



The Town Crier

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IMPORTANT HALLOWEEN INFORMATION



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Council Meetings

Wednesday, October 25
Monday, November 20

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

Borough Hall Office Hours

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

Borough Hall Closed

November 10th – Veteran's Day
November 23, 24 -
Thanksgiving Holiday

CURFEW - On Mischief Night (October 30th) and Halloween (October 31st), curfew will be at 8:00 p.m. Damage to public or private property will not be tolerated.

PARADE - The annual Halloween Parade will be held on **Saturday, October 28th at 4:30 p.m.** at the Borough Hall/School parking lot. Judging will begin at 4:30 p.m. The parade will march from the parking lot turning left onto Kirkwood Road, right onto Lambert Lane, right onto Winding Way, right onto Lauer Lane and proceed back to the parking lot. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. In the event of inclement weather call 856-783-6655.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS – On October 31st, *Trick or Treat* hours will be between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Animal Control

The Borough Council has determined that feral cats are a growing problem within Gibbsboro that needs to be addressed. As a result, it is formulating a plan for the management of stray, abandoned, and feral cats.

Because many people feed and care for feral cats, they have become a transport vehicle for diseases from the wild to humans. Residents are advised that they should never feed feral cats as the food left out may attract other less desirable wild animals to your neighborhood. Feral cats will become permanent, and often unwelcome, residents of the neighborhood. While you may enjoy them, your neighbors may not. Anyone interacting with wildlife, feral cats, or strays should be vaccinated against rabies. Also, children need to be educated that feral cats are not the same as domestic cats and should never be approached. Because rabies is transmitted by saliva, simply petting a feral cat that has been exposed to rabies can transmit the virus through a cut or scratch on your hand. The incubation period for rabies can range from a few days to as long as ten years and the disease is uniformly fatal once it becomes symptomatic.

FERAL CATS - WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Report suspicious activity - Residents are encouraged to report suspicious behavior from any unknown animal in their neighborhood. Daylight sightings of nocturnal mammals, such as opossums and raccoons, should be reported as soon as possible as they are likely rabid. If you are bitten or scratched by a feral cat (or any unknown mammal), report it immediately to health officials.

Report feral cat litters – Feral kittens can be trapped and have a high probability of being adopted and successfully raised as domestic pets. Never trap the litter yourself - report the litter to animal control for evaluation and trapping. If the kittens are not trapped, the number of cats (and associated problems) will grow dramatically.

Be a responsible pet owner – Borough ordinances require that all dogs AND cats must be vaccinated against rabies. Pet owners should take care to ensure that their pets are neutered or spayed, and have an identification tag (tags are provided when licensing dogs) that allows them to be returned to you if they are lost. Pets should never be allowed to run at large outside a confined area. Pets must be leashed at all times when in Borough owned parks or on the Borough's bikeway system. Never release an unwanted pet into the wild.

Gibbsboro animal control can be reached at (856) 931-3411. For emergencies, dial 911.



Leaf Collection

Autumn has arrived — leaves are falling and the raking has begun!

Once again, the Voorhees Township and Gibbsboro Public Works departments will provide curbside leaf collection for Gibbsboro residents.

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.

The first leaf collection will begin *Monday, November 6th* as follows:

<u>Area 1:</u>	Clementon Road	Hidden Woods	The Terrace
<u>Area 2:</u>	Cameo Village	Kirkwood Road	Heritage Village
	Route 561	East Clementon Road	S. United States Ave.
	Stump Town	Tanglewood	Wynnewood

This schedule is subject to change.

A second leaf collection will begin *Monday, December 11th* and will follow the same route as listed above.

Residents should rake leaves and place curbside by November 5th. If leaf collection has already taken place in your area do not place any additional piles curbside until the second leaf collection is scheduled to begin since the collection truck will not return to your area until then. Placing leaves curbside too early can subject them to moisture and freezing which will delay the collection and increase costs.

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.

