



# The Town Crier

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**Our Thirty-sixth Year!**

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**Mayor**

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## **Borough Hall Office Hours**

(Building access by appointment.)

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday Eve 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - Noon



**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 9**

**10 a.m.**

**Cricket Field**

**Rain Date: April 16 10 a.m.**

## **2022 Spring Clean Up Day**

Clean up from winter storms!



**Supply Distribution/ Assignments**

**Meet at the cul de sac off Berlin Road**

**Saturday, April 23 9 a.m. – Noon**

**Memorial Day  
Services**

RAIN OR SHINE

**Monday, May 30**



## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE: COVID-19 RATEPAYER RELIEF MEASURES**

*This notice announces relief measures for residential ratepayers experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please review this message in its entirety. For more information, please go to our website at [www.gibbsborotownhall.com](http://www.gibbsborotownhall.com) or contact Kevin Hatch at 1-856-783-6655 ext. 103.*

### **INSTALLMENT PLAN AVAILABILITY**

BE ADVISED that State law requires residential customers to be offered an installment plan for any sewer arrearages accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. To maintain the installment plan, a residential customer must make timely payments on all current charges. More information is available at [www.gibbsborotownhall.com](http://www.gibbsborotownhall.com). Sewer liens that were sold before January 1, 2022 cannot be included in the installment plan.

### **LATE FEES, CHARGES AND PENALTIES**

BE ADVISED that P.L. 2021, c. 317 prohibits local governments from charging residential customers interest, fees, or charges for late payment of Sewer charges accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022 until after March 15, 2022 at which time interest and penalties may begin to accrue. This prohibition does not apply to sewer liens that were sold before January 1, 2022. Late interest, fees or charges may be enforced against arrearages accruing before March 9, 2020 and after March 15, 2022.

### **BILL ASSISTANCE AND ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS**

The application period for the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is now open. This federally funded program will provide financial assistance to low-income households to reduce the balances on their residential water and sewer bills. LIHWAP will provide benefits directly to water and sewer service providers on behalf of residential customers. The assistance can be used, in order of priority, to:

- restore services where services have been terminated and pay reconnection fees and other charges accrued due to a disconnection;
- avoid service disruption for those residential customers who are in danger of disconnection (i.e., received shut off notices or have past due balances) and to help them afford bill payment going forward; and
- support those household customers who are current in their bills but might be in danger of falling behind in the near future.

Priority will also be given to families with elderly or disabled household members and/or with children under the age of five, no matter which category they fall into.

To be eligible for LIHWAP assistance, applicants must be water/sewer bill holders who are responsible for paying their water and sewer bills directly to the water/sewer provider. Also, applicants' total gross household income must be at or below 60% of the state median Income (\$6,439 a month for a family of four). The LIHWAP frequently asked questions webpage, available at <https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/lihwapfaq> has additional information about maximum income limits and other items.

Participants in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) are automatically eligible for LIHWAP assistance so long as they are water/sewer bill holders.

People can apply online through the DCAid application portal at <https://njdca-housing.dynamics365portals.us/en-US/dcaid-services/>.

Those without computer or internet access can call 1-800-510-3102 to be directed to one of the community action agencies to assist them with starting, completing, and submitting an application online.



# **GIBBSBORO SENIOR CLUB**

**772 POLE HILL PARK DRIVE  
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**



Seniors age 62 and older, come out and join your fellow Senior Citizens!  
Meetings are held the second Thursday of the Month at noon at the Senior Recreation Center in Pole Hill Park, behind 252 Haddonfield-Berlin Road (561).

**ANNUAL DUES - \$15**

Activities include bingo, raffles, auctions, bus trips and an annual holiday party.  
Lunch served for \$3 - \$5. Suggestions welcome.

For more information contact Debbie Buck, President at (609) 561-8859.



## **GIBBSBORO AMERICAN LEGION POST 371**

**NORTH LAKEVIEW DRIVE**

**GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**

**(856) 783-7327**

The American Legion Family is looking for all veterans who want to help veterans and our community. Membership criteria have been revised to eliminate the specific services dates that limited eligibility for some veterans. If you served in the armed forces and received an Honorable Discharge you are eligible to join our post!

If you are a relative of a veteran you are also eligible to join under our Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Honor Guard, or Legion Riders.

So stop in and check out the post and also check our web site [www.GeorgeWaltonPost371.org](http://www.GeorgeWaltonPost371.org) for further information. The post harbors a Joseph Lauer (KIA) memorial, Carlton R. Rouh Medal of Honor display, and artifacts from all three "9/11" targets. Our Legion Hall has been renovated for meetings and rentals.

# Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

## *Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water*

### **A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water**

**P**ollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



**As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**

### **Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides**

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

### **Properly use and dispose of hazardous products**

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.



If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

Recycle used motor oil.

Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

## Clean up after your pet

Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:

Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.



## Dispose of yard waste properly

Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.

Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost. Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



## Keep pollution out of storm drains

Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

## Don't feed wildlife

Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.

Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

## Don't litter

Place litter in trash receptacles.

Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.

Participate in community cleanups.



## Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites:

[www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Quality

Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control

Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program

(609) 633-7021

[www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org)

## Welcome New Employees!

The following new employees were appointed at the March Borough Council meeting:

**Construction Official/Zoning Officer** – With the retirement of Bernie Shepherd February 28, Peter Carbone has been appointed to head the Construction Department. Pete will be in the office on Tuesday evenings.

