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Council Meetings

May 24

June 28

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

Miss Gibbsboro Pageant

Thursday June 29

7 PM

Lakeside Manor

Borough Hall Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm

Tuesday eve 5 – 8 pm

Friday 9 - Noon

Borough Council Acts on Defeated School District Budget

Recommends almost \$100K in Cuts

On May 17, after several weeks of review and careful deliberation, the Borough Council adopted a resolution recommending that the Local (K-8) School District reduce its budget by \$97,359. The Council reviewed the budget in accordance with New Jersey statutes after it was defeated by voters on April 18. The budget has been defeated by voters for three straight years.

The cuts included the elimination of the salary for a Network Administrator (\$25,000), a reduction reflecting the difference in salary between the new Superintendent's salary (\$95,000) and his predecessor's salary (\$110,000), and excess salary appropriations (\$5,894). The Council eliminated the Capital Outlay program (\$15,804) which included field irrigation and lockers. The remaining reductions were focused on line items that support various non-essential programs (Student Body Activities) or programs that appeared to be adequately funded. The Council believes that the remaining budget will allow the school to operate and will not have a material impact on education at the school.

The Council certified that the budget was adequate to provide a thorough and efficient education, the state standard. The Superintendent and the Board of Education were cooperative in supplying various items to a subcommittee of the Council that was charged with conducting the review.

The School Board can accept the cuts or appeal them to the Camden County Superintendent.

Planning Board

Third Round Housing Plan Adopted

On May 9, the Planning Board adopted the Borough's third round affordable housing plan. The plan is presently before the Camden County Superior Court for final approval. Third round rules tie a town's affordable housing obligation to the growth that takes place in the town. It is roughly a function of the number of jobs and housing units that are created in the town and is additive to the first and second round obligations. Last year Gibbsboro withdrew from the jurisdiction of the Council on Affordable Housing and applied to the New Jersey Superior Court for plan approval.

Planning Board

Preliminary Agenda

June 13 8 PM

Applicant: J&W Paintworks, LLC
Proposed Project: Construction of a CVS Pharmacy
Approval Sought: Preliminary & Final Site Plan & Certificate of Appropriateness
Location: Lakeview Drive (561) and Marlton Avenue

Applicant: Dr. Eric Forte
Proposed Project: Demolition of existing building and construction of two
new office buildings
Approval Sought: Preliminary & Final Site Plan & Certificate of Appropriateness
Location: 59 Lakeview Drive

Applicant: J&W Lucas House
Proposed project: Renovations to the Historic Lucas House
Approval Sought: Certificate of Appropriateness
Location: 10 Clementon Road
Tabled from April 11

Applicant: Crown Liquors
Proposed Project: Construction of freestanding sign
Approval Sought: Certificate of appropriateness
Location: 80 South Lakeview Drive

Zoning Board

June 27 8 PM

Sherwin Williams Site in Gibbsboro Queued Up for Superfund Cleanup

(New York, NY) An area surrounding the former Sherwin Williams paint factory in Gibbsboro, New Jersey will become one of the most recent additions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). A residential area near the facility, Hilliards Creek, and the Gibbsboro Nature Preserve are contaminated with lead, volatile organic compounds, and semi-volatile organic compounds related to activities at the former plant.

"EPA has already taken action to make sure that no one comes in contact with contaminated sediment or water near the Sherwin Williams facility," said Regional Administrator Alan J. Steinberg. "By placing this site on the National Priorities List, EPA will continue to make progress through the Superfund program and get this site cleaned up."

The plant operated from 1849 to 1976 and manufactured primarily white lead paints, varnishes, and lacquer. The John Lucas Company owned the plant from 1849 to approximately 1930, when Sherwin Williams acquired control of the company. In 1981, the property was purchased to develop a light industrial complex, "The Paint Works Corporate Center," on the site. While the current owner was developing the property, contractors identified contamination seeping out of the ground. Investigations into the source of the pollution revealed that ground water underlying the former plant and soil surrounding former structures at the plant, such as above ground storage tanks and buildings, are contaminated.

Analysis of soil and sediment samples collected from Hilliards Creek and the creek's flood plain found lead contamination on a residential property and in the flood plain and lead-contaminated sediment in the creek for a distance of approximately 4,200 feet. Contaminated sediments were also documented in wetlands associated with Hilliards Creek. The creek flows through residential areas and the Gibbsboro Nature Preserve, which includes walking trails for area residents.

EPA has already constructed a fence around areas in Hilliards Creek containing contaminated sediment and removed contaminated soil from one residential property. In addition, Sherwin Williams has taken numerous actions to address contamination at the former plant site.

[For more information about EPA's Superfund program](http://www.epa.gov/superfund), please visit: www.epa.gov/superfund.

This is an EPA press release dated April 18, 2006.

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Memorial Day Services

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**AMERICAN LEGION
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8:00 am**

**CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY
9:15 am**

**TRIANGLE
9:45 am**

**LAUER MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND
10:15 am**



**Remember those that gave their tomorrows
for our today.**

All times are approximate.