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Our Thirty-Ninth Year!

April 2025

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John Ritz
Glenn Werner

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

Tax Collector

Tuesday & Thursday 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 12

10 a.m.

Cricket Field

Rain Date: April 19 9 a.m.

Affordable Housing Fourth-Round Numbers Set

The fourth-round of New Jersey's affordable housing cycles is underway. A change for the fourth round allows municipalities to review and challenge the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) determination of its obligation. A borough-commissioned study by Clarke Caton Hintz, the Borough's planner, independently calculated the Borough's "fair share" to be 34 units, lower than DCA's determination of 47 units. This is in addition to prior round obligations of 209 affordable units.

Fair Share Housing Corporation and the New Jersey Builders Association challenged the borough's determination. Following Court assisted mediation, the parties have agreed on a fourth-round obligation of 40 units, bringing the borough's cumulative obligation to 249 units. To date, the borough has 187 credits from Freedom Village at Gibbsboro, a regional contribution agreement that sent 56 units to Woodlynne, and bonus credits earned from Freedom Village.

Obligations are determined based upon proportional allocation of state housing need, two wealth factors, and an available land factor that results in housing targets for all non-urban aid municipalities.

Congratulations Maya Shull 53rd Miss Gibbsboro

Maya Shull, pictured right with flower girl, Layla Pope, was crowned on Saturday afternoon, March 29.

Once again, we had a talented group of young ladies competing for the title! Many thanks to all the participants and our 52nd Miss Gibbsboro - Mia Karcsh.

Best Essay - Morgan Snyder

Miss Gibbsboro 2025 - Maya Shull

Miss Gibbsboro 2024 - Mia Karcsh

Mistress of Ceremonies - Brielle O'Donnell (2023)

Contestants:

Kaydence Bockowski (Flower Girl: Layla Pope)

Second Runner-up Jessica Gerace (Rayne Scott)

First Runner - up Ava Latlip (Amaya Drobat)

Dagny Stilwell (Zoey Coulter)

Maya Shull (Layla Pope)

Judges:

Dianna Badolato - Berlin

Tatiana Drobat - Medford

Darlene Saggiomo – Marlton



Entertainment:

Happy Feet Dance Studio
Mackenzie Karate

Friends of Gibbsboro Committee:

Councilwoman Christine Karcsh
Sarah Hignutt
Judine Hooper
Beth Kern
Maryann Procajlo
Lisa Reese
Dawn Smith



ANJEC is in Gibbsboro.

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Rain garden being installed by ANJEC in Gibbsboro (Camden County) along with our partners at [Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program](#) and the borough of Gibbsboro. The project, funded by a grant from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, is a 1430 sq ft rain garden, capturing 72,790 gallons of stormwater per year from Driftwood Way by intercepting flow to detention basin.

On April 17 we will be planting the rain garden with native vegetation... If you would like to assist, please email ANJEC at info@anjec.org

Spring Cleanup Days

March 15

March 22



Semi-Annual Cleanup Day Success

The Borough hosts two town-wide cleanup days each year – one in spring, the other in fall. More than 100 volunteers participated this year including 65 students from Eastern Regional High School and Friends School in Moorestown. They joined Mayor Campbell, Council President Brown, Councilmen Rickert and Ritz, the Gibbsboro Environmental Commission, Gibbsboro Garden Community Garden, South Jersey Land and Water Trust, and many other local citizens to collect trash along our trails and roads. It was our most successful cleanup ever!



Rebirth of a Police Car

The Gibbsboro Fire Company noticed that one of our police cars needed a new engine and some other repairs. At the same time, the Fire Company needed to replace their utility vehicle. They proposed that they could repurpose the police car as the fire utility vehicle, purchasing a new engine and worked with Councilman Deterding's son, a mechanic, to install the engine. The result? The Fire Company now has a low mileage replacement fire utility vehicle!

