



# The Town Crier

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**Our Thirty-Ninth Year!**

December 2025

Edward G. Campbell, III  
**Mayor**

Mitch Brown, Council President  
Brandon Boots  
Marianne Colavita  
Fred Deterding  
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




## Santa Arrives – Lucas Park

Tuesday, December 9 @ 7 p.m.

Cookies, Hot Chocolate  
Following @ Gibbsboro School

## Your 2025 Property Tax Dollar

Borough Taxes	Regional School (Eastern) Tax		Gibbsboro School Tax	Camden County Taxes
25.4%	16.5%		40.9%	17.2%
<small>GOVERNING BODY Gibbsboro Borough Council</small>	<small>GOVERNING BODY Eastern Camden County Regional BOE</small>		<small>GOVERNING BODY Gibbsboro BOE</small>	<small>GOVERNING BODY Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders</small>

## Rising Costs Continue to Stress Budgets

**2025**

**Police Pension Costs** – Increased by 26% for the current year while pension costs for non-Police & Fire employees grew at 10%. Police pension costs have grown by more than 800% since 2008!

**Courtesy Busing** – The Borough provides this service for Eastern High School students in grades 9-11. The cost increased by nearly 40% for the current school year.

**EMS Service** – This service was previously provided by Voorhees at no cost to taxpayers. A 2025, five-year agreement calls for an annual payment of approximately \$53K for this essential service.

**2026**

**Employee Health Insurance** - Costs continue to rise with premiums for the new year set to increase by 26%.

**Trash & Recycling Collection** – The Borough approved a one-year contract with Suburban Disposal that resulted in a 161% increase in trash collection costs and 66% for recycling over the prior year.

