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Borough Hall Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesday Eve 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - Noon

Halloween Boo Bash
October 29
4 - 8 p.m. – Pole Hill Park



Trick-or-Treat Hours
October 31 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Curfew
October 30 & 31 8:00 p.m.

Brielle O'Donnell **Miss Gibbsboro 2022**



Brielle is the 50th young lady selected to represent our community since the pageant began in 1973. Nearly 25 former Miss Gibbsboros attended the reunion pageant at the Senior Center on July 2. Congratulations Brielle!

HOMESTEAD REBATE PROGRAM NOW ANCHOR

The ANCHOR program – Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters – replaces the Homestead Benefit program and expands the amount of property tax relief while also boosting eligibility to twice as many homeowners and including tenants, once again.

Gibbsboro residents began receiving filing information mailers for the 2019 ANCHOR property tax relief program around September 30. The deadline for filing an ANCHOR application is Friday, December 30, 2022. Please do not call about a missing mailer until at least two weeks after the expected delivery date.

The NJ Division will email 2019 ANCHOR program filing information to homeowners who had requested their 2019 application be sent through email when they filed their 2018 Homestead Benefit application. Eligible homeowners are encouraged to file applications online or by phone. However, some homeowners will be required to file a paper application. All eligible tenants can file online or by completing a paper application. However, we encourage online filing and tenants have no phone option.

The online application, filing instructions, and paper applications can be accessed at nj.gov/taxation. The automated telephone filing system will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the filing period at 1 (877) 658-2972.

To be eligible, homeowners must have:

- Been a New Jersey resident; and
- Owned and occupied a home in New Jersey that was their principal residence (main home) on October 1, 2019; and
 - Paid the 2019 property taxes on their main home; and
 - Had 2019 New Jersey gross income of not more than \$250,000.

To be eligible, tenants must have:

- Been a New Jersey resident; and
- Rented and occupied an apartment or residence in New Jersey that was their principal residence (main home) on October 1, 2019; and
 - Lived in a unit with its own separate kitchen and bath facilities (if the building had more than one dwelling unit); and
 - Paid rent on their main home, which was subject to local property taxes; and
 - Had 2019 New Jersey gross income of not more than \$150,000. Applicants will choose to receive their benefits either as a check or direct deposit.

If you have any questions about the ANCHOR or Senior Freeze programs, please use the following contact information:

- General online information: nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml
- Homeowners file applications by phone: 1 (877) 658-2972
- Homeowners file applications online: nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/home-file.shtml
- Tenants file online: nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/tenant.shtml
- To ask questions: 1 (888) 238-1233
- In-person assistance at Taxation Regional Information Centers.

Q4 Taxes Don't be late!

Q4 property taxes must be paid by November 10 to avoid interest. Pay online via credit or debit card (fees apply): <https://wipp.edmundsassoc.com/Wipp/?wippid=0413>. Checks may be mailed or placed in the drop box right of the entrance to Borough Hall.

All 2022 unpaid balances for taxes, local sewer, and CCMUA as of November 11 are candidates for the 2022 tax sale. Any balance as of November 11 must be paid via cash or certified check. Unpaid balances will be sold at public auction at the tax sale in December.



How to pay taxes or a Borough Sewer bill online by check, debit card or credit card.

Step 1 – Go to www.gibbsborotownhall.com



Step 2 – Scroll down and click "[Click Here to Pay Taxes & Sewer Bill Online](#)"



Step 3 – Search for your property.

Step 4 – Click "View Current Bill" or "Make a Payment".

PLEASE NOTE:

There are fees associated with paying your bill online. If you pay by ACH or e-check, there is a \$1.05 convenience fee. If you pay by Visa personal debit card, there is a \$3.95 convenience fee. The fee for all other debit and credit card payments will be approximately 2.95% of your total bill.

