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Our Twenty-Third 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 25**

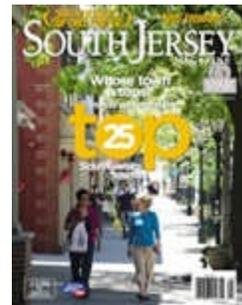
8 a.m. American Legion
9:15 a.m. Cedar Grove Cemetery
9:45 a.m. Triangle
10:15 a.m. Lauer Playground

Miss Gibbsboro Pageant

Wednesday, July 1
7 p.m.
Lakeside Manor

South Jersey Magazine Cites Best Area Towns

Gibbsboro Second among Small Towns



The most recent issue of South Jersey Magazine included an analysis of towns across Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties to determine the area's best communities. The study was conducted by Steven Zweig, a New York-based statistician hired by South Jersey Magazine to produce the rankings from a range of data provided by the magazine including average of residential property values, property taxes paid, crime rates and quality of schools. Based on that data, Gibbsboro was rated the second best small town in the Tri-County area!

Towns were separated into two categories based upon population with Gibbsboro falling into the small town group for populations under 7,000. The number one small town was Tabernacle. Haddon Heights was the only other Camden County small town to make the top ten, ranking tenth. Of the large towns Haddonfield was tops with Voorhees Township third.

The South Jersey Magazine study affirms our belief that our town is among the best in South Jersey! The article can be found in their latest issue.

Municipal Projects Underway

Streetscape

The Borough is constructing a “streetscape” along the southwest side of Lake View Drive (561) and the northeast side of West Clementon Road between the Cricket Field and Foster Avenue. Improvements will include bikeway, period style lighting, amenities and landscaping. \$500 thousand in federal grants and \$200 thousand in state grants are the primary funding sources. The focus of the project will be improvements along the highway at the Cricket Field.

Kingsbridge Road

Gibbsboro recently received a \$220 thousand discretionary grant from the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund to reconstruct Kingsbridge Road. Engineering efforts are underway with construction expected to start by summer.

Addition to the Senior Citizen’s Recreation Center at Pole Hill Park

Building permits have been issued and construction is underway on a significant addition to the Senior Citizen’s Recreation Center. Funding is being provided by the Community Development Block Grant Program under the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The center is available to all residents for a modest fee. Applications are available through the Borough Clerk.

Federal Funding Being Sought for Key Projects

The Borough is seeking federal stimulus funds for several projects including \$500K for sewer reconstruction along Chatham, Wexford, and other locations, funds to reconstruct the roof and rest rooms at the Fire Hall, funds for additional police through the new COPS program, and funds to replace the elevator at the Borough Hall.

Borough Clean Up Scheduled

Street Sweeping, Storm Sewer Cleaning, Litter Collections Set

Street Sweeping: The Borough has contracted with the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders to have their Public Works Department sweep Borough streets over the next several weeks. The sweeping will take place on Saturdays starting May 30. To support making the effort as productive as possible, the Borough is requesting that the public not park on streets on Saturdays until they are cleaned.

Storm Sewers: The Borough has contracted with Haddon Township to have their Public Works Department clean the Borough’s storm sewers. Street sweeping and periodic cleaning of storm sewers (regardless of whether the street is County or local) are required of local governments in New Jersey.

Litter Clean Up: The Borough will once again be using low security prisoners from the Camden County jail to provide litter clean up along many of our streets. The prisoners are typically in jail for DWIs or minor drug offenses and are supervised by the Department of Corrections and our Public Works Department. The clean up will be occurring over the summer.

Planning Board News

An application by the Frasca Irrevocable Trust for the redevelopment of a storage building at 68 North Lake View Drive into an office building has been filed with the Planning Board. A hearing is expected in June.

A revised application to construct an office building at the site of the former Gibbsboro Tavern is expected for the June or July meeting.

Renovations at Chick’s Block Company at 10 North Lake View Drive are proceeding in accordance with Planning Board approvals.

An application by the Lake View Commons Condo Association to construct a monument sign at 146 South Lake View Drive was approved.

An application by Clementon, LLC for a Site Plan Waiver and permission to construct a deck at a commercial property at 40 East Clementon Road was approved.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
FUNDRAISER AT THE
VOORHEES
FUDDRUCKERS



Organization: **Gibbsboro Fire Hall**

Date: **June 13, 2009**

Total Bill: _____
(Cashier will fill in amount)

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

***RAISING MONEY HAS NEVER BEEN SO EASY OR
SO DELICIOUS!***

**This flyer must be presented to a cashier when placing your
order, so that your organization may receive credit for your
purchase. Fliers may not be passed out on Fuddruckers
premises during your fundraiser. Thank you for your
cooperation!**

2009 Sewer Rate to Rise

On May 13 Council adopted an ordinance that will result in the first increase in the local sewer rate since the Borough assumed ownership of the system in 1989. The new rate will be \$240 and can be paid in two installments. A notice with your bill explains payment options. The increase is necessary to maintain self liquidating status and to avoid the use of property tax revenues to subsidize the utility.

Attention Parents Kindergarten Registration

Gibbsboro School is always planning ahead! If your child turns five (5) by October 1, 2009 he/she is eligible for kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information please contact the school at 783-1140 or email cdidonato@gibbsboroschool.org.