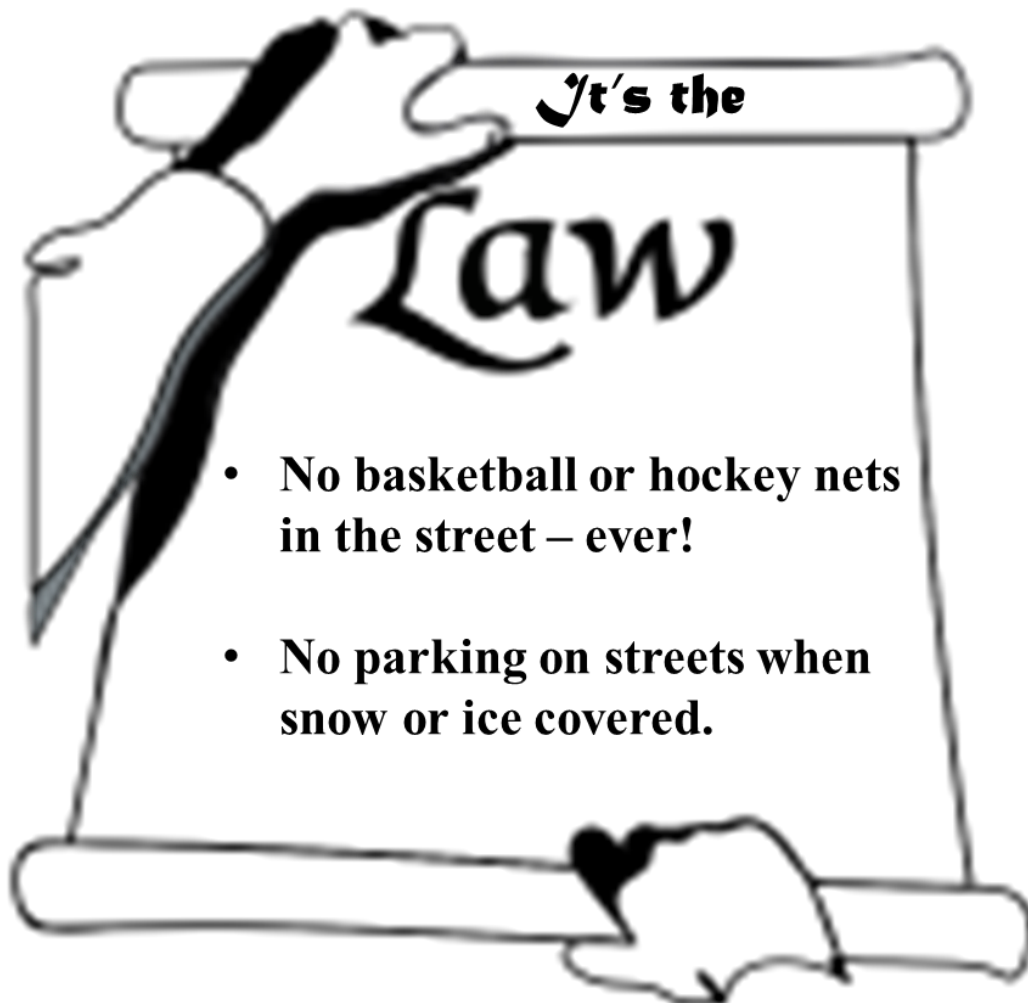
## Holiday Events

Event	Sponsor/Location	Date	Time
Pancake Breakfast w/Santa	Lions Club/Lions Lake Hall	6-Dec	8:30 - 11 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast w/Santa	Gibbsboro Fire Company/Fire Hall	7-Dec	8 - 11 a.m.
Senior Holiday Dinner	American Legion/Legion Hall	8-Dec	6-9 p.m.
Tree Lighting/Arrival of Santa	Borough of Gibbsboro/Lucas Park	9-Dec	7 p.m.
Cookies with Santa	United Methodist Church	14-Dec	11:30-1 p.m.



### Leaf Collection

The second leaf collection begins ***Monday, December 8*** and will continue until we have made a final 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. **NO BRANCHES, STICKS, ROCKS OR STONES PLEASE!**



# WHAT GOES IN THE BIN?



Rinsed Bottles, Jars, & Jugs  
(Glass and Plastic)



Rinsed Cans  
(Aluminum and Steel)



Paper



Cardboard



**NEVER**  
Plastic Bags.

For more information about  
Single-Stream Recycling, go to:  
[camdencounty.com/inthebin](http://camdencounty.com/inthebin)

...AND  
**WHEN IN DOUBT,  
THROW IT OUT!**

Brought to you by the Camden County Board of Freeholders



## TRASH COLLECTION/RECYCLING REMINDERS

Weight: Trash cans and bulk items like chairs and sofas ***cannot weigh more than forty (40) pounds.***

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

Paint: 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 collection vehicle!

Construction Debris/Roofing Material: The Borough does not provide collection for such items – use a private dumpster.

White Goods: Refrigerators, washers, and dryers are collected on the last Friday of the month. Remove doors to ensure children cannot get trapped inside and call Public Works (856) 783-6655 X170 to let them know you have an item for pick-up.

Non-recyclables: Pizza boxes, aluminum foil, plate glass, light bulbs, plastic wrap, and mixed items (e.g. an aluminum lawn chair with plastic lacing, motors) should be disposed of in the trash.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection: The Borough does not collect these items. Camden County sponsors monthly collection events in the spring and summer.

Electronics/TVs: The Borough does not collect these items. Retailers that sell electronics are required to accept them. Also, Goodwill will accept electronics for recycling.

Holidays: If a recognized holiday (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day) falls during the week, trash and recyclables will be collected on Thursday. Register for NIXLE, [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com), to be "in the know".

Timing: Place trash and recyclables curbside Tuesday night, not Wednesday morning. Put lids on trash cans to deter animals.

*Seasons  
Greetings*

from  
Borough employees,  
Mayor,  
&  
Borough Council



## New Members of Council Take Office – Congratulations all!



**Marianne Colavita**

*Marianne Colavita* fills the seat vacated by Christine Karcsh who resigned in August. She replaces Andrew Parsinitz who temporarily replaced Karcsh until the November election. Andrew will rejoin the Borough Council in January for a new three-year term. Marianne has been an active member in the Fire Company Auxiliary.



**John Ritz**

*John Ritz* fills the seat vacated by Mike MacFerren who resigned last December. He was selected to replace Mike in January until the November election. John is a former member of the Coast Guard and been active with the Community Garden. He has also been a member of the Planning Board since 2020.



