



The Town Crier

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Borough Hall Office Hours

(Appointments recommended.)

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday Eve 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - Noon



Due to the Memorial Day
Holiday

Trash and recyclables will be
collected on Saturday, June 1.



The Gibbsboro Borough Council Presents:

Gibby 100!

July 5th 2024 4pm to 12am

American Legion Post 371 & The Cricket Field

Food Trucks

- Brotherly Love Cheesesteak
- Spring Roll Co
- Traveling Tomato
- Garner's Craft BBQ
- Mattydogz
- Frios Pops
- Lisa Rae's Truffles
- Fruit-Full Smoothies & Acai Bowls
- Reds Rolling Restaurant

Live Bands

- Teenage FBI
- Millennial Pause
- Midnight Soundtrack

Bouncy House

- Face Painting
- Fire Truck
- Giant Jenga
- Connect Four
- Balloons
- Beer Garden
- Corn Hole
- Tournament
- Crafts for Kids

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS BOROUGH OF GIBBSBORO

1924 2024



Planning and Zoning Board Approvals

March: Final major site plan approval and a certificate of appropriateness were granted to **Jane's Joint Boutique Dispensary LLC** to operate a Class 5 Cannabis Retail Dispensary at 142 South Lakeview Drive.

A Use Variance was granted to the **Voorhees Township Board of Education** to operate a Pre-Kindergarten at 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road in Gibbsboro.

April: A conditional use variance and minor site plan approval was granted to **Boutique Gardens LLC** to operate a class 2 cannabis manufacturing business at 10 Democrat Way.



NJ Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) Approves One Green Leaf, LLC to Open!

One Green Leaf is the first dispensary to receive permission to open in Gibbsboro. The property owner, Sonraj LLC, purchased and rehabilitated several distressed properties along North Lakeview Drive. In addition to property taxes, the business will pay the Borough a tax of two (2) per cent of all revenues. The new cannabis tax is payable quarterly.

If your child will be five years old on or before October 1, 2024, they are eligible to attend Kindergarten in September! **For more Kindergarten registration information visit:**



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetZwk4SRkjgWXxTmVzGS8GNG8YPMb_uRwHOH5lRTb2M7SSg/viewform

Now Accepting Applications for 2024-2025 Preschool!

If your child will be age 3 or 4 by October 1, 2024, they are eligible for preschool in September. Click on the headline for more information and the preschool application. If your child is already attending our preschool, you do not need to fill out the form for next year. **For Preschool Applications visit:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWdobGzx0yid0YSyWX2F99ffq3kPBMmLmg_VC2HRBmyMggtw/viewform?usp=sf_link

\$WE'RE IN THE MONEY\$

Congressionally-Directed Spending (CDS) Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding (CPF)

In the most recent federal budget appropriations bill, Gibbsboro was awarded **\$750K** as a dedicated line item in the HUD budget to aid in the renovation of the former home of John Lucas as a Community Events Venue. The funding was made possible thanks to the support of US Senator Cory Booker and Congressman Donald Norcross who specifically incorporated the grant into the federal budget. The project will complement planned major redevelopment at the Paintworks. Work is expected to be completed within two years. CDS is more commonly known as budget earmarks.

NJ Department of Transportation Local Freight Impact Fund

NJ DOT recently announced a **\$570K** award to Gibbsboro for improvements to Old Egg Harbor Road from East Clementon Road to the Voorhees Township border. The grant will fund roadway and intersection work to improve safety for residents, pedestrians and bikers that use the road. Some high school students use the road as a short-cut to walk to Eastern High School. The dead-end road is also used by large trucks that transport cargo to and from a Voorhees Township business.

