Borough Signs Two-Year Agreement with Gibbsboro Police Association/FOP

At a Special Meeting of the Borough Council on July 30, the governing body unanimously approved a two-year collective bargaining agreement with local police officers. The agreement will run through December 31, 2020. The agreement culminates a year of negotiation and is transformational in many ways.

Police will transition to what is known as the “Pitman Schedule” in which officers work 84 hours over two weeks. The 84 hours are paid at straight time. The officers make more and the town gets more coverage. Other changes include changing the many forms of paid time off to a bucket of hours that offices can use at their discretion. With the new Pitman schedule officers get more time off so the paid time is reduced. The contract also provides changes to clothing allowances and health care.

The Borough negotiating team consisted of the Police Committee - Chairman Jack Flynn, Council President Jerry Bonsall and Mayor Campbell. The police team was led by patrolmen Heimerl and Leadley with FOP Lodge 9.
Changes at Borough Hall
Anne Levy to retire September 30

Borough Clerk: After nearly 28 years as Borough Clerk, Anne Levy will be retiring to enjoy a much-deserved break! Anne has been a great and dedicated asset for the residents of Gibbsboro. Anne’s dedication was constantly on display at our public events for which she regularly volunteered her time. Congratulations Anne and thank you for your service! Anne will be replaced by Amy Troxel who was hired in June.

Tax Assessor: Tom Glock also recently retired after a lengthy career at Gibbsboro and other area towns. Tom has been an invaluable resource evaluating new construction and tax appeals. Borough Council hired Gibbsboro resident Darlene Campbell (No relation to the Mayor). Darlene is available at the Borough Hall on Tuesday evenings and by appointment.

Gibbsboro Nabs Camden County Recreation Grants

The Camden County Freeholders have authorized two more $25K recreation grants for bikeway repairs and amenities along the Blueberry Hill trails.

Pastor Rob Lewis Celebrates 20 Years at Gibbsboro UMC

In July the Gibbsboro United Methodist Church celebrated the 20th year of ministry of the Rev. Dr. Rob Lewis at the Gibbsboro Church. In addition to his faithful and loving care of the church he has contributed outstanding service to the community. In addition to his dedication to the church’s mission, Pastor Rob has been an active participant on Memorial Day at multiple municipal services. We wish him continued success in the future!

Fall Trail Cleanup Date Set

Volunteers should meet at the Berlin Road cul de sac on Saturday, October 12 at 9 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, October 19, same time. The Borough will supply work materials.

Above Amy Troxel is congratulated by Mayor Campbell after taking the oath of office as Deputy Borough Clerk. On October 1 Amy will become the Acting Borough Clerk.
Gibbsboro is now partnered with Nixle to provide residents with important information on local news, alerts, traffic, and weather

**SMS/ Text Message**
Stay connected to your town! Receive important information and updates through Nixle.

**Email/ Web Message**
Residents can now receive important, official information directly from through Nixle. Messages will be delivered by email, SMS text message, and over the web.

Information can be received online and through email. Residents can receive messages by phone as part of their text messaging plan- otherwise standard text message rates apply. The system is simple to use and provides an easy sign-up process. Register now and learn more at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

Nixle is built exclusively to provide secure and reliable communications. Its authenticated service connects city agencies to citizens in real-time, delivering geographically targeted information to residents.

Citizen questions about the service and its capabilities can be answered through our Frequently Asked Questions page found at [www.nixle.com/consumer-faqs/](http://www.nixle.com/consumer-faqs/). Should you need additional assistance, Nixle provides free citizens support. Email any questions to support@nixle.com.

The Gibbsboro Police Department can also accept crime tips through text messages in which all tips will stay anonymous. The anonymous tip link is available on the Gibbsboro Police Department website or you can go through your Nixle account. Any questions please feel free to contact the police department at 856-783-0151. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

**Blood Drive – Sep 23**
2-7 p.m.  Post 371
Superfund Update

This information has been provided by Sherwin Williams (S-W) which is operating under the direction of the US EPA.

**Residential Properties Remediation** - EPA issued a Record of Decision for the Residential Properties adjacent to the Sites on September 30, 2015. The first group of residential properties was remediated in 2016. In May 2018, S-W received legal authorization from EPA to perform remediation activities on the remaining residential properties.

Project activities continue on a residential property located at the corner of Kirkwood and Hilliards Roads in Gibbsboro. Excavation of contaminated soils and backfilling of the area are substantially complete. Restoration activities, including installation of top soil, sod, and landscaping, are expected to begin next week. Gibbsboro Police continue to provide periodic traffic support as needed. Perimeter air monitoring is underway to ensure dust levels are within acceptable levels established under the perimeter air monitoring program approved by the EPA.

Remediation and restoration activities on Steven Drive in Voorhees are complete. Periodic care and maintenance of landscaping features will take place over the next three months.

**Route 561 Dump Site** - Sherwin-Williams has initiated remediation activities on certain commercial properties located along Route 561 immediately south of Kresson-Gibbsboro Road. Sherwin-Williams’ contractor is performing the EPA-approved scope of work with oversight by the Army Corps of Engineers acting as EPA’s on-site representative.