**Brandon Boots**

*Brandon Boots* was selected by the Borough Council to replace Ron Rickert through the end of 2025. Rickert moved to Voorhees in late October. Brandon is an active member of the Environmental Commission and the first resident of Wynnewood to serve on Council.

## Gibbsboro Senior Center

772 Pole Hill Park Drive

For Information:  
Contact Borough Hall  
(856) 783-6655 X102

**It's Available to Rent!**



**Gibbsboro Resident Fee: \$300 for six (6) hours + security deposit**

**Non-Resident Fee: \$500 + security deposit**

## New Grants

- New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
  - \$400,000.00 for a Senior Center Addition
- New Jersey Department of Transportation
  - \$175,720.00 for paving Windsor & Fennimore
- County Recreation & Open Space Trust
  - \$25,000 for Bowling Enhancements



## Solar Speed Limit Signs Installed

New signs have been installed and are now operating on United States Avenue, Hilliards Road, West Clementon, and Cedarcroft.

## New Jersey Budget to Fund Senior Center Addition

The State Fiscal Year 2026 budget includes a line item granting \$400,000 to Gibbsboro to supplement a planned addition to the Senior Center at Pole Hill Park. The funding supplements a prior year DCA grant for \$71,000. Construction is expected to begin in the late spring.

## Land Use News

**Site Plan Approval:** Gibbsboro Green Energy received approval to add a convenience store and parking to the existing gas station opposite Wawa. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for façade upgrades will be heard at the December meeting of the Planning Board.

**Site Plan Waiver with Variances:** A waiver of Site Plan with conditions was granted at the November Planning Board meeting to Romany Beshay for Hanna Sons LLC to make façade and site improvements at an industrial building at 1 West Road (Block 69.02 Lots 8,9,17.01,17.02 & 18, Block 90.01 Lot 1).

## Police Department News - New Officers Join the Department

**Tyler Goodman** has recently graduated with the 91<sup>st</sup> Basic Police Recruit Class of the Camden County Police Academy and has completed his orientation with our department. **Summer Sklivas**, who has been a Class One Special Officer with the Borough for a number of years, graduated with the 92nd Basic Police Recruit Class of the Camden County Police Academy. Gibbsboro resident **Thomas Johns** was appointed as Class One Special Officer, completed academy training, and is supporting our police department. **Ryan Pratz** and **Brett Thackson** have been appointed and will join the 93rd Basic Police Recruit Class to round out our full-time police.

## SUPERFUND UPDATE

**Silver Lake:** The remediation of Silver Lake is now complete, and all sediments have been removed from the lakebed. Repairs to the dam are also complete and the lake is naturally refilling to previous levels. Fish restocking will take place in the spring.

**Next Phase:** Work is underway on the U.S. Avenue South unit. Construction vehicles will continue to cross Foster Avenue between the 1 Foster and 2 Foster Avenue parcels. Construction vehicles will yield to road traffic. Sheet piles will be installed periodically to support excavation activities. The parking lot at 1 Foster Avenue is closed to the public.

The Green Trail along U.S. Avenue is closed in the vicinity of the excavation work.

## How to pay taxes or a Borough sewer bill online by debit or credit card.

Step 1 – Go to [www.gibbsborotownhall.com](http://www.gibbsborotownhall.com)



Step 2 – Click [“Click here to enjoy the convenience of paying your taxes and sewer bills online.”](#)

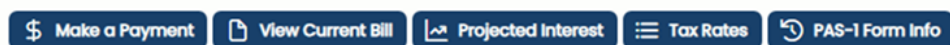


Step 3 – Search for your property.

Don't want to login? Lookup your account to make a one-time payment.

Utility Quick Pay	Property Tax Quick Pay
<p>Search by Name and/or Address</p> <p>Owner Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Street Address <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Search Q"/></p> <p>Search by Block/Lot/Qualifier</p> <p>Block <input type="text"/> Lot <input type="text"/> Qual <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Search Q"/></p> <p>Search by Account Id</p> <p>Account Id <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Search Q"/></p>	<p>Search by Name and/or Address</p> <p>Owner Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Street Address <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Search Q"/></p> <p>Search by Block/Lot/Qualifier</p> <p>Block <input type="text"/> Lot <input type="text"/> Qual <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Search Q"/></p> <p>Search by Account Id</p> <p>Account Id <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Search Q"/></p>

Step 4 – Click “Make a Payment”.



