



# The Town Crier

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[www.gibbsborotownhall.com](http://www.gibbsborotownhall.com)

## Council Meetings

April 12  
April 26

All meetings are held at Borough Hall and begin at 8 PM.

## Memorial Day Services

**Monday, May 29**

**9 am Cedar Grove Cemetery**

REMEMBER THOSE THAT  
GAVE THEIR TOMORROWS  
FOR OUR TODAY!

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8

For children to age 12  
10 am sharp!

Cricket Field



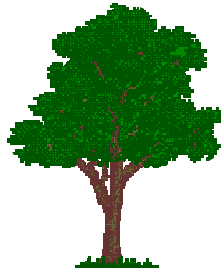
Rain Date: April 15

In the event of inclement weather, call 783-6655 for a recorded message.

## Earth Day

**Saturday, April 22**

**Roll Up Your Sleeves,  
Gibbsboro!**



**Earth Day - Every Day** Earth Day is about giving back and celebrating. Join us on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 AM to noon as the Borough celebrates EARTH DAY with a spring clean-up of the bike trails and other open space areas. The Borough will supply gloves, trash bags and rakes and brooms. If you are interested please join us at 10AM at the bike trailhead at Foster and United States Avenues, next to the Police Station. We need your help to make this a success. For more information please call Borough Hall at 783-6655.

## Free Legal Information

The Camden County Surrogates Office offers a variety of valuable resources free of charge.

- **The Personal Record of .....** - A booklet in which you can organize and record personal information about bank accounts, insurances, safe deposit, will, etc., where documents are kept, for your own purposes and to aid those who will act on your behalf should you become ill, etc.
- **Layperson's Guide for Executors, Administrators and Heirs** - A brief introduction as to what is expected of executor, etc.
- **Living Trusts** - Briefly explains the dangers inherent with living trust and precautions.
- **A Will for You** - Provides information about wills and the importance of same.
- **Power of Attorney** - Basic information on legal document that enables you to appoint an agent to manage your affairs.
- **Probate Questions and Answers** - Defines probate and frequently asked questions.
- **What is a Living Will (Advance Health Care Directive) (English and Spanish)** - Explains document that enables you to appoint an agent for healthcare matters.
- **Living Will Kit (English and Spanish)** - Document with glossary of terms, instruction sheet.

For more information or to obtain a copy of any of these publications contact the Surrogate's Office by phoning (856) 225-7289.

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## Free Day Center Service and Transportation for Senior Citizens

Did you know that Camden County offers a FREE day center for seniors over the age of 60? There is no reason you need to feel shut in anymore!

### Camden County Senior Citizen Day Center

(800) 797-3477 OR (856) 374-6005

Camden County Health Services Center

Jefferson House, Lakeland Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

[www.cchsc.com](http://www.cchsc.com)

**Services:** Program includes door-to-door transportation, lunch and nutrition program, ceramics, woodworking, needlecraft, sewing, painting, board and parlor games, movement programs, educational and community service programs, health screening information and referral services, social services assistance, daily grocery and personal shopping trips. **Eligibility Criteria:** Residents of Camden County, age 60+ years, self-medicating, ambulatory and socially functioning. There is no charge for center services.

## **ATV/Off Road Vehicle Warning**

- With the onset of warmer weather, police are stepping up enforcement activities for ATVs and off road vehicles. The Gibbsboro Police Department will be enforcing Borough ordinances and state statutes regarding the operation of unregistered and off road vehicles on public streets and within public and private lands. Use of ATVs within Borough parks or private property, without the approval of the land owner, is prohibited and subject to significant fines. The police ask that you respect Gibbsboro's Open Space and private property or you may receive a summons!

## **Newsletters**

- Extra copies of *The Bridge*, a publication of the Gibbsboro School, and *The Town Crier*, our town newsletter, are available at the Borough Hall.

## **Construction Department Notes**

- Pools - With the arrival of spring many residents will consider the installation of a new pool to deal with the coming summer heat. Pools, particularly in ground pools, often require permits or zoning variances. These can take some time to obtain. Our construction department urges you to start the process early. Stop in to meet with our Construction Official, John White, who can help guide you through the process and ensure that your summer will be fun, not frustrating! To better serve you, John is available Tuesday evenings at the Borough Hall from 5 to 8 pm.
- Sheds - If you are considering adding or expanding a shed on your property, please stop by the construction office BEFORE you start its installation to understand the Borough's ordinances regarding sheds. Sheds are generally subject to zoning set backs and may require a zoning variance or other approvals.

## **Planning/Zoning**

- Office Building Approvals – The Planning Board granted final approval for the construction of two new office buildings on Lakeview Drive (Route 561) totaling 9,600 square feet. Final approval was also granted by the Planning Board for the conversion of the former High Ridge Ice Arena to a medical office building totaling 34,500 square feet.
- Repairs to Lucas Homestead – An application for a *Certificate of Appropriateness* for repairs to the Lucas Homestead has been reviewed and recommended to the Planning Board for approval by the Historic Preservation Commission. The Planning Board will consider it at its April 11 meeting. The proposal includes repairing the roof and windows to stabilize the structure, the most significant historic structure in Gibbsboro.
- Pending Development Applications – An application seeking approval to construct a CVS Drug Store at the intersection of Marlton Avenue and Lakeview Drive will be heard by the Planning Board at its regular meeting on April 11.

**Borough of Gibbsboro  
49 Kirkwood Road  
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026**

**Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
Gibbsboro, NJ  
Permit #30**

**Local Postal Patron  
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026**

**2006**



**1909**



**150 Berlin Road**

Before the construction of modern day Lakeview Drive (County Route 561) in the 1930's, Haddonfield-Berlin Road ran right through the heart of town, down Haddon Avenue, through the present-day Paint Works and along Berlin Road to rejoin its present course at the foot of Pole Hill. In the days before motorized vehicles hills were a formidable challenge for the horse drawn wagons and carriages upon which many relied. Pole Hill, named for the poles that crossed the trail and were used as levers to help struggling horses reach its summit, was among the areas greatest challenges. To ease a traveler's passage Hamilton's Hotel at 150 Berlin Road came into existence offering a place to rest the night before a long day of traveling!

The former hotel fell into neglect and by the 1980's had become a boarding house. The Piscitelli family bought the property with great hopes to renovate it as a private residence. It was one of the first projects to fall under the jurisdiction of the newly created Historic Preservation Commission. The Piscitelli's worked closely and patiently with the new Commission to restore their home. Now, nearly one hundred years after the "Hamilton's Hotel" picture was snapped, their "Hamilton's Hotel" is restored to her former glory. Today it remains in the family's control as a single family home. It serves as a great example of private investment with sensitivity and respect for the proud history of a site. Congratulations to the Piscitelli's!