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MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents:

I hope all of you have had a great Summer. With the opening of school, please reexamine how your children are getting to the school bus, and, in particular, how they are walking home after being dropped off. Are they walking on roads with blind curves, or no shoulders? Are they aware of the occasional speeding car or truck? Please consider walking the route yourself in both directions to see if changes should be made. Please keep in mind that young children may walk in the middle of the lane, presenting potential danger if the sightlines for oncoming cars are insufficient. This is certainly true as to certain roads-e.g. Highland Avenue.

It has been a busy Summer for the Borough Council and the Borough's various committees. I am pleased to report that the state of the Borough is very good. My sincere thanks again not only to all of our staff, but also to the many volunteers who devote so much of their time, talent and experience in making this town an extraordinarily enjoyable place to live and raise a family. If you would like to volunteer, please don't hesitate to send me an email at mayorpg@patmedia.net, or just drop by my office. My door is always open.



I know some of you have been very upset with the noise and fumes generated by engines parked at the Gladstone train station. These trains are sometimes left running and, on occasion, all night or all weekend. I have been working with NJT in an effort to solve the problem. On August 28th I met at length with its staff (representing Community Relations, Environmental Services, Project Management and Field Operations) at its Newark headquarters in an effort to resolve the matter. I was advised that the daytime running of the engines should cease in a few weeks. It has been necessitated to provide power while NJT's crews are replacing catenary poles from Summit to Gladstone.

I was further advised that NJT is doing all it can to dampen down any evening noise, which is due primarily to the electric locomotives running to provide power for cleaning, maintenance, maintaining brake pressure and other purposes. While we explored a number of possible solutions to eliminate the noise completely, most are apparently impractical due to operational requirements, or are very expensive.

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2nd Annual BOOtiful House Contest

The Friends of the Peapack Gladstone Library are sponsoring the second Annual BOOtiful House contest. The rules are simple:

1. Decorate the exterior of your house or business for Halloween.
2. Send in your entry form by Friday, October 26. There is a \$10 fee to be eligible for judging. Make check payable to the Friends of the Peapack-Gladstone Library.

Prizes will be awarded in four categories (Harvest, Spooky, By Kids Only, and Creative).

Judging will take place on Mischief Night, Tuesday, October 30th, beginning at dusk. Maps of entries will be available at PGL.

Join the fun and let's get spooky!



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On September 11, I met with NJT representatives on site to discuss the installation of ground power so that the engines could be turned off and plugged into the power source when necessary. This could substantially mitigate the noise problem. NJT has agreed to pursue the matter, and will take noise readings on a date to be fixed in late September or early October. The tests will be conducted from 6 p.m. on a Saturday to 6 a.m. the following Sunday morning. Access to the property of several private residences will be required. A flyer explaining the process should be circulated in a few weeks.

I am pleased to advise that we are continuing to move forward with a very significant land conservation effort, and have continued to work closely with the Morris Land Conservancy ("MLC") for this purpose. The Borough has renewed its consulting contract with this outstanding group. I made a presentation for funding together with the MLC to the County Agriculture Development Board. That presentation was very well received, and I am optimistic that there will be significant funding made available by the County for the purpose of the conservation easement acquisition.

The Borough is also looking at a possible land acquisition. I prepared and filed a Special Grant Application to the County Open Space Committee for significant funding for this purpose, and made the presentation together with the MLC and Councilman John Sweeney. Mr. Sweeney chairs the Council's Property Committee, and previously negotiated the acquisition of the Komline Property. Mr. Sweeney serves also as the Vice Chair of the Natirar Advisory Committee, which has planned, among other things, the recreational use of Natirar. Again, I am very pleased to advise that the funding request was granted. The Borough continues to monitor the possible acquisition.

The above conservation and land acquisition matters have taken a great deal of time, but, if successful, will be well worth the effort. It is essential to continue our conservation efforts, not only to preserve the Borough, but to keep our property taxes down.

