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#### **Our Thirty-Eighth Year!**

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2024

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#### **Borough Hall Office Hours**

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



John Lucas House
Circa 1850
10 East Clementon Road

State Register – October 1, 2018 Federal Register – March 29, 2019



#### **\$552,094 For Gibbsboro!**

The New Jersey Historic Trust, an affiliate of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), on September 26 approved a total of \$16,598,738 in grant recommendations from the Preserve New Jersey Historic Preservation Fund to save and promote 75 historic sites throughout the state. Of the 75 grant award recommendations, will 41 fund capital preservation projects on sites listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. All grants awarded are to nonprofit organizations or entities of municipal, county and state governments and require a match from the Among the recommendations is recipient. \$552,094 for the John Lucas House in Gibbsboro, one of three Camden County projects that include the Croft Farm and the Battleship New Jersey.

The Lucas House is listed on both the New Jersey and national registers of historic properties. The funding will be supplemented by a \$750,000 federal earmark in the 2024 federal budget. Work is expected to commence in 2025 with the ultimate use of the building as an events venue that can host Borough events and be rented by private parties.



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October 1, 2024

Gibbsboro Residents, Business Owners & Property Owners

Subject: Gibbsboro's Tier A Municipal Storm Water Ordinances

#### 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 many of the relevant 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.
- 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.
- 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. <u>Illicit Connections</u>: 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.
- Privately Owned Salt Storage: This new ordinance, required by NJ DEP, regulates the storage of salt on private properties.
- Flood Damage Prevention: Updates promulgated by NJ DEP have been adopted to chapter 197, Flood Damage Prevention, that will enable property owners to remain eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Tree Protection: Updates to Chapter 397, Trees and Shrubs are being made to comply with promulgated stormwater management requires.

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 Municipal Code of the Borough of Gibbsboro at <a href="https://ecode360.com/GI0721">https://ecode360.com/GI0721</a> or on the official Borough web site <a href="https://ecode360.com/GI0721">www.gibbsborotownhall.com</a>. Note that the Borough Code is updated annually in the first quarter of the year so check with the Borough Clerk for the most recent updates.

Sincerely,

Edward G. Campbell, III

Mayor

# PET WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION



#### Chapter 96 of the Gibbsboro Borough Code

- \*\* Requires immediate and proper disposal of solid pet waste deposited on any property not owned or possessed by the pet owner or keeper.
- \*\* Prohibits running at-large of dogs and cats.
- \*\* Requires leashes no longer than eight (8) feet for dogs and cats.

Pet waste is carried by rain, melting snow, and ice to storm drains that empty into rivers, lakes, and the ocean. It also reaches reservoirs which supply much of the drinking water in New Jersey.

Pollution due to pet waste negatively impacts swimming, boating and fishing in these water bodies.

Pet waste contains microorganisms that can cause bacterial diseases, roundworms and parasitic infections.

In addition, pet waste contains harmful levels of nutrients which promote excessive algae and plant growth. This can rob the waterbody of oxygen, potentially killing all aquatic life in the area. Such nutrient pollution also causes waters to become cloudy and green.

#### Proper Pet Waste Disposal

### Flush it down the toilet.

\*But do not flush bags, debris, or nonbiodegradable items\*

OR

Put it in the trash.

#### THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART TO KEEP NEW JERSEY'S WATERS CLEAN



- NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation https://www.nj.gov/ dep/dwq/ msrp\_home.htm
- EPA- Polluted Runoff: Nonpoint Source Pollution https:// www.epa.gov/nps



## STORMWATER POLLUTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK?

- You may think littering is no big deal (it is). You may think that
  whatever runs into the storm drains gets treated before it reaches local rivers
  and streams (it isn't).
- You may think motor oil and other hazardous materials doesn't harm the water very much (it does).

Pollution seeps into the ground and is carried by stormwater (rain and snow) directly to our drinking water, streams, lakes and oceans. Contaminated stormwater is the #1 cause of water pollution in New Jersey. Simple things, like proper clean-up after oneself and careful use of chemicals in the home, office and yard, are helpful ways for businesses and residents to protect the water.

The Borough of Gibbsboro has ordinances aimed at reducing pollution from litter, fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, animal waste, grass clippings and other debris. For details, see the Borough Code at <a href="https://www.gibbsborotownhall.com">www.gibbsborotownhall.com</a>. Thank you for keeping them in mind and doing your share.



Keep grass, leaves and trash out of storm drains



Don't feed wildlife



Clean up after your pet



Limit use of fertilizers & pesticides





Properly handle hazardous products



#### NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

www.nj.gov/dep/dwg

www.cleanwaternj.org



#### **TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE**

OCTOBER 12 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

To participate contact: Mary Anne Hojnowski (856) 357-4387 by October 8





#### **FALL 2024 EVENTS**

SEPT 21
OCT 19
NOV 16

HOAGIE SALE
\$6 American or Italian - 10am until sold out

OCT 6
NOV 3
DEC 1

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
\$10 Adults • \$5 Children under 12. All you can eat.
8am - 11am
\*DEC 1 WILL BE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

OCT
6-27

SCARECROW CONTEST
Look for details in September!



#### Upcoming Cleanup Days

Saturday, October 19 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Trail Clean-up at Blueberry Hill Berlin Rd Cul-de-sac

Saturday, March 15, 2025 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Trail clean-up at Blueberry Hill Berlin Rd Cul-de-sac





Join us for a family friendly, community trunk or treat with more games, prizes, contests than ever before.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 5PM-7PM GIBBSBORO SCHOOL PARKING LOT

## TRUNKS NEEDED

We are looking for families to participate and be a trunk for our event. Set up begins at 4PM

EMAIL GINNA EBERSOLE GEBERSOLE@GIBBSBORO SCHOOL.ORG

TO PARTICIPATE AS A TRUNK, LOCAL BUSINESS, TO DONATE CANDY OR TO VOLUTEER DURING THE EVENT





### TRICK OR TREATERS

Costume Contests, Halloween Parade, and Spooky Touch & Taste tent added this year!

The event is free participants must register through Google Forms Use the QR code or https://forms.gle/VHtwvUcfSR16 kHHi9

DON'T FORGET SOME CASH FOR THE GAMES AND 50/50 TICKETS



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#### LOCAL POSTAL PATRON GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026

### **Fire Prevention Night**



Gibbsboro Fire Hall October 7th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



## Hold the Date Gibbsboro Heritage Day

November 23 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Senior Center - Pole Hill Park