Planning Board Actions

September 12

Applicant: J&W Lucas House
Proposed Project: Renovations to the Lucas Homestead including replacement of the roof, siding, and window repairs.
Location: 10 East Clementon Road
Action: **Approved**

Applicant: J&W Paint Works
Proposed Project: Preliminary site plan approval for the construction of a CVS store.
Location: Route 561 and Marlton Avenue
Action: **Approved**

Zoning Board Actions

August 22

Applicant: T&L Transportation
Proposed Project: Extension of time to complete site improvements.
Location: Route 561 opposite Cricket Field
Action: **Approved**

September 26

Applicant: Grace Baraldi
Proposed Project: Rear yard variance to construct a deck
Location: 39 Glenview Way East
Action: **Denied**

Applicant: Albert Richmond
Proposed Project: Bulk variance for the addition of a garage.
Location: 60 Voorhees Road
Action: **Approved**

Applicant: Parker & Elizabeth Hall
Proposed Project: Rear yard variance to construct an in-ground swimming pool
Location: 30 Yarmouth Way
Action: **Approved**

FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, October 20 – Annual Hall of Fame Football Game at Eastern High School at 7 p.m. (Eastern vs. Rancocas Valley High School)

Saturday, October 21 - Hoagie sale at the Fire Hall. For information contact Marianne Colavita at 856-261-6571. (Proceeds benefit the Fire Company)

Saturday, October 28 – Annual Halloween parade at 4:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall/School parking lot. In the event of inclement weather call 856-783-6655.

Tuesday, October 31 –Halloween – Trick or Treat hours from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 5 - Pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Proceeds benefit the Fire Company)

Monday, November 6 - First leaf collection begins.

Tuesday, November 7 - Election Day - Polls open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. All voting will take place at the Gibbsboro Elementary School.

Saturday, November 18 - Hoagie Sale at the Fire Hall. For information contact Marianne Colavita at 856-261-6571. (Proceeds benefit the Fire Company)

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 6 p.m. at Lucas Park (opposite the Triangle Memorial).

Monday, December 11 - Second leaf collection begins.

Saturday, December 16 - Hoagie Sale at the Fire Hall. For information contact Marianne Colavita at 856-261-6571. (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.

Holiday Dollars Ticket Drawings - November 26 - December 3 - December 10 - December 17 - For tickets and information contact Marianne Colavita at 856-261-6571. (Proceeds benefit the Fire Company)

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49 Kirkwood Road
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026**

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

**Local Postal Patron
Gibbsboro, NJ 08026**

**NEW JERSEY ALLOCATES \$180K IN
EXTRAORDINARY AID FOR
MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

In spite of a state budget crisis, one of the town's most intense lobbying efforts resulted in an additional \$180,000 being allocated to Gibbsboro this year to defray local budget costs.

**COAH APPROVES RCA BETWEEN
GIBBSBORO AND WOODLYNNE**

The Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) approved a Regional Contribution Agreement (RCA) between Gibbsboro and Woodlynne that will provide Gibbsboro with credit for 56 low and moderate income housing units that will be rehabilitated in Woodlynne. Under the agreement, Gibbsboro will provide Woodlynne with \$25,000 per unit to cover the rehabilitation. Without the agreement, over 400 new housing units and a second school would have been built within Gibbsboro. Gibbsboro still faces an obligation of 56 units that must be built in Gibbsboro.

**BOROUGH RECEIVES \$25K TRAILS
GRANT**

Amy Cradic, Assistant Commissioner for Natural and Historic Resources, has informed Borough officials that the town will receive \$25K for additional recreational trails. The funds will be used to extend the bikeway system.

**GIBBSBORO CONTESTS SUPER FUND
DESIGNATION**

The Borough Council filed a detailed legal brief contesting the EPA's proposal to list a large portion of the town on the federal National Priorities List (NPL) also known as the Super Fund. Among the objections was that the designation is vague and ambiguous and would adversely impact the Paint Works.