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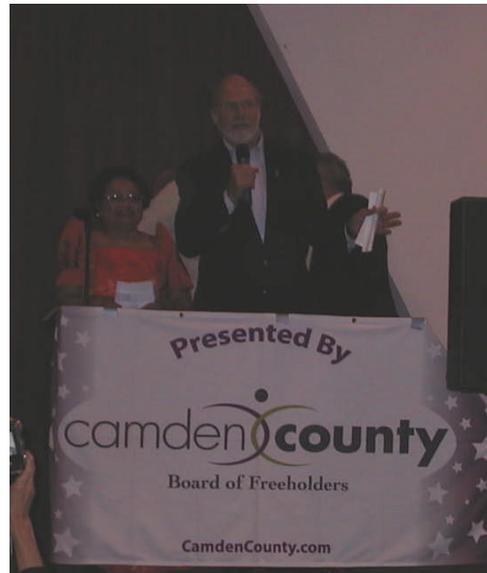
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October 24 - 3:00 p.m.
Borough Hall

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November 2

Election Day
November 3
6 a.m. – 8 p.m.



Governor Corzine Visits Gibbsboro

Attends Camden County International Day Celebration

On Saturday, October 17, Governor Corzine made a surprise visit to Gibbsboro to speak at the annual Camden County event which was held at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church on Milford Road. Several hundred citizens and elected officials were in attendance. The Governor's appearance lasted about an hour before he moved on to other scheduled engagements.

The event celebrates the wide array of cultural diversity found within Camden County. Many area restaurants supplied representative food and various groups provided a wide range of cultural entertainment.

The event was co-sponsored by the New Jersey State Human Relations Commission, the Camden County Human Relations Commission, and the Voorhees Township Cultural & Diversity Advisory Committee.

Borough Projects Continue to Move Forward

Streetscape

Improvements along Lake View Drive (561) and Clementon Road are well underway and are approximately 75% complete. The completed project will take a large step toward making the highway safer for pedestrians and bikers while adding an appealing demarcation for our business district. \$700 thousand in state and federal funds are making the project possible.

Recreation Facilities

Cricket Field

Major reconstruction is underway to reconstruct the fields in accordance with modern safety standards and to reorient the fields to make them level and meet baseball standards. Advances over the past twenty-five years in baseball bats led to our fields being unsuitable for competitive baseball, including youth baseball programs. The fields are expected to be ready for play again in fall 2010. The fields will be adaptable for baseball or softball.

Pole Hill Park Athletic Fields

Soil from the Cricket Field is being used to create two multi-purpose field hockey/soccer fields at the 18 acre park located at the site of the former 772nd Air Force Station located behind the High Ridge Office Complexes.

Senior Citizen's Recreation Complex

Federal Community Development Block Grants have funded the construction of a major addition to the Recreation Center at Pole Hill Park. A large open auditorium has been built and will host the Borough's active Senior Citizen's Club. The addition complements existing recreation facilities that include a two lane bowling alley, pool table, and shuffle board table in the recreation annex. The facilities are available to residents for a modest fee. For leasing information contact the Borough Clerk.

As part of the addition, energy producing solar panels (see picture, right) have been installed on a forty year rated roof. On sunny days the facility is generating energy for which the Borough is paid. Gibbsboro also receives tax credit payments from energy producers that are required to purchase credits to meet green energy and pollution standards.

The facility should be available around mid-November.

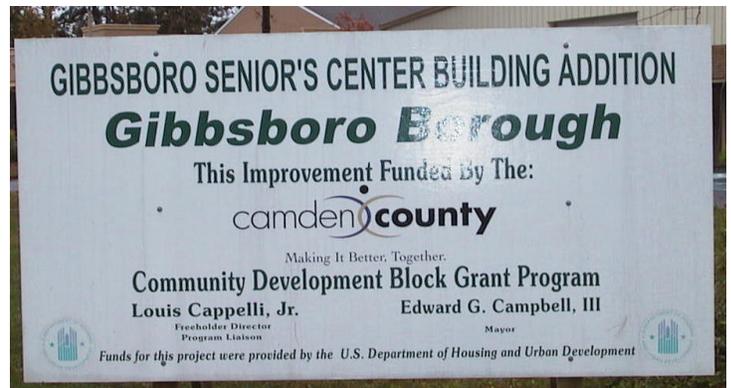
Tri-Borough Open Space Acquisition

The New Jersey Legislature has appropriated additional funding in the state fiscal year 2010 (July 1 2009 – June 30 2010) budget to support this acquisition. The Borough has now secured \$6.5 million in federal, state, and Camden County grants for the project which will provide a contiguous greenway of Borough-owned public land from Pole Hill Park to the Paint Works consisting of more than 160 acres. Camden County has agreed to provide a loan to the Borough to complete the closing and will be repaid when the Borough receives its grant reimbursements from the other participating agencies. The Borough expects settlement to take place by November 1.