Borough Reaches Agreement with Voorhees for Ambulance Service

The borough reached an agreement with Voorhees Township for the township to respond to basic life support (ambulance) calls emanating from within Gibbsboro. The accord calls for Voorhees to respond to calls through 2029. Gibbsboro will pay an annual fee of \$53,907.82 for the service in 2025.

Third Party Police Fees Subsidize New Police Cars

When private companies and utilities require support from our police department, they contract with the borough for off duty officers to support their work on public rights-of-ways. The borough charges a fee that pays the officers plus reimburses the town for its costs including the use of a vehicle. For the past two years those fees have provided a significant subsidy for the purchase of new police vehicles.

Borough Appoints New Police Officer

Tyler Goodman has been appointed to the Gibbsboro Police Department. He previously was employed as a Class 1 Special Officer in Brick Township. Tyler will train at the Camden County Police Academy with the April candidate class. Upon the completion of training, he will join the Gibbsboro Police Department as a fully certified police officer. Welcome Tyler!

Suburban Disposal, Inc Acquires Gold Medal Environmental of NJ, Inc (GME)

Suburban Disposal, Inc of Tinton Falls, New Jersey has acquired the assets of GME, including their contracts and employees. There will be no change to the collection date and current GME employees will remain on the job. Suburban has been expanding its presence in South Jersey and has recently been the low bidder for several area contracts. The public contact number of Suburban is 732-659-9020.

BOROUGH PROJECTS

In the Works

Bikeway Extension: The borough Council awarded a contract for \$88,592.90 to Pioneer General Construction of Bradley Beach, New Jersey to extend the borough's bikeway system along Berlin Road from Marlton Avenue to South United States Avenue. Work is expected to commence in late May. The extension will intersect another extension that will run along South United States Avenue from Foster Avenue to the new townhomes at Silver Lake. The work is being funded, in part, by grants from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and a recreation grant from Camden County.

Cedarcroft Road/Storm Sewer: A contract has been awarded for \$338,226.50 to DiMeglio Construction Company of Atco, New Jersey to slip line the storm water system under Cedarcroft Road, mill and overlay the roadway. Work is expected to commence in late May. The work is being fully funded by a \$375K grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT).

Edgehill Road/Sanitary Sewer: The scope includes slip lining the sanitary sewer line under Edgehill Road, milling and overlaying the roadway. This project will be funded by a NJ DOT grant for \$237,210, American Recovery Funds of \$217,879.05, and a loan from the NJ IBANK. This project is expected to be advertised to bidders in April and awarded in May for construction in summer/fall.

Clearbrook/North Roads: The scope involves milling and overlaying the roadways. The project design is complete and under review by the NJ DOT which must approve the project to be advertised. Construction will be funded by two NJ DOT grants for \$209,508 and \$196K.

Old Egg Harbor Road: Construction options have been prepared for consideration. These will be shared with nearby residents before being finalized with NJ DOT. Construction will be funded by a NJ DOT grant for \$570K.



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

Current Activities

Former Manufacturing Plant (FMP) – Phased Remediation Underway

The EPA-issued Record of Decision (ROD) for the FMP unit outlines three distinct remedial approaches to address contaminated soils at the FMP, sediments in a portion of Hilliards Creek adjacent to the FMP, as well as an area of light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) contamination located along the eastern side of the FMP.

- The FMP soils remediation has been divided into several subareas to allow for phasing of activities.
 - Remediation of Lot 4 and the United States Avenue North parcel is complete.
 - Remediation of the 6 East Clementon / 10 Foster Avenue parcels is complete. Restoration of the area, including installation of parking lots and construction of a new community park is underway.
 - Preparations are underway for the remediation of the United States Avenue South area. Tree clearing will occur in late March and remediation is expected to begin in mid- to late-May, pending receipt of all approvals and permits.
 - Pre-Design Investigations (PDI) and Remedial Design activities continue on FMP parcels located on the southern side of Foster Avenue, including 1 and 7 Foster Avenue. Remediation of the 7 Foster Avenue parcel is expected to begin in late 2025.
- PDI activities for soils and sediments are progressing along Upper Hilliards Creek, which extends from Foster Avenue down to West Clementon Road in Gibbsboro.
- LNAPL located within and adjoining the eastern side of the FMP will be remediated using enhanced bioremediation along with soil vapor recovery. The team is implementing additional PDI activities to supplement previous investigations.