Camden County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

When: Saturday, October 22
Location: Camden County Public Works Complex
2311 Egg Harbor Rd.
Lindenwold
Hours: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM (rain or shine)

While Camden County has resumed scheduled hazardous waste collection events, each event is subject to cancellation due to concerns with the transmission of COVID-19. Prior to bringing items to a Camden County event, you should call Camden County to confirm that it will be held.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

The Borough does not collect electronics (TVs, computers, cell phones, etc.) for recycling as they generally contain toxic materials. See the notice below for an option.

Camden County's recycling vendor, Magnum Recycling, is open and operating and will accept electronics dropped off by residents by appointment. To schedule an appointment contact Magnum Industries at (856) 333-0991.



Winter Reminder

Once snow begins to fall, please remove cars, trailers, basketball hoops and other obstructions from ALL roads to allow for snow removal and salting operations. Keep roads clear until snow is cleared curb to curb. Vehicles on snow covered roads create hazardous conditions for plowing operations and other motorists. Do not throw snow into streets!

Failure to comply is a violation of §171-28 and could result in a summons, fine, and/or impoundment of your motor vehicle.

Gibbsboro Human Relations Commission Forming

Kickoff Meeting October 19

Great news! The Mayor's office has been working with Philip Freeman, President and founder of the Freeman Firm, LLC in Voorhees; retired Assistant Director from the NJ Office of the Attorney General, Civil Rights Division; and former Policy Chairman of the NJ Human Relations Council, along with Gibbsboro resident Jayne Dempsey, President and Founder of Peace Zone Enterprises, which provides training to school districts in areas of character development, classroom management and stress reduction for teachers and students. She is also a retired school teacher from the Pleasantville School District; and former Assistant Director of Camden County's Office of Intergroup Relations. They will be working together with the mayor's office and Gibbsboro Council to establish a Gibbsboro Human Relations Commission.

The Commission's mission will be required to advocate for maintaining harmonious relations among all individuals and groups within Gibbsboro, which shall include every race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, and those with mental or physical disabilities. We are looking to recruit members from our diverse community to join us in our efforts to foster good will, enhance public awareness, and educate the general public on the adverse effects of prejudice, bias, and discrimination in Gibbsboro and throughout Camden County. We also aim to build positive relationships with other proactive groups that support our mission and other human rights initiatives.

Jayne and Phil bring a wealth of experience involving HRC recruitment, planning and implementation of programmatic activities, and Outreach initiatives. Phil is the also past Chairman of the Camden County Human Relations Commission and served in that capacity for over six (6) years, while Jayne worked closely with the Commission in her capacity as Assistant Director of Intergroup Relations to oversee and coordinate a host of workshops, seminars, and outreach activities, which received County wide recognition. Jayne is an ordained interfaith minister. They will serve on a volunteer basis as liaisons to the mayor's office and be responsible for setting up introductory meetings and workshops to recruit membership. We look forward to working closely with them and would like to schedule our first meeting later this month.

If you would like to learn more about the upcoming Gibbsboro HRC, please contact Phil at p.freeman.gibbsborohrc@gmail.com, or Jane at j.dempsey.gibbsborohrc@gmail.com. They may also be contacted at: (609) 509-9676.

A virtual kick-off meeting will be held Wednesday October 19 beginning at 7pm. To join visit:

Topic: Gibbsboro Human Relations Commission Kickoff
Time: Oct 19, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88599765480>

Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution 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.



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.

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.

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.



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.

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 or www.nonpointsource.org

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

www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or 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

**Gibbsboro 2022
Fall Clean Up**



Supply Distribution/ Assignments

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

**Saturday, October 22
9 a.m. – Noon**

Lucas House Cleanout 10 a.m. - Noon

**GIBBSBORO SENIOR
CLUB**

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

Senior Citizens 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.

SENIORS - MARK THE DATE: Senior's Holiday Party December 5 @ Post 371

6 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Music

Information: Contact Buck 609.561.8859

Gibbsboro Nabs Round 22 Camden County Grants

Camden County Commissioners have approved two grants from the Camden County Open Space Trust for Gibbsboro projects. A \$25K grant will fund the continuation of Borough efforts to replace the stone surfaces of the multi-use trail along United States Avenue at the Lindenwold border. Lindenwold was also awarded \$25K for work in the same area. Gibbsboro will coordinate the projects. The Borough was also awarded \$50K for the continued restoration of the John Lucas Homestead on Clementon Road which is listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places.