As you are aware, the Council passed a resolution to place a referendum on the November ballot to increase our Open Space tax by 1 cent. As I mentioned in the Spring edition of the Gazette, all of the funds generated by the Borough's Open Space tax (currently 3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation) are fully committed to prior acquisitions. Various grants, in particular any future grants which may be available from the State, require some level of matching funds by the Borough. A recent financial analysis by the MLC demonstrated that, to date, the Borough has obtained an additional \$7.08 for every open space dollar raised by its residents through the Open Space tax. That is outstanding leverage, and should be continued. The Borough recently received an additional \$300,000 in State Green Acres funds to help pay down our debt regarding the Komline purchase, but future funding will be in jeopardy without matching Borough funds.

As to property taxes, the Council, and the Borough's staff and committees, worked very long and hard to lower your taxes, notwithstanding significant cost increases imposed upon the Borough over which it has no control. You should have received an insert with your tax bill noting that, for 2007, your local municipal tax rate is 0.425; whereas, the municipal tax rate for 2006 was 0.486. The total tax rate (including the County, Open Space, library and school tax) dropped from 1.660 in 2006 to 1.590 in 2007. This is very good news, and we will make every effort to keep the property tax rate as low as possible.

The plans for the Virgin Spa remain on track. If all goes well, all or most of the complex may be open by the end of 2008. The Spa has been very cooperative with the Borough, and a pleasure to work with. We look forward to its successful completion. The Borough's Historical Walking Tour, which included a tour of the mansion, was very successful. I had the pleasure of being stationed there, and giving a brief history of the property to more than one hundred visitors. As previously noted, however, except for such events, the Spa's property, including the mansion, is closed to the public.

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The Spa, as you will recall, comprises a portion of the Natirar estate. The balance of that property is now a County park and open to the public. Be sure to visit it. The park is spectacular and open dawn to dusk. It was a great venue for a recent Concert in the Park. See if you can locate, during your hike, a large beech tree with the name "Cooper" engraved in it. I am advised by Bev Tiger that the Cooper in question was Anthony Cooper, a former employee on the estate. His brother, Michael Cooper (Bev's father), owned the Gladstone Market. Anthony Cooper's two daughters, Josephine Honoshowsky and Liz Wilcock, still live in town.

When I met earlier this year with a representative of the Freeholders, I expressed my frustration in not being able to identify all of the non-profit organizations which could be called upon to assist in the acquisition and funding of land and conservation easements. I noted that one should be able to utilize a single resource for all such organizations active in Somerset County (regardless where they are based), and obtain their contact information, mission statements and requirements. I am delighted to report that the County took my suggestion and put together a "Partners In Preservation Guide", which provides such information on more than 30 organizations. It is a very valuable tool, and, ideally, the same should be done on a county by county and statewide basis. You can obtain a copy from the Somerset County Planning Board at PO Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876-1262 (908-231-7021). The Guide should also be posted on the County Planning Board's website at www.co.somerset.nj.us/planweb. For more information, contact the County's Senior Planner, Tara Kenyon, at 908-231-7021 or kenyon@co.somerset.nj.us.

We continue our efforts to keep the Borough's appearance as beautiful and rural as possible. Please do not place a sign on any utility pole. State law prohibits it, but, more importantly, nails, staples or other fasteners can injure utility workers who may have to climb the poles to repair or maintain equipment. In addition, if you are trying to sell your car, please consider the effect on your neighbors and the Borough if you leave a car parked on your property with a "for sale" sign. Please also note that you cannot place your car on a friend's property for sale, as that is a zoning violation. The Council is considering restricting the duration and location of any car parked on your own property and advertised for sale, given the negative impact on the Borough, and no doubt, property values.

Furthermore, please remember that junk pickup items may not be placed out prior to 12 noon on the day prior to collection. The Council has requested vigorous enforcement of this requirement, as violations give the Borough a shabby look and present opportunities for persons outside the Borough to dump their material at various sites in town.

Since the publication of the Spring Gazette, I have set up, and the Council has staffed, a Trails Advisory Committee to analyze Borough open space for possible pedestrian, equestrian and bike paths, and to determine whether these can be joined at some point with other trail systems. The Committee has organized itself, and is very enthusiastic.

In addition, the Council has, at my request, reactivated the Komline Advisory Committee and appointed additional volunteers, with the goal of analyzing the Komline property for recreational purposes. At some point, that committee will be working with the Trails Advisory Committee.