Recycling Tonnage Grant

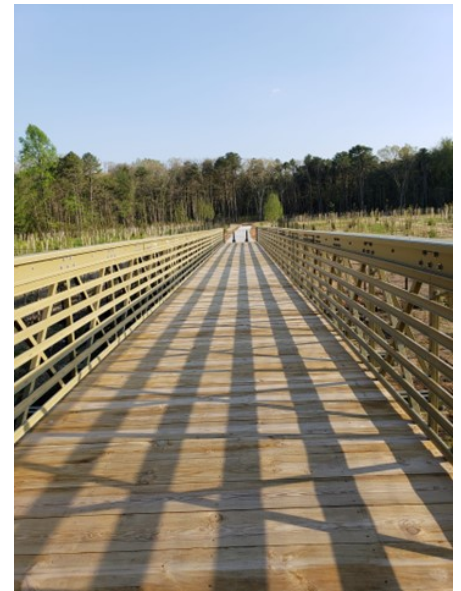
The Borough received and appropriated **\$3,928.98**, which represents a stipend from the state based upon 2021 recycling efforts.

NJ DMV Funds

The Borough received and appropriated **\$1,950** from the state based upon DMV inspection fees collected in Gibbsboro.

New Trail Opens to Public

Constructed by Severson, and paid for by Sherwin-Williams, the Borough's newest trail segment opened last week for public use. The trail connects the Yellow Trail to Marlton Avenue at Berlin Road. It runs across the US Avenue Burn Site, crosses Honey Run, and weaves along the White Sands Branch connecting to an existing trail segment along Berlin Road. The trail was constructed for the Borough as part of a Community Benefits Agreement between Sherwin-Williams and the Borough.



Sherwin-Williams Remediation Project Update

The Sherwin-Williams Company is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate and remediate environmental conditions associated with past industrial operations at the former Sherwin-Williams paint manufacturing plant in Gibbsboro. Activities at the three Superfund sites (Sherwin-Williams/ Hilliards Creek Site, the Route 561 Dump Site and the United States Avenue Burn Site) have been divided into six units to help facilitate the remedy decision and remedial action process.

The Residential Properties unit remediation is complete.

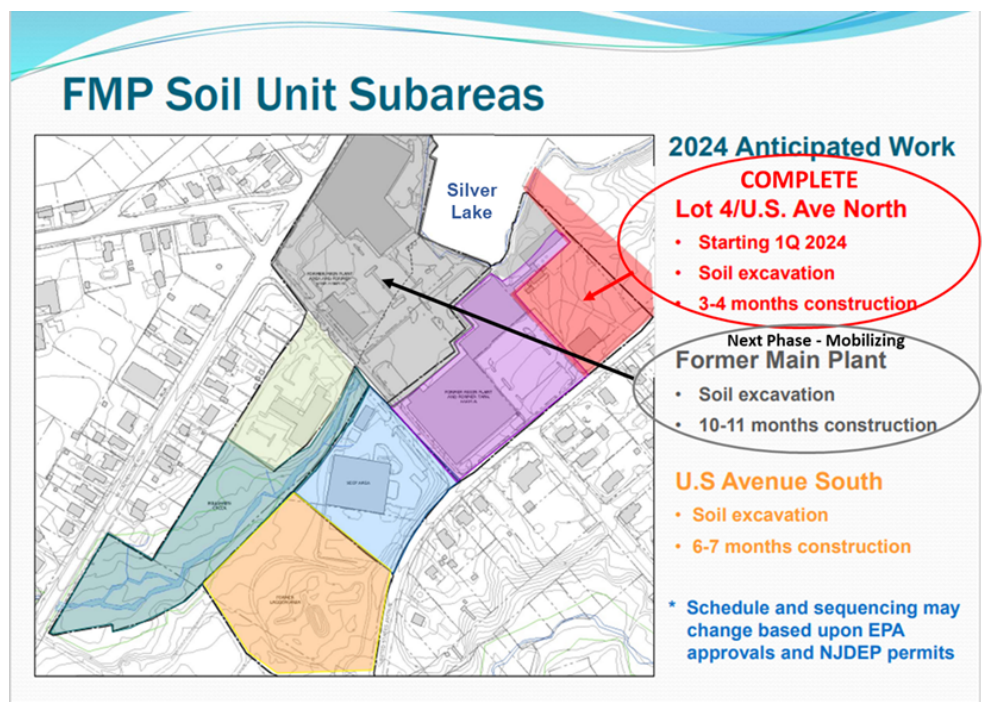
The Route 561 Dump Site Soils unit remediation is complete.