Excavation of contaminated soils and backfill activities on the second commercial property are complete. Sheet piles continue to be removed and property restoration activities are beginning. Soil staged on the Dump Site parcel will periodically be transported off-site for disposal. Intermittent southbound lane closures on Route 561 will continue. Gibbsboro Police continue to provide support as necessary to minimize traffic disruptions along Route 561. Businesses remain open during construction activities. Perimeter air monitoring activities will continue in accordance with the perimeter air monitoring program approved by the EPA. Final paving of the remediation area will be performed in mid-September.

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**Remediation - 5 Quick Facts**

1. All remediation work will be performed in accordance with EPA-approved remedial designs.
2. Sherwin-Williams has retained an experienced and insured environmental remediation contractor to perform the work.
3. The Army Corps of Engineers will provide oversight of remediation activities on behalf of EPA. Army Corps representatives will ensure the work is completed in accordance with the EPA-approved remedial designs.
4. Perimeter air monitoring will be performed around each construction zone to monitor air quality and ensure that construction activities do not pose an exposure risk or nuisance to the community. Real-time monitors will notify the team in the event dust levels reach an advisory level – which is set well-below air quality standards. If triggered, a notification will alert the team to take mitigation measures, such as dust suppression, to help protect both workers and the community.
5. Periodic updates on remediation construction activities will be posted on the SWHilliardsCreek.com website.
Autumn has arrived — leaves are falling and the raking has begun!

Once again, Gibbsboro is partnering with Voorhees Township to provide curbside leaf collection for Gibbsboro residents. Please place unbagged leaves curbside. Do not include any other organic (branches, grass clippings, etc.) or inorganic (plastics, paper, etc.) material with the leaf piles.

The first leaf collection will begin Monday, November 11.
A second leaf collection will begin Monday, December 16.

Residents should rake leaves and place curbside in advance of each collection. 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. The collection truck will not return to your area until then. If you have any questions, please call Borough Hall at 783-6655.

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 A.M.

Storms Breach Clement Lake Dam

The heavy rains in late June weakened the embankment of Clement Lake (located behind the Continental Plaza) which gave out lowering the lake by several feet. The repair cost has been estimated at nearly $1 million. This, combined with other damage in New Jersey, has been used by the state to seek federal emergency funds through FEMA.

On July 16 Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Kelly, Borough Engineer Greg Fusco, Mayor Campbell, FEMA representatives, New Jersey State Police Emergency Management representatives and Camden County Emergency Management personnel toured the washed-out Clement Lake embankment and dam. This inspection was a major step in the verification process necessary to gain a federal declaration and making disaster funds available to Gibbsboro and other Camden County towns and the County. Our loss is the largest in Camden County and the key site for enabling Camden County to be eligible for funding. As of September 1, New Jersey has failed to reach the damage threshold for federal assistance. Borough officials continue to look for grant funds to restore the embankment.

Above, view of the lake bed at Clement Lake following the collapse of the embankment at the dam.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

September 11, 2019
George Walton
American Legion Post 371

RED, WHITE & BLUEBERRY HILL 5K CHALLENGE

Sunday, November 10 - Run or Walk 9am start
Pole Hill Park
Sponsored by Gibbsboro Sons of the American Legion event
Information & Registration @
www.runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Gibbsboro/RedWhiteBlueberryHill5kRunWalk
SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Milk, juice cartons, etc.
Glass bottles & jars
#1 & #2 plastic bottles, jars, and jugs
Aluminum, metal food, & beverage containers
Loose metal jar lids & steel bottle caps
Paperback books
Junk mail, envelopes, post it notes, greeting cards, etc.
Newspaper, magazines, circulars, brochures, inserts, etc. (no bags, do not tie & bundle)
Telephone books
File folders, office paper
Corrugated cardboard & paper bags
Paperboard boxes (cereal, pasta, tissue, etc.)
Paper towel roll inserts

For more information visit CamdenCounty.com/Recycling

NO
Plastic bags
NO
Plastics other than #1 and #2 (identified above)
NO
Plastic (or paper) to-go containers, cups, straws, or utensils
NO
Plastic film, wrap, or bubble wrap
NO
Pizza boxes
NO
Styrofoam of ANY kind
NO
Frozen food, ice cream, or frozen juice containers
NO
Organic material or food waste
NO
Hoses or hangers

NO NEED TO REMOVE:
Paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs.

✓ Empty & Rinse All Containers.
✓ Please follow these guidelines carefully.

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# FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## September

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<td>3rd Annual Community Garden BBQ</td>
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* For more information, contact the Camden County Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-999-9045.
** Call (856) 783-6655 X105 to verify that there is business for a meeting to be held.
Project Freedom Announces Affordable Housing Process

Project Freedom Inc., a 501 c(3) non-profit housing developer, is proud to announce the construction of its 72 unit Affordable, Barrier-free housing community in Gibbsboro. Construction is currently in progress to create four, three story apartment buildings on Lakeview Drive (County Route 561) and United States Avenue. The apartment units will consist of one, two, and three bedroom units all barrier-free, with elevators in each building. All units are Energy Star and LEED rated, with Central Heat and AC, Energy Star appliances, and resilient flooring.

Applications are available online at [www.Projectfreedom.org](http://www.Projectfreedom.org) on the Gibbsboro page. Applications are also available at the Gibbsboro Borough Hall. Prospective tenants must pre_qualify and enter the lottery to be eligible as initial tenant. There are minimum and maximum income requirements for tenants. A public lottery will be held at the Gibbsboro Senior Center on October 9 to rank all applications. For more information call 609-699-6023 or 609-278-0075.