On September 10 I joined many others at the annual Peapack & Gladstone golf outing at Hamilton Farms. The proceeds of this event benefit the library, First Aid Squad and Fire Department. As always, the golf course was spectacular. I expressed the Borough's sincere thanks to all who participated, the many sponsors and to Hamilton Farms. I thanked, in particular, Rick Brooten for organizing the event.

Finally, thank you for your calls and emails, and for taking the time to visit me in my office. I appreciate your suggestions, and appreciate also the opportunity to learn of any problem areas so we can address them as quickly as possible. Enjoy the rest of the Summer.

Sincerely,

William H. Horton, Mayor

CIVIL AIR PATROL AWARDS

On August 1st, the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), located at the Scout Cabin, held their Summer Awards Ceremony in the Gymnasium of the Peapack-Gladstone Municipal Building.

Among the many awards presented were the following three milestone awards which require that the cadet pass a comprehensive examination on aerospace and leadership as well as the separate achievements.



Cadet / Captain Stasia Rogacki, from North Caldwell, NJ, was presented with her Amelia Earhart Award. This award is the third cadet milestone achievement award and is earned after successful completion of the first eleven achievements of the cadet program.

Cadet / 2nd Lt Arthur (AJ) Herring, from Boonton, NJ, was presented with his Billy Mitchell Award. This award is the second cadet milestone achievement award and is earned after successful completion of the first eight achievements of the cadet program. In addition, the cadet has to attend a CAP NJ Wing Summer Encampment for this award.

Cadet / Staff Sgt Victoria Pepe, from Bernardsville, was presented with her Wright Brothers Award. This is awarded after the successful completion of Phase I, "The Learning Phase," consisting of the first three achievements of the cadet program.

Also, C/Major Stephen Rogacki and C/CMSgt John Skinner were presented with their Solo Pilot Wings for each flying solo while attending the NJ Wing Falcon Flight Encampment held at Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station in June. It gives the cadets approximately 30 hours of ground school instruction and 10 hours of flight time.

The Civil Air Patrol is the all volunteer US Air Force Auxiliary dedicated to a three part mission of Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services. The Lone Eagle Composite Squadron is part of Civil Air Patrol's New Jersey Wing and meets on Wednesday nights at the Scout Cabin, Borough of Peapack-Gladstone, NJ. For information on the CAP New Jersey Wing see web site: www.njwg.cap.gov. For more information about the Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, contact Capt Will McLain V, Commander, at (908) 441-2146 or Mclain81@comcast.net.



Somerset County All Hazards Mitigation Plan

A regional planning partnership of municipalities, agencies and stakeholders has recently been formed to address natural hazards that may occur in Somerset County. A steering committee has been selected to oversee this process. In order to identify and plan for future natural disasters, the County needs assistance from the residents of Somerset County.

A questionnaire has been designed to gauge the level of knowledge local citizens have about natural disaster issues, and areas in our communities which may be vulnerable to any type of natural disaster. The information that you provide will help coordinate activities to reduce the risk of injury or property damage in the future.



The questionnaire consists of 23 questions and will take approximately 5 minutes. The web site for the questionnaire is www.co.somerset.nj.us/hazard/index.htm. If you prefer, you may come in to Borough Hall and pickup a questionnaire to be mailed to the County.

The Somerset Hills School District

The opening of the 2007-2008 school year brings many changes in The Somerset Hills School District. With the retirement of four administrators, we welcome our new Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Barbara Walls, Director of Special Services, Dr. Vincent D'Elia, Bernards High School Principal, Dr. Scot Beckerman and Bedwell Elementary School Principal, Ms. Amy Phelan. They all spent time over the summer working with their predecessors to make the transitions as smooth as possible.

September also brings the long-awaited end to most of the construction and renovations at Bernards High School. After an intense summer of demolition, the main office, guidance department and art room are ready. The newly constructed cafeteria, nurse's office, community room, and three new classrooms were eagerly anticipated and are a welcome addition to the entire school community. Some of the other work that was completed this summer include the installation of a new security system, public address system and fire alarm system as well as renovation to the hallways, lavatories, and classrooms. Work continues on the new auditorium which is scheduled to be completed by December. The amount of activity that occurred throughout Bernards High School during the summer was staggering. We are proud that all projects have come in on schedule.