United States Avenue Burn Site unit remediation is complete.

Waterbodies including Hilliards Creek – The Waterbodies unit addresses contaminated sediments and floodplain soils in Silver Lake, Bridgewood Lake, Kirkwood Lake and Hilliards Creek. The Sherwin-Williams team has initiated Pre-Design Investigations (PDI) of Silver Lake and Bridgewood Lake in Gibbsboro. Once the PDI phase is complete for each lake, the team will move forward with remedial design.

Former Manufacturing Plant (FMP) Groundwater - Sherwin-Williams is working with EPA to finalize the Remedial Investigation (RI) of the Groundwater unit. Once the RI is approved by EPA, Sherwin-Williams will proceed with the Feasibility Study to evaluate alternatives for addressing groundwater contamination at the FMP.

FMP Soils - The FMP unit includes parcels at the base of Silver Lake north of Foster Avenue, parcels south of Foster Avenue, and a segment of Hilliards Creek between Foster Avenue and West Clementon Road. The first area to be remediated included two parcels (red area) on the eastern side of the smokestacks along United States Avenue. Work is now transitioning to the remaining area north of Foster Avenue and west of the former warehouses that were demolished in 2023 (grey area). This will include the 6 E. Clementon Road “slab”. The remediation requires Silver Lake to be lowered and the dam to be reinforced as the excavations will be very deep. The boardwalk area of the path around Silver Lake will be closed for the balance of 2024 and we anticipate Foster Avenue being closed for a period of time.



Miss Gibbsboro 2024 is Mia Karcsh!



Left to right, second runner-up and best essay Isabella Olson, first runner-up Ainsley Hauber, Miss Gibbsboro - Mia Karcsh (center), Isabella Soriano (gold dress), Autumn Berenato (short dress), and Ava Latlip (right).

Thank you to Miss Gibbsboro 2023, Natalya Wheeler and a special thank you to Marina Metallo, Miss Gibbsboro 2012, for standing in as Mistress of Ceremonies at the last minute.



Introducing Gibbsboro's Own Kelly Stout

Miss Wheelchair New Jersey

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552131463165>

Ms. Wheelchair America program

The Ms. Wheelchair America program is a nonprofit organization that empowers women with disabilities to educate others and advocate for those living with disabilities. Here's how it works:

State-Level Competition: Women compete at the state level, representing their respective states. During this stage, they showcase their advocacy efforts, achievements, communication skills, and presentation abilities.

National Competition: State titleholders then advance to the Ms. Wheelchair America national competition. At this level, they are judged based on their advocacy work, leadership, and accomplishments. The program emphasizes qualities beyond physical appearance, focusing on advocacy, leadership, and achievements.

Mission: The program's mission is to provide an opportunity for women who use wheelchairs to successfully educate and advocate for the more than 64 million Americans living with disabilities. Unlike traditional beauty pageants, Ms. Wheelchair America does not select winners based on attractiveness but rather on their dedication to making a positive impact in the disability community.



\$7 EACH **3 FOR \$20**

Italian or Turkey & cheese

Gibbsboro School Parking Lot

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024 AT 10 AM – 2 PM EDT

Gibbsboro Community Garden

Hoagie Sale

Public · Event by Gibbsboro Community Garden Events



Free Family Event


Gibbsboro Community Garden

1000 Pole Hill Park Drive

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024 AT 10 AM – 1 PM EDT

Coffee & Tea in the Garden

Public · Event by Gibbsboro Community Garden Events



**TOWN WIDE
YARD SALE**

JUNE 1st 9-2pm
(Rain date June 8th)

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am planning a Town Wide Yard Sale on June 1st 9-2:00pm. I will be advertising in the local paper, posting signs and making maps to help bring business your way. I am asking for each house contribute \$5.00 to help cover the cost of advertising, signs, maps etc. If interested please call 856-357-4387 by Tuesday, May 28th.

Thanks ! Mary Anne Hojnowski - 2 Chatham Road

Camden County Smart911

Smart911 is private and secure, is only used for emergency responses, and only made available to the 9-1-1 system in the event of an emergency call. To sign-up visit: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/registration/registrationLanding.action>.

