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

November 2024

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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



### Santa Arrives – Lucas Park

Tuesday, December 3 @ 7 p.m. Cookies, Hot Chocolate Following @ Gibbsboro School



### Voorhees Township Pre-K Coming to Gibbsboro

The Voorhees Township BOE (VT BOE) has purchased the former commercial building at 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road and is converting it to a Pre-K school facility. While the property will be tax-exempt, both the Gibbsboro BOE and Council have negotiated long-term agreements that provide benefits for Gibbsboro taxpayers, residents, and students.

Gibbsboro will have use of five classrooms for its own pre-K program and a playground will be constructed on adjacent land in Pole Hill Park that will be accessible to the general public after school hours. The VT BOE will make an annual payment to Gibbsboro to compensate for the impact to Pole Hill Park.

The facility is expected to open in January.

### Avoid the 2024 Tax Sale



After November 12 delinquent property taxes through Q3 2024, including any added or omitted assessments, as well as local and CCMUA sewer balances, must be paid in full by cash or certified check to avoid being included in the annual tax sale in December.





### **Project Freedom Turns 40!**

Project Freedom, operator of Freedom Village in Gibbsboro, celebrated its  $40^{th}$  anniversary on November 1. The non-profit sponsors and operates affordable housing that focuses on residents with special needs and disabilities. Mayor Campbell attended the celebration and presented, on behalf of Project Freedom, the Robin Heim Award to our own Kelly Stout, Ms. Wheelchair NJ 2024. Congratulations Kelly!



Leaf collection begins *Monday, November 25* and will continue until we have made a complete pass through town. Residents are asked to keep streets clear while we are working in their neighborhood as we will be unlikely to return to collect leaves that are blocked by vehicles or other obstructions or brought to the curb late. Trailers, hockey nets, and basketball hoops should be removed from streets and behind curbs until spring.

GIBBSBORO FIRE AUXILIARY

### Hoagie Sale November 16,2024 December 21,2024



10 AM UNTIL SOLD OUT ITALIAN & AMERICAN

\$6 each

GIBBSBORO FIRE COMPANY
131 HILLARDS ROAD

#### **Land Use News**

Affordable Housing: The Planning Board adopted a third-round housing plan and an amendment to the Land Use Element of the Master Plan. The Land Use Element Amendment replaced the Residential Multi-family Land Use classification on part of the Square Circle tract with residential 1, one acre zoning. The amendment also designated an area along Lakeview Drive (route 561) for inclusionary, age-restricted housing and limited commercial development. Development of the tract will require 22 affordable housing units to be included in the development. Included in the Housing Plan was an implementing ordinance which the Borough Council adopted in October. Formal comments regarding the ordinance were submitted by the Wynnewood HOA and were referred to the Planning Board for consideration.

The fourth round of affordable housing covers the period from 2025 – 2034. Towns are analyzing the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) calculation of fourth round obligations. DCA has determined Gibbsboro's fourth round obligation to be 47 units.

**Bulk variances** were granted to construct an addition at 69 Holly Road and to install a shed at 106 Berlin Road.

**Pending Application:** Gibbsboro Green Energy has applied for minor Site Plan approval and a certificate of appropriateness to add a convenience store and parking to the existing gas station opposite Wawa. The application was declared incomplete at the October meeting.

#### **Winter Reminder**

Once snow begins to fall, please remove cars, trailers, basketball hoops and other obstructions from <u>ALL</u> 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 could result in a summons and minimum \$100 fine.

### **Congressman Norcross Visits Town**





On Wednesday, October 30, Congressman Norcross held a press conference in Gibbsboro and presented a symbolic check for \$750K to assist in the conversion of the Lucas Homestead into an events facility. Following the press conference the Congressman, along with the Mayor and Council representatives, inspected ongoing and completed Superfund activities in town. Norcross regularly visits town to monitor the cleanup which is being done under EPA direction.





## Phase I Townhome Site Work Begins

Tree and brush clearing operations began on phase I of the townhome project. Phase I is along Clementon Road from Haddon Avenue to the multi-purpose path at Wawa. The phase I lot will contain 75 market rate townhomes.

Site work will include the installation of water, stormwater, sanitary sewer lines, interior roads, sidewalks and multi-purpose paths. It will also require moving soil from phase I to phase II. There will be occasional impacts to local traffic. Residents are encouraged to monitor NIXLE and Borough social media to stay abreast of work schedules as work progresses.









### Pancake Breakfast with

Adults \$8.00
Kids \$6.00
Senior Citizens Free!

Santa Sat



**Voorhees - Gibbsboro Lions** 



# Trash and recycling collection have moved to Wednesday!



### **Trash Reminders**



Weight: Trash cans, bulk items, and bundles of branches cannot weigh more than forty (40) pounds.

<u>Branches:</u> must be tied in bundles no more than three (3) feet long and weigh less than forty (40) pounds.

<u>Paint:</u> MUST be dried or mixed with saw dust or sand to solidify. NEVER place liquid paint in the trash without processing it - you may be liable for damage to the trash vehicle!

<u>Timing:</u> Place trash and recyclables curbside Tuesday night, not Wednesday morning. Put lids on trash cans to deter animals. Store containers behind the house out of public view.

<u>Holidays:</u> If a recognized holiday falls during the week, trash and recyclables will be collected on Thursday. Register for NIXLE to be "in the know".



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

### **Special Exhibits**

Camden County Fairs @ Gibbsboro

**John Lucas Paints** 

"Then and Now" photos

### Heritage Day

Saturday, November 23 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Gibbsboro Senior Center 772 Pole Hill Park Drive

### **Special Exhibits**

NJ legislation that created Gibbsboro

Architectural plans for the restoration of the Lucas House.

Light refreshments will be available.

### Speakers/Activities

10:30: Zach Baer /Paul Schopp: History of Gibbsboro 11: Paint Works Architecture: William C. Bolger, Author

Speak with local historical experts – share your stories!

Bring your pictures, memories and stories!

Audience participation event:

12:30 Oral History Round Table

Help record our history.

While they last: Free 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins

Last chance to purchase souvenir cups and tee shirts.