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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 30**

8:00 am American Legion
9:15 am Cedar Grove Cemetery
9:45 am Triangle
10:15 am Lauer Playground

All Times
Approximate



Gibbsboro Veteran John Foxhill Honored at Town Hall Meeting

Camden County sponsored a Town Hall meeting at the Gibbsboro School on April 25th. Local veteran John Foxhill was honored by Congressman Don Norcross, Assemblyman Greenwald, Commissioner Reed, and Mayor Campbell. Pictured above, John Foxhill is presented a proclamation by Mayor Campbell making April 25 John Foxhill Day in Gibbsboro. To the right of the Mayor are Congressman Norcross and Assemblyman Greenwald.

The Town Hall included updates by leaders on issues and projects in the area and Camden County services fair.



Borough Offices
will be closed
Monday, May 30
for Memorial
Day.



GIBBSBORO SCHOOL

37 Kirkwood Road
Gibbsboro, New Jersey
856-783-1140

May 12, 2022

Dear Gibbsboro Families,

We are trying to locate children who will be five years of age on or before October 1, 2022. These children will be eligible to attend our September 2022 kindergarten.

If you have a child who will be eligible for kindergarten in September, please complete the attached form and return it to the school as soon as possible. ***If your child is already attending our preschool, you do not need to fill out the form.*** Please tell friends and neighbors with eligible children to contact the school.

Kindergarten registration paperwork will be mailed to families in early spring. Classroom orientation will be scheduled in late May.

Sincerely,

Becky McFerren
Administrative Secretary
rmcferren@gibbsboroschool.org

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Kindergarten Pre-registration Form

Name of eligible child

Date of Birth

Gender

Name of Parent/Guardian

Address

Telephone Number

email



Trash and
recyclables will
be collected
Wednesday due
to the holiday.



Volunteer Firefighter Shortage



Gibbsboro Fire Company

Volunteerism is down nationally and local volunteer fire companies are suffering. Every year there are stories of volunteer fire companies that are shut down due to a lack of volunteers. Recently, this just occurred right here in Camden County, New Jersey. The Cedar Brook Fire Company is one of several which are part of the Winslow Township Fire District. Their fire station was just shut down because there were only six (6) volunteer firefighters remaining. With the closing, ninety-seven (97) years of volunteerism at Cedar Brook Fire Company is **GONE!**

Gibbsboro Fire Company has been in existence for 91 years as a purely volunteer fire company. We are also feeling the shortage of volunteers and have an aging problem as our average age is currently fifty-four (54). Gibbsboro only has one fire station in town and should this happen here, we would have to rely on another town for fire protection. What does this mean for residents? Increased response times, increased taxes, as our neighboring fire companies have fully paid staff or are fire districts which tax separately from the town. Some of the long-standing traditions would come to an end like the way we take Santa around town.

We desperately need individuals to join the ranks of the fire company. Join us today and become something bigger by being part of a dedicated team helping those in need. No experience is necessary as we provide all training and equipment. Stop down any Monday night after 7pm and speak with one of our members or email gfc@gfc681.org with any questions. Please don't let this time-honored tradition and the history of the past ninety-one (91) years just disappear.

Coffee & Tea in the Garden
Gibbsboro Community Garden
Saturday, July 16th, 10-1



Be in the Know!

Residents can now receive important, official information directly through Nixle. Messages will be delivered by email, SMS text message, and over the web.

Information can be received online and through email. Residents can receive messages by phone as part of their text messaging plan - otherwise standard text message rates apply. The system is simple to use and provides an easy sign-up process. Register now and learn more at www.nixle.com.



Lucas Descendant Traces Her Roots

Great, Great, Great Granddaughter of John Lucas Tours Town

On May 5 Stephanie Lucas Houck, pictured above, left with friend Carol Alger, visited Gibbsboro to walk in the footsteps of her famous ancestors, John and Harriet Lucas. They reviewed the dozens of Borough artifacts from the factory and visited Lucas memorials at Cedar Grove Cemetery and the Triangle, the Cricket Field, Lucas Park, the old rail corridor, a walk around Silver Lake, and a trip through Lucaston. The day was capped off with a walkthrough of the Lucas Homestead. Stephanie and her family operate the Lucas Vineyards (www.lucasvineyards.com) on Lake Cayuga in Interlaken, New York.

Success - Earth Week Spring Clean Up!

On Saturday April 24, led by the Gibbsboro Environmental Commission, roughly 50 volunteers including the local boy scout troop collected trash from around town including the Borough's trail system. Several dozen bags of paper, bottles and cans were removed from roadsides and throughout open space.

Take Note: Don't Feed the Waterfowl!

Chapter § 96-18 **Feeding prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, cause to be fed, or provide food for wild water fowl or to create any condition or allow any condition to exist which results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of wild water fowl and migratory water fowl.

Minimum Fine: \$100.