Throughout the Summer, administrators and staff continued to focus on planning for another successful year: student schedules were set, curriculum was revised, new programs were put in place, all requirements for new staff were completed, sports schedules were finalized and the other daily functions of the school community continued as the anticipation and excitement of another school year began.



First Annual Green Community Festival

When: November 3, 2007, from 10 a.m. - 5p.m.

Where: Liberty Park in Peapack-Gladstone, NJ

JOIN US FOR...



* *The Peapack-Gladstone Environmental Commission is proud to host the First Annual Community Green Day. We want to share information, tools and resources with local residents to promote environmental awareness and to encourage stewardship of our neighborhood resources.*

* *A day of exchanging ideas on sustainable living with local experts and knowledgeable neighbors.*

* *Eco-Art workshop for all ages.*

* *Saving money : heating, cooling and powering your home.*

* *Environmentally friendly products.*

* *Music and food.*

* *A Contest Y.E.A. (Youth Environmental Action). This contest is designed to encourage young people to identify the many ways in which water is valuable and to look at ways to protect this precious resource.*

For more information, visit the Borough website at www.peapack-gladstone-nj.gov or contact Lilibet Clarke at Lillian-eclarke@Earthwise.us or 908-719-9545.

Tax and Sewer Collection

The Tax Collector's office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Taxes are due on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 each year. There is a ten-day grace period. Payments received after the grace period will be charged interest.

The tax rate for 2007 is \$1.59 per \$100.00 of assessed value as noted on your bill. Final 2007 and 2008 Preliminary tax bills were mailed out on July 12, 2007. If your mortgage company is responsible for your taxes, your bill will be marked: "This is not a bill, it is for advice only". If you received the original bill with four stubs on the bottom and your mortgage company is escrowing for taxes, please forward this bill to your mortgage company for payment and obtain a homeowner's authorization form from the mortgage company. Sign this form and forward it to our office so that future bills can be sent directly to the mortgage company. If you received an advice bill and you are responsible for paying your taxes directly, please pay the quarterly amounts when due and note your block and lot number on your check. Send the stub and your check along with a note to our office so that we can remove your mortgage company from our records.



Each year, your tax bill shows the amount of State Aid the Borough is receiving. This year, the statement of State Aid has changed pursuant to LFN 2007-8. Based on the assessed value, the amount of State Aid used to offset property taxes on each parcel is noted on your bill instead of the total for the municipality.

The Sewer collection office is located in the tax office and operates during the same hours. Remember, 2008 sewer bills will be calculated on water consumption for the fourth quarter, which is approximately late October 2007 through late January 2008. Consume water wisely! Residential sewer payments are due April 1, July 1, October 1, and December 1 each year with a ten-day grace period. Commercial sewer payments are due March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 each year. Although there is no grace period on commercial sewer payments, the bills are mailed out at least 30 days prior to the due date to allow time for payments.

If you have recently purchased a home in Peapack and Gladstone Borough and you do not have the Tax or Sewer bill, please contact our office to obtain a copy. The phone number is 908-234-2251.

SENIORS: Note that there are senior citizen deductions on both your Tax & Sewer bills for those who are over the age of 65. If you are not already receiving these deductions, stop by the office to pick up an application and see if you qualify.

VETERANS: There is a veteran deduction that is available on your taxes. If you are not receiving this deduction, please stop by the office to pick up an application and see if you qualify.

Artwork from Matheny's Arts Access Program To Be Displayed at Bloomingdale's

Paintings and digital art created by artists in the Matheny Medical and Educational Center's Arts Access Program will be displayed throughout the Bloomingdale's store in the Bridge-water Commons Mall in September. The Matheny artists are being featured as part of Bloomingdale's store-wide promotion known as ARTRAGEOUS.

Arts Access enables people with disabilities to create fine art, assisted by professional artist-facilitators.



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Rock On with the Happy Rockers

The following is a list of our trips for the remainder of the year:

September 18, 2007: Rudy's Beau Rivage , Yonkers NY-- Lunch and entertainment, plus Yonkers Raceway *5000 slots* Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. Price \$45.00 per person.

October 29, 30, 31: Burlington, Vermont --3 days and 2 nights in luxurious 2 room suites. Includes hot and cold breakfast , cocktail hour, dinner and a boat ride on Lake Champlain, tours of the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory and Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream factory, plus moreBus leaves 8:00 a.m. Price \$283.00 per person, double occupancy.