Borough Hires New Tax Assessor, Construction Official

Raymond Hallworth has been appointed as the Borough's Construction Official and Code Enforcement Officer. Ray replaces John White who passed away in March. He has many years of experience and serves in other nearby communities.

The Borough Council appointed Thomas Glock to an unexpired term as Tax Assessor. Tom is well credentialed and also serves as assessor in Lindenwold and Cherry Hill.

Please join us in welcoming these two well seasoned veterans to our government team.

Open Space: Blueberry Hill Acquisition

The Camden County Board of Real Estate Commissioners have heard testimony from Borough and Tri-Borough experts regarding the value of approximately 60 acres of prime real estate locally known as Blueberry Hill. The Tri-Borough gravel mining operation was prohibited from mining the tract for ten years so the Borough could obtain funding to acquire it.

Gibbsboro has lined up funding from the Camden County Open Space Trust, funded by a small county-wide property tax, the New Jersey Green Acres Program, the federal government through the Land and Water Grant program and from our own open space trust.

Blueberry Hill connects Borough-owned lands along United States Avenue to Pole Hill Park at the former 772nd Radar Base off Haddonfield-Berlin Road. The tract includes some of South Jersey's highest points offering a view of the Philadelphia skyline. The Borough has trails and off road bikeways that run along the Blueberry Hill tract property lines.

Miss Gibbsboro Pageant

Lakeside Manor
Wednesday, July 1
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
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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.

OFFICE HOURS

BOROUGH HALL		CONSTRUCTION/ASSESSOR OFFICES	
		The Assessor is available by appointment.	
Monday through Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Monday, Thursday, Friday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Friday	9:00 a.m. - Noon		
TAX COLLECTOR/SEWER CLERK		LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR	
		Call for an appointment.	
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Monday through Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday Evening	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
		Friday	9:00 a.m. - Noon

PHONE NUMBERS

Borough Hall Tax Assessor Tax Collector Municipal Court Borough Clerk Construction Office Local Assistance (Welfare)	783-6655 Extension 107 Extension 103 Extension 104 Extension 105 Extension 107 Extension 150
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

Upcoming Camden County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

June 13	Camden County College	Parking area behind "CIM" Bldg.
September 12	Pennsauken Sanitary Landfill	9600 River Road
October 17	Camden County Public Works Complex	2311 Egg Harbor Road

Collection Hours for all Events: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

What To Bring

Automotive	Primer	Pesticides	Personal Care
Antifreeze	Pruning Paint	Baygon	Fingernail Polish & Remover
Brake Fluid	Resins	Chlordane	Hair Coloring
Car Batteries	Shellac	Diazinon	Hydrogen Peroxide
Car Wax & Polish	Solvent-Based Paint	DDT	Iodine
Carburetor Cleaner	Spray Paint	Fertilizers	Mercury Thermometers
Degreasers	Turpentine	Flea Collars/Spray	
Diesel Fuels	Varnish	Fungicides	Home & Hobby
Engine Starting Fluid	Water Sealer	Herbicides	Chemistry Kits
Gasoline		Insecticides	Cutting Oil
Grease	Household Cleaners	Lindane	Glues & Adhesives
Lead-Acid Batteries	Aluminum Cleaners	Malathion	Gun Cleaning Solvents
Power Steering Fluid	Air Fresheners	Moth Balls/Crystals	Mercury Thermostats
Tire Black	Bleach	Mouse & Rat Poison	Pool Chemicals
Transmission Fluid	Cesspool Cleaners	Pyrethrins	Propane Tanks
Window Washer Fluid	Disinfectants	Strychnine	Rock Salt
	Drain Opener	Stump Killer	
Paint-Related Products	Dry-Cleaning Solvents	Weed Killer	
Creosote	Floor Wax	Wood Preservatives	
Driveway Sealer	Furniture Polish		
Epoxies	Lye	Fuels	
Linseed Oil	Metal Polish	Camping Fuel	
Oil-Based Paint	Oven Cleaner	Kerosene	
Paint Strippers	Rug & Upholstery Cleaner	Lighter Fluid	
Paint Thinners			

- Please note - This is only a partial listing. If you have any questions please call 858-5241.

(for RESIDENTS ONLY – NO BUSINESSES ACCEPTED)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Monday	5/25	BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY – HOLIDAY		
Tuesday	5/26	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	5/27	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	5/28	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
JUNE				
Monday	6/1	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	6/2	Primary Election	6 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Tuesday	6/9	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	6/9	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Saturday	6/13	Fire Company Fundraiser SEE INSERT		Fuddruckers
Tuesday	6/23	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	6/24	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	6/25	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	6/30	BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED TUESDAY EVENING	5 – 8:00 p.m.	
JULY				
Wednesday	7/1	Miss Gibbsboro Pageant	7:00 p.m.	Lakeside Manor
Friday	7/3	BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY		
Saturday	7/4	INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION		
Monday	7/6	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	7/14	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	7/14	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Wednesday	7/22	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	7/23	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	7/28	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
AUGUST				
Monday	8/3	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	8/11	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	8/11	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Tuesday	8/25	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	8/26	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	8/27	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall

We Remember:

Memorial Day Services

RAIN OR SHINE

Monday, May 25

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 at Cedar Grove
Cemetery



Borough of Gibbsboro
49 Kirkwood Road
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026

Bulk Rate
Gibbsboro, NJ
Permit #30

Local Postal Patron
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026