Waterbodies Unit – PDI/Remedial Design

Contaminated sediments and floodplain soils in Silver Lake, Bridgewood Lake, Kirkwood Lake and Hilliards Creek will be addressed in a phased approach. Under the EPA-approved remedy, remediation will occur on the upstream Silver and Bridgewood lakes, followed by the Hilliards Creek floodplain and Kirkwood Lake.

- The Silver Lake Remedial Design has been approved by EPA. Fish will be collected and removed from the lake prior to the lowering of the lake water level to facilitate remediation. Lake dredging is expected to begin in May 2025, pending receipt of all necessary permits. Dredging is expected to take approximately 6 months, followed by restoration activities.
- Pre-design investigations of Bridgewood Lake are ongoing. Once the PDI phase is complete, the team will move forward with Remedial Design.
- Sherwin-Williams initiated a series of wetland surveys, tree surveys and cultural resource evaluations along Hilliards Creek extending from West Clementon Road down to the inlet of Kirkwood Lake. This first phase of soil and sediment sampling may start later this year.

Sherwin-Williams and Camden County continue to evaluate the potential for accelerating the dredging of Kirkwood Lake before or concurrently with the dredging of upstream areas of the Waterbodies unit.

- EPA has approved the Remedial Design for Kirkwood Lake. Permit equivalency applications to NJDEP have been submitted and are subject to an extensive review process. At this time, there is no agreement or schedule in place for accelerating the dredging.

FMP Groundwater – Feasibility Study Phase

Sherwin-Williams submitted the draft Feasibility Study (FS) of remedial alternatives to address groundwater contamination to EPA in December 2024 and is currently responding to comments received from EPA. Following review and approval of the FS, EPA is expected to propose a groundwater remedy in 2025.

United States Avenue Sanitary Sewer Extension

The Sherwin-Williams Company is installing sanitary sewers in the roadways adjacent to the Former Manufacturing Plant and will connect residential properties on United States Avenue and Foster Avenue currently unserved by sanitary sewers.

- Construction began on March 10, 2025, and will continue for approximately 4-6 months.
- Work will generally be performed on weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Phased road closures and lane closures will occur along Foster Avenue, United States Avenue and Berlin Road.
- Traffic detours will be clearly marked.
- Construction updates will be posted on the project website at www.SWHilliardsCreek.com.

Completed Units

Residential Properties	Route 561 Dump Site	U.S. Avenue Burn Site
Soil remediation and restoration activities are complete on all properties under the Residential unit and EPA has issued its final approval of the work. Sherwin-Williams will continue to monitor the restoration of vegetation in regulated areas as required under the NJDEP land use permits.	Soil and sediment remediation and restoration activities are complete on all properties associated with the Route 561 Dump Site unit. Sherwin-Williams will continue to monitor the restoration of vegetation in regulated areas as required under the NJDEP land use permit. Groundwater associated with this unit will continue to be monitored.	Remediation and restoration of soil and sediment is complete on all areas under the United States Avenue Burn Site unit. Sherwin-Williams will continue to monitor the restoration of vegetation in regulated areas as required under the NJDEP land use permit, as well as perform post-remediation groundwater and surface water monitoring.

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Memorial Day Services

Monday, May 26

- 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**

**Coffee & Tea in the Garden
Our 10 Year Celebration**



**Saturday, July 19th, 2025
10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

SAVE THE DATE!!!