Kingsbridge Road

Design of the Kingsbridge Road overlay is complete and has been submitted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) for approval. DeMeglio Construction has been approved as the construction contractor for the Borough. Construction is expected to begin in November, pending NJ DOT approval of the construction plans.

The Borough is funding the project through a \$220 thousand NJ DOT grant.





Board News

Sign Applications

Several signs (pictured right) have been approved for installation in the highway business district. Applicants included Lakeview Commons, MZ Cigar Junction and Hair Studio East. MZ Cigar Junction and Hair Studio East are new businesses located in the Wawa strip center. The Lakeview Commons sign is replacing a sign that was destroyed in a motor vehicle accident.



Preliminary Subdivision Approval

The Frasca Irrevocable Trust received preliminary site plan approval from the Planning Board to convert the existing storage building on Lake View Drive to a multi-unit office condominium. The building will be expanded and brick-faced to comply with the Borough's streetscape requirements. The applicant will now pursue final approval. Construction is not expected to begin until the economy improves.



Chophouse Expansion Proposed

The Chophouse has submitted plans to construct a small addition between the existing building and Silver Lake to facilitate an expansion to their bar. Because the applicant requires a variance, the application will be heard by the Zoning Board.

Fourth of July Winners

Shoe Scramble Under 4 - Jimmy Yeager, Declan Lamon, Madison Scott

Girls Shoe Scramble - Cate Kleman, Brenda Lamon, Kiersten Schilling, Anna Diechert

Boy Shoe Scramble - Nicholas Schilling, Brandon Krause, Grant Yezzi

Sack Race Boys -Anthony Fabiano, Dominic Ferrioli, Brandon Cole

Girls- Kasey Mitchell, Jamie Gontowski, Elise Proctor

Wheelbarrow Race Boys- Sean Krause/Jacob Petersak, Cole Pschunder/Tyler Hannah, Logan Eachus/Jake Gruber

Girls- Jilliam Caceres/Victorio Mason, Kayla Dale/Samantha Shero, Amanda Caceres/Brooke Digiovani

3 Legged Race Boys - Logan Eachus/Cole Pschunder, Kevin Obrien/Marcus Brown, Ethanhorner/Tyler Barnes, Jacob Peterson/Sean Krause

Girls -Marina Metallo/Phoebe Coolahan, Autumn Dale/Sarah Morgan, Maggie Mitchell/Sarah Morris

Softball Throw Men - Mitchell Brown, Derek Metallo, Eddie Williams

Women - Elisha Sandoval, Brooke Digiorno, Danielle Jester

Egg Toss Couples 18 and up - Mitchell Mrown/Eddie Williams, Dan Laning/Donna Brown, Joanne Stang/Rich Stang, Brian Hannah/Joy Hannah

18 and under- Kevin Obrien/Marcus Brown, Marina Metallo/Phoebe Coolahan, Logan Eachus/Jake Gruber, Cole Pschunder/Tyler Hannah

Hole-in-One Men Steve Mason, Ken Hudson, Shawn Lamon

Women Lynn Kraus,Tori Gorman, Alicia Sandoval

Borough Awards Five Year Trash/Recycling Contract

Single Stream Recycling Part of Award

At the September 24 Council meeting the Borough Council awarded a five year contract to Waste Management, Inc, the low bidder. The contract will provide two changes in services. First, the summer Saturday trash collection months will change to add June and delete September. Since June is significant time for graduations and weddings it was felt that month will provide more value for our residents. The second major change is that all recyclable materials can now be placed in the Borough's yellow container, including newspaper. There is no need to separate newspapers from other materials.

Tree limbs must be in small bundles shorter than four (4) feet in length.

Loaded trash containers must weigh less than 50 pounds.

No loose trash will be collected.

Containers should not be placed curbside before 6 p.m. the previous day.

There is no collection provided for commercial or industrial uses.

RECYCLING NOTES

White goods will still be collected on the last Friday of every month.

Recycling collection remains on Wednesdays.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS INCLUDE: Items marked with a recycling logo including glass containers, aluminum and steel cans, and plastic containers.

DO NOT RECYCLE: Cardboard (our facility cannot handle it) , any material that is not marked with a recycling logo including plate glass, broken glass, paint or aerosol cans, Styrofoam, pots and pans, plumbing materials, wire hangers (take them to a dry cleaner), or paint cans.

Council continues to explore starting a rewards program with a vendor such as Recycle Bank. We analyzed Cherry Hill data and found that their program was not cost effective; however, we plan to continue to negotiate or explore other options over the next year to increase recycling.

Borough Receives \$180K Grant to Resurface Chatham Road

Project will be included in major sewer system upgrades.