Dear Residents and Business Owners:

In accordance with the Borough's Tier A Municipal Storm Water General Permit, the Governing Body has adopted various ordinances to regulate the impact of storm water and pollutants on the environment. As part of our required Local Public Education Program, we are sending this letter to you annually to highlight the requirements and environmental benefits of these Ordinances. The following describes the Ordinances in the Municipal Code:

1. Pet Waste: This Ordinance **requires** all pet owners to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or private property. This requirement prevents fecal contamination from impacting our local waterways.
2. Litter: This Ordinance states that it is unlawful to throw, drop, discard, or otherwise place litter of any nature on any public or private property, other than a litter receptacle. This requirement has been adopted to prevent all types of litter from cluttering public streets and private property and prevents litter from impacting our waterways.
3. Improper Disposal of Waste: This Ordinance states that it is illegal to dispose of waste in any place other than a proper solid waste storage container. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent unsanitary conditions and groundwater pollution.
4. Wildlife Feeding: Feeding of water fowl on municipal park land or property is prohibited by Ordinance. The purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce water fowl population in response to health concerns regarding bacteria from fecal matter which is harmful to humans and fish populations. Also, § 96-18 extends the prohibition to the entire community. It states **"It shall be unlawful for any person to feed, cause to be fed, or provide food for wild water fowl or to create any condition or allow any condition to exist which results in a threat to the health, safety or welfare of wild water fowl and migratory water fowl."**
5. Yard Waste: This Ordinance has been created to establish a system for the placement and collection of leaves, brush, and other yard wastes. The purpose of the Ordinance is to keep leaves, grass and other yard waste out of the storm water inlets and piping, and ultimately out of our waterways.
6. Illicit Connections: It is unlawful to connect any pipe or discharge to the municipal storm sewer system that is intended to discard, spill, or dump any substance other than storm water or groundwater (via sump discharge) into the system. The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent contamination of our streams and waterways which receive discharge from our storm sewers.

The transport of pollutants into local streams and water bodies can result in the destruction of fish, wildlife, and habitats; threats to public health and the loss of recreational and aesthetic value.

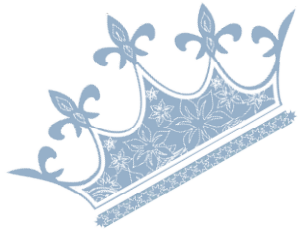
The Governing Body has enacted the above listed Ordinances to protect our environment, and to keep pollutants that are commonly conveyed by storm water from adversely impacting our waterways and groundwater supplies. These ordinances can be found in the Section 343 of the Municipal Code of the Borough of Gibbsboro or on the official Borough web site www.gibbsboroughtownhall.com.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Campbell, III



Mayor



Miss Gibbsboro Pageant

2022

Celebrating 50 years of Miss Gibbsboro

*Open to young ladies between the ages of 13 and 18
July 2nd at 3pm in the Gibbsboro Senior Center
Prize Money for the top 3 contestants*



*1st place \$500
2nd place \$300
3rd place \$200*

*The pageant is a wonderful way to become involved in the
community and looks great on a college resume.*

*Judging is based on a brief confidential interview, your poise, ability to
speak at the podium, and appearance in formal wear*

*To Sign up: Email your name, age, address, and phone
number to:*

*Amy Troxel 856-783-6655 x105
boroughclerk@gibbsborotownhall.com*

or

*Christine Karcsh 609-206-1925
karcsh@gibbsborotownhall.com*



18th Annual 4th of July Essay Contest \$200 Prize!



Winner will be announced during the Miss Gibbsboro pageant held on July 2nd in the Senior Center. Winning essay will be placed on the Gibbsboro web site
www.gibbsborotownhall.com

Essay Contest Rules:

- Authors must be between the ages of 13 to 18
 - Gibbsboro residents only
- Must be an original essay on the selected topic
- Essay must include your name, age, address, phone number and grade as of 6/1/2022
 - Deadline is Thursday, June 23rd at 4 pm

Essay Topic:

If you had three wishes for Gibbsboro,
what would they be?

Summit your essays to:
Amy Troxel

boroughclerk@gibbsborotownhall.com

or place in mail box at the borough hall

Town Yard Sale
Saturday, May 21st 9-2

Spring
Yard Sale

A colorful illustration of a yard sale scene. It features a blue lamp with a yellow shade, a red teapot, a yellow flower, and a small black and white photo of a person. The items are arranged on a green surface.

\$5 TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT MARY ANNE 856-357-4387

Car Wash & Hoagie Sale
\$7 each or any 3 for \$20

A cartoon illustration of three hoagies (sandwiches) driving a green car. The hoagies are wearing hats and sunglasses. The car is a classic convertible. The background is yellow.

Gibbsboro
Community Garden
Fundraiser

Saturday, June 4th 9-1 in the
Gibbsboro School parking lot. All
hoagies are 12" Italian or Turkey.

BOROUGH OF
GIBBSBORO
49 KIRKWOOD ROAD
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026

PRSRT STD
U. S. POSTAGE PAID
CHERRY HILL, NJ
PERMIT NO. 118

LOCAL POSTAL PATRON
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026

Gibbsboro Remembers

Memorial Day Services RAIN OR SHINE

Monday, May 30
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



Cpl Vernon H. Parker Jr USMC

Gibbsboro Resident
KIA September 25, 1966
Vietnam

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
Gibbsboro

WE REMEMBER: JOSEPH EDWARD LAUER
December 19, 1948 – May 31, 1968



JOSEPH EDWARD LAUER was a member of the Class of 1967, the first graduating class of Eastern Regional High School. After graduating from Eastern, Lauer enlisted in the US Marine Corps and volunteered to go to Vietnam.

Lauer's duty started on May 8, 1968 and only 23 days after arriving in Vietnam, Private First Class Lauer, on May 31, 1968, at the age of 19, was tragically killed in Quang Tri, South Vietnam, the result of hostile mortar fire. He was awarded the Purple Heart.