You may pay online via debit or credit card – fees apply.

**BOROUGH OF  
GIBBSBORO  
49 KIRKWOOD ROAD  
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**

**PRSRST STD  
U. S. POSTAGE PAID  
CHERRY HILL, NJ  
PERMIT NO. 118**

**LOCAL POSTAL PATRON  
GIBBSBORO, NJ 08026**

**GIBBSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY  
THANKS YOU**

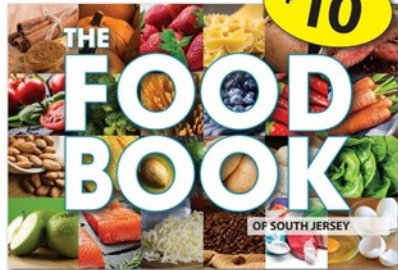
Each year, the Gibbsboro Volunteer Fire Company conducts our Annual Fund Drive, where we ask the residents and business in our Borough for financial support. Being residents and citizens ourselves, we can appreciate the many demands faced by families in budgeting expenses and allocating our precious time in today's world.

You have always come through for us in response to our requests, and this year is certainly no exception. Your generous donations have assisted us in the upkeep of our firehouse and grounds over the past several years, most notably in redesigning our engine room to accommodate our new ladder truck in 2018, as well as necessary upgrades to our kitchen, restrooms, marquee sign, and membership room. In the coming years, we will work towards replacing our front concrete apron, and recoating and relining our engine room floor.

Your continued support of our fund drives and fund-raising events enables your Volunteers to maintain our focus where it belongs, on Your protection and the welfare of all Gibbsboro residents.

Thank you all for your continued support!


The Officers & Members of  
Gibbsboro Fire Company No.1



**THE FOOD BOOK**  
OF SOUTH JERSEY

**Please support the  
Gibbsboro Community  
Garden.**

**Please text all orders to  
856-275-5093 or 609-519-9729.  
Local delivery available.**

  
**EACH BOOK COSTS \$10**

The Food Book offers coupons to many food-related establishments in South Jersey. The purchase of each book raises money for local schools, teams and organizations.

**Coupons good through September 2026**

**Participating Coupons**

Abbruzzi & Giunta's Italian Market  
Akira  
Avenue Diner  
Bobby Chez  
Chickie's & Pete's  
Chicken or the Egg  
Chopt  
Cibo by Illiano  
Dad's Deli & Catering  
Dooney's Pub  
Duck Donuts  
Frutta Bowls  
Ginger Asian Cuisines  
Healthy Garden  
Honey Post  
Illiano Cucina  
Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant  
Jersey Java & Tea  
Jersey Mike's Subs  
Joe's Pizzeria  
Johnson's Corner Farm  
Jug Handle Inn  
Juice Capitol  
Keg & Kitchen  
Kibitz Room  
LaScala's Fire  
Loupy's Crabs, Seafood & Catering  
Luigi's Pizza Fresca  
Modern Classical Chefs  
Norma's Eastern Mediterranean Cuisine  
Nothing Bundt Cakes  
Ollie Gators Pub  
Pats Select Pizza Grill  
Philly Pretzel Factory  
Pic-A-Lilli Inn  
Picky Bits  
Ragazzi  
Rastelli Market Fresh  
Rita's Water Ice  
Riviera Pizza  
Rodizio Grill  
Roselli's Italian Market  
Sal's Pizzaworks  
Sanremo Pizzeria & Ristorante  
Shangri-la  
Tarentella Ristorante  
Turning Point

**Annual Senior Citizens Dinner**

**Monday, December 8**

**5:30 p.m. Doors Open**

**6 p.m. Dinner**

**7:00 p.m. Entertainment**

**American Legion Post 371**

**Route 561/Lucas Boulevard**

**Information: Contact Debbie Buck**

**609.561.8859**