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**Our Twenty-Second Year!**

November 2008

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**Mayor**

Jerry Bonsall, Council President  
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**Happy Holidays from Mayor,  
Council, and your  
employees!**



**ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING  
AND  
ARRIVAL OF SANTA  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
6:00 PM  
LUCAS PARK**

## **Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Submitted to Superior Court**

The Borough's Planning Board has adopted a revised plan to comply with state mandated affordable housing requirements. COAH has assigned Gibbsboro a housing objective of 148 affordable units reflecting prior obligations and growth projections. Gibbsboro presently has just over 800 total housing units, none of which are income restricted. The plan takes credit for 59 units, 56 from an agreement in which Gibbsboro paid Woodlynne \$1.4 million to assume 56 units and three units realized through housing rehabilitation. The balance is proposed to be achieved through two municipally sponsored projects.

Of the 56 units remaining from Gibbsboro's second round obligation, 28 would be satisfied through a rental project targeted for the disabled. If built, Gibbsboro would receive 28 bonus credits, thereby meeting the entire second round obligation. This project is targeted to provide at least 34 physical units. The extra six units will contribute to meeting the third round obligation and will generate three bonus credits. The remaining nine units would be achieved through a second, smaller seven unit family housing development which will generate two additional bonus credits.

The Superior Court will review the plan and hold a fairness hearing. A decision is not expected until mid-2009. Concurrently, Gibbsboro continues to participate with more than 225 other municipalities in challenging the methodology used to determine third round municipal goals.



# Brunch with Santa

## Saturday, December 06

**Where:** Gibbsboro Elementary School All-purpose Room

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to Noon

**Cost:** \$3.00 per person

Come spend a fun filled morning with Santa! Your ticket entitles you to a bagel or donut and a beverage. There will be free face painting and a craft for the children. Assorted games for 25¢ per ticket and pictures with Santa will be available (\$3.00 per photo). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**We also ask that you bring a new unwrapped gift for our  
"Stockings for Kids" Program Run by B101 and the Salvation Army.**

If you are unable to attend but would like to donate a gift, please bring the gift to school and give to Mrs. McIlmail.

*Money due by Tuesday, December 2.*

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**Any questions? Please call Maryanne Hojnowski @ 782-0920**

Please return this portion to the school in an envelope marked "Santa's Brunch" by Tuesday, December 2.

Please make checks payable to "Gibbsboro HSA".

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total money enclosed (\$3.00 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

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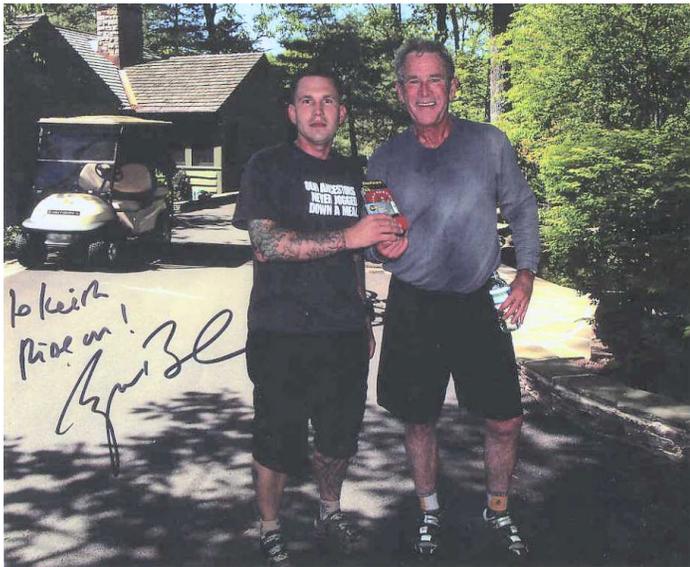
**Helpers are also needed!!!**

Please sign below if you would like to help...ticket takers, food, face painting, set up, clean up, crafts, pictures, etc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



## Former Resident Travels in High Places



U. S. Marine Corp Gunnery Sergeant Keith Lutzkanin, who grew up in Gibbsboro, pictured with President George Bush at Camp David, the Presidential Retreat, on May 24, 2008. The two had just completed a 10.5 mile mountain bike ride through the trails of Camp David. The President inscribed the photo with "To Keith – Ride On". Keith is stationed at Marine Corp Base, Quantico, VA and assigned to Marine Helicopter Squadron One, HMX-1, which flies the President of the United States. He lives in Northern Virginia with his wife Nicol (Reamer) and three sons.

## Calendar of Events

Sunday	11/30	Annual Tree Lighting and Arrival of Santa	6:00 p.m.	Lucas Park
Sunday	11/30	Tree Lighting Reception	6:45 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Sunday	12/7	Buffet Breakfast	8:00 a.m.	Fire Hall
Tuesday	12/9	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	12/9	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Monday	12/15	Final Leaf Collection		
	12/15	Senior Citizen's Annual Holiday Dinner	6:00 p.m.	American Legion
	12/15	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	12/18	HSA Fundraiser at Passariello-Voorhees	10:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.	Passariello-Voorhees
Tuesday	12/23	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	12/24	Borough Hall Closes at Noon	Noon	
Thursday	12/25	Borough Hall Closed		
Friday	12/26	Borough Hall Closed		
Thursday	1/1	Borough Hall Closed		

## 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

## **Town Crier Recognized in Statewide Contest**

The Town Crier was recognized with an Honorable Mention Award in the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Public Information Contest in November. The Borough received a certificate in recognition of "outstanding efforts made to keep the community informed of the activities undertaken by the municipality. These efforts are indicative of a jurisdiction that values the involvement of the members of the community in the process of governance." The contest was sponsored by the NJ League of Municipalities, the NJ Municipal Management Alliance, and the Center for Government Services at Rutgers.

## **Animal License Fees to Rise in 2009 Cat Licensing to Start in January**

An analysis of the Borough's animal control accounts confirmed that the fund is not self sufficient - significant property tax subsidies have been required to meet state mandated requirements. In conjunction with the analysis, the Borough surveyed other Camden County towns with respect to their fees and the licensing of cats. Most charged higher fees AND licensed cats. Both Lindenwold and Voorhees Township license cats. As a result of the investigations licensing fees for cats and dogs will be \$17 for 2009. The late fee, imposed for licenses issued on or after March 1, will be \$25.

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49 Kirkwood Road  
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026**

## **Contract Awarded for "Green" Senior Center Addition**

The Borough Council has awarded a contract for the construction of an addition to the Senior Center at Pole Hill Park. The expansion will provide a meeting area with a seating capacity in excess of 100 occupants. The roof will incorporate solar panels. During sunny days the electric meter will run backwards and the Borough will be paid for the energy that the facility generates! The expansion is being funded through grants received from the Community Development Block Grant Program. In related news, as part of the conversion of the adjacent ice arena conversion to a medical office use, additional parking will be constructed at the park by Gibraltar Construction.

## **Bids Received for Streetscape Project**

Bids have been received for the construction of the first phase of the Borough's Streetscape. The project will construct additional brick walls, eight feet wide bicycle friendly sidewalk, landscaping, installation of amenities such as benches, ornamental lighting, figurines, and trash enclosures. The project is being funded through federal and state transportation grants.

**Bulk Rate  
Gibbsboro, NJ  
Permit #30**

**Local Postal Patron  
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026**