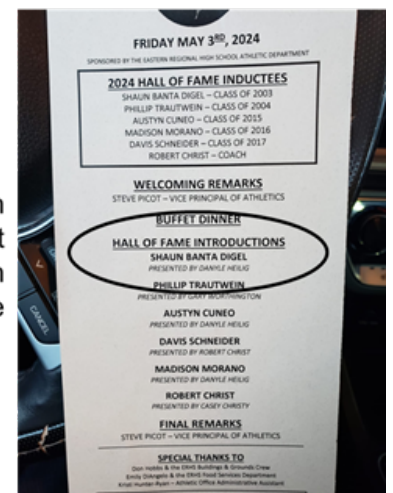
Sign Up for Instant Public Notifications

By simply sending a text message with our zip code "08026" to 888777, you are instantly registered to receive important text messages from Gibbsboro agencies. Want more control? Create a Nixle account at www.nixle.com and tailor exactly what information you receive and how you want to receive it – via text message, email, mobile application, or web browser.



Shaun Banta Digel Enters Athletic Hall

Digel, a former Gibbsboro Elementary and Eastern High School field hockey standout, set many records at Eastern High School, and never lost a game in her high school career. She was inducted on May 3 into the school's athletic hall of fame. Congratulations Shaun!





What if there was no one to answer the call?

What if there was an emergency with your neighbor, friend or family and no one showed up to help?

You can help answer that call!

Gibbsboro Fire Company

The Gibbsboro Fire Company is an all-volunteer fire company operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are your neighbors, friends, and family that have dedicated our time to serve and protect life and property for Gibbsboro and surrounding towns. You will see us responding to all types of emergencies, from building fires, to car accidents, to emergency medical calls, to storm damage. You will also see us at many town events throughout the year.

We are looking for dedicated, motivated individuals to join our ranks. Experience is not necessary. We will provide you with all the training and equipment. If you are 18 or older and would like to serve and protect our little community, stop down at the fire company any Monday evening. Any questions can be emailed to gfc@gfc681.org.

Not 18 yet, ask about the Fire Explorer Program.

Our Explorer Program is a unique program in that it is a hands-on career education in the fire service. It is a co-ed program for teenagers, ages 14-18, that meets on Monday nights at the Gibbsboro Fire Company. Explorers learn how to use the fire equipment, basic firefighting tactics and work under the guidance of the Gibbsboro firefighters. For more information or questions about the Explorer Program, contact Captain Barry Rothberg at Barry.rothberg@gibbsborofire.org

Fire Company Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast

June 2

8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Gibbsboro Fire Hall



Do you have a boy looking for adventure and to be involved in something bigger? **Boy Scout Troop 127** (Gibbsboro/Voorhees) is always looking for young men ages 11-17 to join our Troop. Scouting is adventure, learning, fun, service, a code for living, and family. Scouting adventures are fun in nature with a purpose to develop our Scouts physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually.

Scouts learn to be leaders, work as a team, be responsible, be good citizens, ethics, integrity, outdoor skills, and lifesaving skills. Our adventures include hiking, camping, water sports, shooting sports, along with other outdoor activities. Scouting challenges our Scouts to be better individuals and better citizens in our community. As Scouts work together to develop team working skills, they bond making Scouting a second family.

If you are interested in joining, we meet Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Scout Building located at Pole Hill Park behind the Recreation Center. For more information or questions contact George Koehler at drum.styx@comcast.net, by phone at 609-876-1257 or Barry Rothberg at brothberg1@comcast.net, by phone at 609-682-0414.

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Memorial Day Services

Monday, May 27

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

**Borough Offices
will be closed for
Memorial Day.**

All Times

Approximate

Borough of Gibbsboro

4TH OF JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Calling all individuals, businesses, community/civic organizations!
We want you all to be part of this year's 4th of July parade!

FLOATS - CONVERTIBLES
MOTORCYCLES - ANTIQUE CARS - CIVIC GROUPS

For information contact
"Friends of Gibbsboro" via Christine Karcsh
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