On October 14, Gibbsboro was notified that the NJ Department of Transportation had awarded Gibbsboro \$180 thousand to use to overlay Chatham Road. The funds will be used to expand a proposed sanitary and storm sewer replacement program for which Gibbsboro has received a very low interest loan, less than two percent annual interest rate.

Design for the sewer and road reconstruction project is nearly complete and requires state review and approval. Pending state approval, we expect to bid the complete project during the winter and for construction to start in spring 2010.

Borough/ Gibbsboro Police Association Reach Agreement on New Four Year Contract

The new four year deal is retroactive to January 1, 2009 and will run through 2012. Association members will receive wage improvements over the four year contract and an increase in their clothing allowance. Among the improvements, probationary police (first year) will be eligible for an increase after 90 days of satisfactory employment. The agreement was reached after an arbitration session between the Association, the Borough, and a mutually agreed upon arbitrator. The arbitrator has successfully resolved the last three contract negotiations.

Wages received for contract employment will also increase. Contract employment occurs when a construction contractor, utility, or other entity requires use of Gibbsboro Police for an activity. Those entities contract with the Borough for police services. The Borough retains a portion of the hourly fee to cover administration and use of municipal equipment. The contract was approved by a unanimous vote of the Borough Council.

Daylight Savings Time Reminder

Residents should set their clocks back one hour when they go to bed on Saturday, October 31 as daylight savings time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday November 1.

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	(856) 783-6655
Tax Assessor	Extension 107
Tax Collector	Extension 103
Municipal Court	Extension 104
Borough Clerk	Extension 105
Construction Office	Extension 107
Local Assistance (Welfare)	Extension 150
Public Works	(856) 784-2111
Gibbsboro Library	(856) 435-3656
Sewer Emergencies (Bommer Plumbing)	(856) 783-6721 *** 24 HOUR SERVICE ***
New Jersey One Call (Utility Mark Out)	(800) 272-1000
Gas Leaks	(800) 582-7060 *** ALSO CALL 911 ***
Police/Fire	911



Leaf Collection

Autumn has arrived — leaves are falling and the raking has begun!

For 2009, we will again be cooperating with Voorhees Township to provide for two curbside leaf collections for Gibbsboro residents.

Please place **unbagged** leaves curbside. Do not include any other organic material (branches, grass clippings, etc.) or inorganic (plastics, paper, etc.) with the leaf piles. Once the collection team has completed a street they will not return until the second pass. If you miss the second pass in December your leaves will not be collected curbside. It is important to get your leaves curbside prior to the start of collection.

The first leaf collection will begin ***Monday, November 2.***

A second leaf collection will begin ***Monday, December 14.***

Residents should rake leaves and place curbside beginning October 30. If leaf collection has already taken place in your area do not place any additional piles curbside until the second leaf collection is scheduled to begin since the collection truck will not return to your area until then. If you have any questions, please call Borough Hall at 783-6655.



**Annual Halloween
Parade
Saturday, October 24
3:00 p.m.**



Location: Borough Hall/Gibbsboro School parking lot.

Judging will begin at 2:45 p.m.

The parade will march from the parking lot turning left onto Kirkwood Road, right onto Lambert Lane, right onto Winding Way, right onto Lauer Lane and proceed back to the parking lot. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

Please join in the fun and enjoy Halloween with the community of Gibbsboro.

In the event of rain prizes and refreshments will be distributed through the Gibbsboro School to school children.



Curfew for Mischief Night and Halloween (October 30 and 31) will be 8:00 p.m.

Trick or Treat hours for Halloween (October 31) will be from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**RAIN INFO: CALL 783-6655
(NO RAIN DATE)**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
October				
Saturday	10/24	HALLOWEEN PARADE	2:45 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	10/27	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Wednesday	10/28	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Friday	10/30	CURFEW	8:00 p.m.	
Saturday	10/31	TRICK OR TREAT HOURS	2:00 - 7:00 p.m.	
Saturday	10/31	CURFEW	8:00 p.m.	
November				
Monday	11/2	First Leaf Collection Starts		
Monday	11/2	Environmental Commission	7:30 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	11/3	Election Day	6:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Tuesday	11/10	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	11/10	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Wednesday	11/11	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	11/24	Zoning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Thursday	11/26	Thanksgiving Day – Borough Offices Closed		
Friday	11/27	Borough Offices Closed		
December				
Tuesday	12/8	Planning Board	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Tuesday	12/8	Gibbsboro Board of Education	8:00 p.m.	Gibbsboro School
Wednesday	12/9	Council	8:00 p.m.	Borough Hall
Monday	12/14	Second Leaf Collection Starts		
Monday	12/21	Senior Citizen's Holiday Dinner (Tentative Day)	6:30 p.m.	American Legion

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

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

**Local Postal Patron
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026**