**Regular Patrolmen** – Michael Patterson and Cole Mangold were appointed to the Gibbsboro Police Department as full time, regular police officers subject to the completion of a one-year probationary period.

**Class One Special Officer** – A new position in the police department was created when **Robert Thompson** was appointed to a part time position in the police department. He will serve as a *class one special officer*. Thompson will be used to supplement police staffing for public events, bikeway patrols, and other duties as prescribed by the Chief of Police.

### Calling ALL Former Miss Gibbsboros

Mark the date – Saturday, July 2 - after a two-year break due to COVID-19, the Miss Gibbsboro pageant is back! This year's pageant will select the **50<sup>th</sup> Miss Gibbsboro**.

We hope to have as many former Miss Gibbsboros as possible attend this special event. To facilitate this, we are asking all former Miss Gibbsboro's to provide contact information to the Borough Clerk, Amy Troxel at [BoroughClerk@gibbsborotownhall.com](mailto:BoroughClerk@gibbsborotownhall.com) or Christine Karcsh at [Karcsh@gibbsborotownhall.com](mailto:Karcsh@gibbsborotownhall.com) so we can include them in our plans.

The Borough will host a luncheon for past Miss Gibbsboros at 1 p.m. followed by the 2022 pageant at 3 p.m.

### Contract Awards

At the March 9 meeting of the Borough Council, the following contracts were awarded:

**THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING, LLC** of Mount Royal, New Jersey in the total amount of \$816,193.00 for streetscape, multi-purpose trail and traffic signal improvements along Lakeview Drive.

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC.** for construction management and inspection of the above contract.

### Gibbsboro and Waterford to Renew Share Court Administrator/Deputy

Gibbsboro and Waterford reached an agreement on a new three-year agreement between the towns that enables the cost of the two positions to be shared. Gibbsboro violations may be paid online or in Waterford during their normal hours. Court will continue to be held in Gibbsboro with a Judge, Prosecutor and Public Defender appointed by and paid for by Gibbsboro. To date the agreement has worked well and has enabled the elimination of a full time and part time position in Gibbsboro.

### Camden County Town Meeting Series Visits Gibbsboro - April 25

The Camden County Town Hall series will again be hosted by the Borough of Gibbsboro. Congressman Donald Norcross will be joined by representatives of the Camden County Commissioners, 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, and Mayor Campbell. Questions can be submitted in advance.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Gibbsboro School. At 7:30 attendees will be able to interact with various departments and agencies that provide area services.



# Borough Gets Tough on Dirt Bikes & ATVS

Throughout New Jersey a growing number of ATV and dirt bike operators have been irresponsibly operating their vehicles on public streets, highways, or rights-of-way in violation of the state's laws. Police have been hamstrung by laws that limit their ability to pursue the perpetrators. New laws give local governments more teeth to catch, confiscate, and potentially destroy ATVs and dirt bikes that violate the law. Our bikeway system is considered a public right-of-way.

Gibbsboro is considering adoption of the following law:

## ARTICLE VII All-Terrain Vehicles and Dirt Bikes

### §171-59 - Prohibited Operation and Forfeiture.

It shall be unlawful and pose an immediate threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Gibbsboro for any person to operate any all-terrain vehicle or dirt bike upon any public street, highway or right-of-way located within the Borough in violation of N.J.S.A. 39:3C-17. Any all-terrain vehicle or dirt bike operated in a manner that violates this Section shall be deemed contraband subjected to forfeiture in accordance with N.J.S. 2C:64-1 et. seq., and shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 2C:64-6 or, at the discretion of the entity funding the prosecuting agency involved, may be destroyed.

The operation of any vehicle on private property, such as the Tri-Boro quarry, requires the permission of the property owner. Tri-Boro expressly prohibits trespassing. The operation of dirt bikes and ATVs on the Borough's open space and public lands is prohibited by ordinance. No motorized vehicles (except for emergency vehicles) are permitted to be operated on the Blueberry Hill walking/bike paths. Any violators will be charged and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

## Police Blotter

**March 1:** While on a traffic stop for moving violations, police arrested the driver for an active criminal warrant. The driver was released after being issued multiple traffic citations pending a future court appearance.

**March 2:** While on a proactive patrol in the Gibbsboro section of the Tri-Boro quarry, police arrested two juveniles for illegally operating dirt bikes on private property and on public roadways. The dirt bikes were impounded and the juveniles were charged with trespassing and issued multiple citations for traffic and borough ordinance violations. The juveniles were then released to their parents pending their future court appearance.

**March 3:** While on a proactive patrol in the Gibbsboro section of the Tri-Boro quarry, police made contact with four ATV riders who were detained for illegally operating their ATV's on private property. The riders were charged with trespassing and released pending their future court appearance.

All defendants are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Gibbsboro Police Department welcomes any and all reports of illegal activity. Thank you for your continued support of your local police.

**LOCAL POSTAL PATRON  
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**

## **Gibbsboro Police Sergeant Honored as Hometown Hero by Flyers**

The Philadelphia Flyers recognized Sergeant Charles Heimerl as their Hometown Hero at the team's home game on Saturday, March 5. Heimerl's military service included duty as a member of Marine Helicopter Squadron One ([HMX-1](#)) "Nighthawks", which provides escort/helicopter transport for the President of the United States.

Sergeant Heimerl is pictured with fiancée Maria and Flyer's Hall of Famer Bobby Clarke.