DON'T MISS THE FIRST ANNUAL

Blueberry Hill MONSTER BASH!

October 29, 2022

4 TO 8 PM

**Pole Hill Park
772 Pole Hill Park Dr.
Gibbsboro, NJ**

- **TRUNK OR TREAT-decorate your trunks and bring candy!**
- **Pumpkin Painting**
- **Food**
- **COSTUME CONTEST - Prizes!**
- **Music**
- **AND MORE SPOOKY FUN!**

Categories for costume contest: Best Adult 16 and up, Best Kid 15 and under, Most Cute, Most Creative, Best Character, Most SCARY winners announced at 6:30pm



Place on door or in window to let Trick-or-Treaters know you are not participating this year.



See you next year

Property Owner Responsibilities

Sidewalks - Property owners are responsible to maintain sidewalks that are in front and alongside their property. All trip hazards should be removed and the concrete replaced. The space above the sidewalk should be free of tree limbs and bushes to a height of eight (8) feet to allow use by bikes and pedestrians.

Trees – Property owners are responsible for all trees on their property including in the public right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk. Dead and diseased trees should be removed and branches trimmed. No permit is required to remove diseased trees or most small diameter trees.

Sewer Cleanouts – The entire sewer lateral from your residence up to and including the cleanout near the curb is the responsibility of the property owner. Care should be taken to avoid damaging the cleanout with lawnmowers or vehicles which can cause damage requiring expensive repairs.

Sewer System Etiquette – Diapers and sanitary napkins should never be disposed of in a sewer system. It is illegal to dispose of any storm water (such as basement drains) into the sewer system. Storm water should be disposed of onto the ground outside the home. Never discharge oil or other liquids into a storm drain.

Dogs and Cats – Dogs and cats must be licensed in Gibbsboro. Pet owners are required to clean up after their pets and dogs must be leashed at all times unless within the property owner's fenced-in yard. Cats should never be allowed to freely roam. Unlicensed pets that are collected by animal control or police are subject to impoundment.



In-Person Election Day, Tuesday, November 8

Polls Open: 6 A.M. – 8 P.M.

Polling Location: American Legion Post 371

Lucas Boulevard & Lakeview Drive

Nearest Mail-in Ballot Box:

Voorhees Town Center

Lindenwold Borough Hall

Early Voting October 29-November 6,

Hours: Monday-Saturday (10 am-8 pm)
Sunday (10 am-6 pm)

Closest location: Lion's Lake Community Center, 101 Dutchtown Road, Voorhees
<https://www.camdencounty.com/service/voting-and-elections/early-voting/>

Borough Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Veteran's Day: Tuesday evening, November 8 & Friday, November 11

Thanksgiving: November 22 & 23

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

BE ADVISED

Multi-purpose trail construction along 561 between
Silver Lake and Marlton/Milford Roads

Road Reconstruction this month Manor, Holly &
McKee

For traffic alerts register for NIXLE
at www.nixle.com.



Leaf Collection

2022 leaf collection will again be a single pass through town. Leaf collection will begin **Monday, November 28**, following the Thanksgiving holiday.

Do not place any leaves in the street before November 24 as they create a hazard. Early leaves collected prior to November 24 **MUST** be enclosed in a fenced enclosure, behind the curb. Plastic snow fencing is ideal to corral early leaves. All leaves must be **unbagged**. Do not include any other organic material (branches, grass clippings, etc.) or inorganic (plastics, paper, etc.) with the leaf piles.

Residents should rake leaves curbside in advance of collection, during the holiday weekend. If leaf collection has already taken place in your area, do not place any additional piles curbside as it is unlikely that we will return. If you have any questions, please call Borough Hall at 783-6655.

