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Borough Hall Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 am – 4 pm
Tuesday eve 5 – 8 pm
Friday 9 - Noon

Closed
December 25
January 1

Meetings

Council
December 18

Planning Board
December 12

All meetings are held at the Borough Hall
and beginning at 8 pm.



Santa Arrives **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting** **Set for Sunday, December 3** **7 pm**

Santa Claus is on his way to Gibbsboro and is expected to touch down around 7 pm on Sunday for an early visit to town, the Borough's Christmas Tree is trimmed and ready to be lit!

Everyone is invited to Lucas Park in the center of town to light the town tree, join in some seasonal songs, and welcome Santa. The tree will be lit just after 7 pm with Santa arriving soon after. Everyone will then retire to the Gibbsboro Elementary School for hot chocolate and cookies. Start the holiday season off with this time honored small town tradition.

There is no rain date. For additional information call the Borough Hall at 783-6655.

Planning Board Actions

November 20

Applicant: J&W Paint Works
Proposed Project: Final Site Plan for the construction of a CVS store.
Location: Route 561 and Marlton Avenue
Action: **Approved**

Applicant: Anthony and Kathleen Papania
Proposed Project: Re-division of lots
Location: Block 18.07 Lot 1- Kresson (Milford) Road
Action: **Application Deemed Incomplete - Continued**

Applicant: Edward G. Campbell, III
Proposed Project: Certificate of Appropriateness to add/replace porch railings
Location: Block 9 Lot 9.01
Action: **Approved**

Applicant: Leslie Bredell T/A T&L Transportation
Proposed Project: Certificate of Appropriateness to stucco/veneer existing garage
Location: Block 7.03 Lots 16.11 and 16.12
Action: **Approved**

Zoning Board Actions

NO ACTIONS TAKEN



Season's Greetings

Mayor and Council wish you and your family a healthy and joyous holiday season!

Left to right: Mitch Brown, Bruce Compton, Cindy Thawley, Ed Campbell, Anita Mancini, Jerry Bonsall, and Mike MacFerren

Photo courtesy of Chaz Thawley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 3 - Pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Kids: Have Breakfast with Santa Claus
(Proceeds benefit the Fire Company)

Sunday, December 3 - Annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting/Arrival of Santa at 7 p.m. at Lucas Park (opposite the Triangle Memorial).

Monday, December 11 - Second leaf collection begins. Please place unbagged leaves curbside. Do not include any other organic material (branches, grass clippings, etc.) or inorganic (plastics, paper, etc.) with the leaf piles. Do not block the road or access to your trash, recyclables, or mail box. If you have any questions, please call Borough Hall at 783-6655.

Saturday, December 16 - Hoagie Sale at the Fire Hall. For information contact Marianne Colavita at 261-6571. (Proceeds benefit the Fire Company)

Saturday, December 16 - Santa Clause Around Town - Santa Clause Visits Gibbsboro on a Fire Truck (evening)

Monday, December 18 - Annual Senior Citizens' Dinner at 6 p.m. at the American Legion - Free to Gibbsboro Senior Citizens.

Sunday, January 7 - Pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
(Proceeds benefit the Fire Company)

Sunday, February 4 - Pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
(Proceeds benefit the Fire Company)

LEAF COLLECTION FINAL PASS BEGINS

Monday, December 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**

**NEW JERSEY DOT AWARDS \$152K FOR
ALDEN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJ DOT) has announced fiscal year 2007 municipal aid grants. Gibbsboro will receive \$152 thousand for the reconstruction of Alden Road. The project is slated to start in spring 2007.

**FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER
APPEALS
GIBBSBORO - WOODLYNNE RCA**

Fair Share Housing Center, a Cherry Hill-based non-profit group, has filed an appeal with the New Jersey Appeals Court challenging a recent decision by the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) approving a Regional Contribution Agreement (RCA) between Gibbsboro and Woodlynne that would provide Gibbsboro with credit for 56 low and moderate income housing units that will be rehabilitated in Woodlynne.

**BOROUGH AND GIBBSBORO POLICE
ASSOCIATION SETTLE CONTRACT**

Both the Borough Council and the Gibbsboro Police Association have ratified a new three year contract for full-time Gibbsboro police officers. The contract will be in effect through December 2008.

**LUCAS HOMESTEAD UNDERGOES A
FACE LIFT**

Renovations are nearly complete on the circa 1852 Lucas Homestead. The structure is the most historic structure remaining in Gibbsboro and was the summer home to John and Harriet Lucas from its initial construction through their deaths. The renovations were completed in accordance with the Borough's regulations applicable to historic structures.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Over the past few months our bikeway has received significant exposure in local newspapers and magazines. In spring we were positively mentioned in SJ Magazine and on November 6 we were featured on the front page of the Courier Post. This system, built largely through grants, should be a source of great pride for our residents!

A few weeks ago two Voorhees Township students were involved in a serious accident on our bikeway system. Apparently one of the youths was operating an unregistered motorized vehicle without a helmet. He was airlifted to the Cooper Trauma unit in Camden and is expected to recover from his injuries.

As our system draws more interest and greater use, it is increasingly important for users to understand the rules and regulations that are applicable. The system winds through remote areas. If you are not familiar with the trails, take a map. Marked maps are available at the Borough Hall. Enjoy, but never feed or interact with wildlife.

When you take a walk or bike ride make sure that someone staying behind knows where you are going and when you expect to return home. Trails are color coded. Should you require assistance use the color code and mile markers to identify your location. Report poor trail conditions to Borough Hall for repairs.

While it is acceptable for dog owners to walk their dogs on the trails please recognize that the trails are primarily for our residents. Dogs must never be allowed to run free and must be on a leash no longer than six feet in length. Horses are not permitted on any trails or open space.

Motorized vehicles are not permitted on any bike paths or trails.

Respecting these simple rules will maximize your enjoyment of our open space and trail system and insure that you have an enjoyable experience in Gibbsboro.



BIKEWAY AND PARK RULES

NO motorized vehicles. (129-1A (11))

NO horses. (129-1A (26))

NO hunting, trapping, or removal of plants or animals. (129-1A (8))

NO littering. (129-1A (10))

NO alcoholic beverages. (129-2A)

Dogs **MUST** be tightly leashed at all times. No free ranging (129-2C). You must clean up after your dog.

New Jersey motor vehicle code (Title 39) and Gibbsboro park ordinances (Chapter 129) applicable.

Helmets are required for bikers.

Bikeways and parks are open from dawn to dusk, conditions permitting. The bikeway is closed when ice, snow or water covered.

Report trail abuse and unsafe conditions to (856) 783-6655.

In the event of fire or an emergency dial 9-1-1 and identify the trail color and nearest mile marker for police or fire. Mile markers are color coded for ID purposes.