November 28, 2007: The Staten, Staten Island NY -- Lunch , open bar entertainment, Christmas Sing-A-Long. Bus leaves 9:30 a.m. Price \$45.00 per person.

December 17, 2007: Christmas Lights in New York City followed by dinner at Sal Anthony's. Bus leaves 2:30 p.m. Price \$47.00 per person



For more information, please contact : Charles Vanderbilt at 908-781-1076

Peapack Gladstone Woman's Club

The GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club (PGWC) would like to sincerely thank the community for supporting our annual Wish Tree project at both the Gladstone and Peapack post offices this past holiday season. Through your generosity, the club was able to deliver 140 gifts to the seniors at the Bryan Manor Assisted Living facility, the residents of Matheny School and families in crisis through the Somerset County Resource Center for Women and their Families. The beautifully wrapped gifts reflect the compassion and thoughtfulness of the residents in our area. A special thank you to our postal workers who tended these trees in our absence. Their help and support has been immeasurable.

The club has been busy with several new projects this year. Partnered with two local area Girl Scout troops, we provided holiday cards and stamps to incarcerated women and created Birthday Bags (bags filled with themed party supplies, cake and frosting) for less fortunate children who receive assistance through the Kids Closet division of the Community Foodbank of New Jersey. In January, we co-sponsored a National Geographic Geography Bee at the Bedminster Township School and presented the fifteen finalists with a new 2007 World Almanac for Kids.

The club recently donated a DVD projector and speakers to the Children's Room of the Peapack-Gladstone Public Library. This past summer, the club helped to fund an entertaining summer reading program entitled "Goowins Balloowins" and will subsidize a Young Adult Library Program about interviewing skills needed for colleges, scholarships, internships and jobs this fall. It will continue to work with the library to provide programs that encourage education through all phases of life.

On a larger scale, the Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club has contributed significantly to the Katrina Fund and Heifer International. Working with other New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs (NJSFWC) it strives to positively influence the lives of battered women and their children through legal assistance and educational programs to stop the circle of violence. Also, in concert with the NJSFWC, the organization sponsored Kathryn Sroka of Gladstone to attend the Girls' Career Institute through Douglas College in order to develop her leadership skills and learn about exciting and often non-traditional job opportunities.

While the more universal concerns of disaster relief, world hunger and social issues vie for both attention and funds, the Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club remains committed to enriching our community. As such, it contributes to Borough programs like Music in the Park, organizes an annual Spring Blood Drive and offers scholarships to local college-bound students and women returning to school or making career changes. Recently, Julianne Harris of Gladstone and Sean O'Donnell of Peapack were the recipients of the club's scholarships for the 2007 club year, and received checks for \$2,000 and \$1,500 respectively.

If you would like more information on how to join this vital and ever-evolving organization, please contact Irene Ellis at 908-234-1090, or, better yet, come to our next "Welcome Back Potluck Dinner" at Borough Hall Conference Room A on Monday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. The club meets regularly on the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

Upper Raritan Watershed Association Events Calendar

Most programs take place at Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve, 2121 Larger Cross Rd, Bedminster, New Jersey unless otherwise specified. Registration is required for all programs. For details, contact Melissa Almendinger at 908-234-1852 x13 or melissa@urwa.org or visit www.urwa.org.

September 15th: Invasive Species Removal

Tools and gloves provided. Wear protective clothing. Time: 10:00 a.m. Location: William Post Natural Preserve, Claremont Road, Bernardsville.

Wednesday, October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th : Wakeup Call Breakfast.

Join URWA for breakfast and guest presentations on environmental topics, such as policy, regulations and habitat or wildlife management. * Time: 8:00 a.m. * Location: Limestone Café, Peapack * RSVP requested.

Sunday, October 7th: URWA's Old Fashioned Country Fair Time: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve * Cost: \$10 per adult, children free.

