH will be proposing amendments to a number of third round rules based upon more than 4,000 comments submitted by builders, housing advocacy groups, and municipalities. As the rules evolve Gibbsboro will be required to prepare a revised Affordable Housing Plan that meets the new rules. A major change is that towns will be required to meet established housing goals based upon forecast growth data or actual development.

NJ Department of Transportation (DOT) Awards Gibbsboro \$200K for Streetscape

NJ DOT Commissioner Kris Kolluri recently announced that Gibbsboro will receive a \$200 thousand discretionary award from the department for the town's Streetscape project. The Streetscape will further the evolving motif that is developing on the Lakeview Drive (aka Haddonfield-Berlin Road) corridor. Plans include adding more period style lights, the "Gibbsboro Wall", complementary landscaping, and an eight feet wide bikeway/sidewalk. The project will run from the light at Lucas Boulevard to Wachovia Bank along the Cricket Field side of 561 then down Clementon Road to the intersection at Foster Avenue on the Paintworks side of Clementon Road.

The project will complete a five mile long trail/bikeway along the eastern side of Gibbsboro that includes links to Eastern High School, Lindenwold Park, and the Paintworks Corporate Center. The project is expected to be competitively bid this summer with construction beginning this fall.

Environmental Commission Champions Successful Spring Cleaning

Early on Saturday morning, May 3rd dozens of volunteers gathered at the Gibbsboro Fire Company to form into teams to collect trash around town. Volunteers included a strong showing from the Environmental Commission, the Wynnewood development, students from all three towns at Eastern Regional High School, and other residents. They collected trash from Hilliards, Clementon, and Kirkwood roads, Route 561, as well as along parts of our bikeway system. It was the most successful clean up day in memory. Our thanks to those who gave their time to putting a shine on our town!



Volunteers with some of the trash they collected.

Miss Gibbsboro Pageant

Lakeside Manor
Monday, June 30
7:00 p.m.



First Place Prize \$250.00
First Runner Up \$150.00
Second Runner Up \$100.00



If you are a female Gibbsboro resident between the ages of 13 and 18, it's time to enter the Miss Gibbsboro Pageant!

The Rules are:

1. Contestants must be between the ages of 13 and 18.
2. Pageant is only open to residents of Gibbsboro.
3. Contestants must be available during their one-year reign to represent Gibbsboro at public events.

Contestants will compete in both Casual and Formal Dress. Contact Borough Hall at 783-6655 extension 105 for an application. Applications are also available online at:

www.gibbsborotownhall.com

ESSAY CONTEST

**Open to
Girls & Boys!**

Prize for Best Essay—\$100.00
to be awarded at the Miss Gibbsboro Pageant

**Open to
Girls & Boys!**

The Gibbsboro Civic Pride Committee proudly announces that the Essay Contest is open to *female and male* Gibbsboro residents between the ages of 13 and 18! Applications, including rules and essay topic, are available at Borough Hall or online at www.gibbsborotownhall.com.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISER AT THE
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ORGANIZATION: Gibbsboro Ladies Auxiliary

DATE: June 7, 2008

TOTAL BILL: _____

(Cashier will fill in amount)

FUDDRUCKERS WILL DONATE 20% OF ALL SALES BROUGHT IN BY OUR
ORGANIZATION, RIGHT BACK TO US!

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Fundraiser for Bill Casey

Long Time Gibbsboro Resident and Member of Post 371

\$30

PIG ROAST

Roast Pig, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
Corn on the Cob, Salads, Desserts, Beer, Soda and Music

June 7 from 4 pm to 8 pm
Rain or Shine

American Legion Post 371
Lucas Boulevard and Route 561

For tickets call Mark Stang at (856) 296-8000 or (856) 435-5364

Proceeds will be used to supplement medical expenses.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Monday	5/26	Memorial Day – Holiday BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED		
Wednesday	5/28	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Monday	6/2	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	6/3	Primary Election	6 am – 8 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Saturday	6/7	HSA Fundraiser	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Cricket Field
Saturday	6/7	Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser	ALL DAY	Fuddrucker's
Saturday	6/7	American Legion Fundraiser	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.	American Legion
Tuesday	6/10	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	6/10	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Thursday	6/19	Municipal Court	5:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	6/24	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	6/25	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	6/26	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Monday	6/30	Miss Gibbsboro Pageant	7:00 p.m.	Lakeside Manor
Tuesday	7/1	BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED TUESDAY NIGHT		
Friday	7/4	Independence Day – Holiday BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED		
Monday	7/7	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	7/8	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	7/8	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Thursday	7/17	Municipal Court	5:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	7/22	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	7/23	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	7/24	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 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

Senior Citizens' Legal Workshops Summer 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 June 2, 16	<p>Free Advance Directive for Health Care Living (Living Will) Preparation Seminar</p> <p>Free Last Will & Testament Preparation Clinic</p> <p>South Jersey Legal Services Free Power of Attorney Preparation Clinic</p> <p>Echelon Mall County Store, Upper Level near Boscov's 1:00 p.m.</p>
Monday June 23	<p>Same</p> <p>Echelon Mall County Store, Upper Level near Boscov's 7:00 p.m.</p>
Monday July 7, 21	<p>Same</p> <p>Echelon Mall County Store, Upper Level near Boscov's 1:00 p.m.</p>
Monday July 28	<p>Same</p> <p>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.

We Remember:

Memorial Day Services

Monday, May 26

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

8:00 am
American Legion Post 371

9:15 am
Cedar Grove Cemetery

9:45 am
**American Legion Memorial
(Triangle)**

10:15 am
Lauer Playground

PFC Joseph Lauer
USMC

Gibbsboro Resident
KIA May 31, 1968
Vietnam

PFC Gary Francis Cysewski,
US Army

KIA September 11, 1968
Vietnam
Interred Cedar Grove
Cemetery



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49 Kirkwood Road
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026

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Gibbsboro, NJ
Permit #30

Local Postal Patron
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026