Saturday, October 13th : Webelos Outdoor Activity Badge Badge: Naturalist Raindate: Sunday, October 14th Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location: Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve * Cost: \$5 per participant Registration required by October 8

Saturday, October 27th: Rolling Hills Council Sponsored Junior Girl Scout Program Badges: Your Outdoor Surroundings and Earth Connections Raindate: Sunday, October 28th Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Location: Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve Please visit <http://www.girlscouts-rh.org/progops.htm> for details and registration.

Sunday, October 28th: A Take a Walk Series@

Would you like to spend some quiet time enveloped in the wonders of nature exploring a magical niche hidden in Bedminster? Listen to the calls of fall migrants and resident New Jersey birds, discover animal tracks and search for wildflowers. Join Suzanne Mahoney for an autumn nature walk at Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve. All ages welcome! * Time: 10:00 a.m. * Cost: FREE!

Friday, November 16th: Family Campfire Under the Stars Stay warm near the fire while sharing telescopes with the Morris Museum Astronomical Society. Hot dogs and marshmallows provided. A children's craft project will take place in the barn. All ages are welcome! * Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. * Location: Fairview Farm Wildlife Preserve * Cost: \$10 per family (members), \$15 per family (nonmembers) RSVP required by November 14.



**Historic Preservation
Commission**

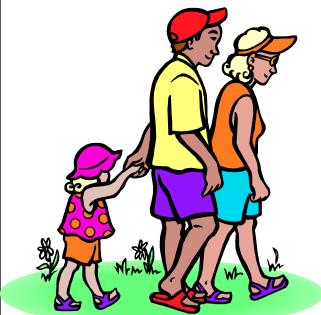
Prints and note cards of scenes of Peapack-Gladstone by local artist and commission member Victor Martinez are available for purchase at the Borough Hall and at local business establishments. Checks should be made payable to Borough of Peapack-Gladstone H.P.C.

Copies of the Historic Map and Walking Tour of Peapack-Gladstone are available from John Smith at 908-234-1121 and at the Borough Hall. The map shows the original core of Peapack & Gladstone along with 26 images and written descriptions of key historic structures and landmarks. The historic structures, landmarks and houses including outbuildings shown are those constructed prior to C. 1930. The maps are 24@ X 24@ or 30@X30@ in size and are for sale starting at \$20.00 each. All proceeds from the sale of prints, cards and maps will benefit the Historic Preservation Commission.

The Walking Tour which was held on Saturday, June 16th was a success. Attendees were very pleased that they could see Natirar.

Upcoming meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays November 5th, February 4th & May 5th in the Borough Hall Conference Room.

Anyone interested in the activities of the Commission is welcome to attend. For information regarding membership, call Nancy Wotjon (Secretary) at 908-719-2956, or John Smith (Chairman) at 908-234-1121.



Recreation News

Community Day was again a huge success!! But without the time and energy donated by Cole Kleitsch, Shari Engelmann, Nancie Samuelson, Rich Rampinelli, Ray Talamini, Art Certisimo and Mike Russo, our annual gathering would not have been possible. Thank you all for a great evening!

The Summer Recreation Program was again enjoyed by all the participants! A fun filled day was had by all on a special trip to Camel Beach Waterpark! A huge thanks to the hardworking staff members: Dave Angri, Susan Kennedy, Nancie Samuelson, Diane Becker, Kris Hall, Tommy Hart, Jimmy Sheppard, Anthony Palma, Megan Becker, Jillian Kennedy, Amy Engelmann, Charlie Cain, Colin Hart, Jesse Angri and volunteers Katie Rohrbacker and Jillian DiFilipo.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, September 16: Art in the Park. Art Certisimo at 908-901-0009.



Mid-September: Kindergarten & Grade 1 soccer registration forms will be mailed to residents.

Mid-October: Basketball forms for Grades 5-8 will be mailed to residents.

Sunday, October 28: Halloween Parade (Meet at the Peapack-Gladstone Bank at 2:00 p.m. for procession to municipal building).

Mid-November: Basketball forms for Grades 3 & 4 will be mailed to residents.

Leaves by Elsie Brady



How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colors gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow.



The Peapack-Gladstone Library

The Peapack-Gladstone Library will usher in the fall with plenty of programs for children, teens, adults and families. The library will offer one-on-one research assistance to middle and high school students with Young Adult Librarian Laura Frantz. Students who need assistance with research papers and projects can schedule a block of uninterrupted time with Laura. She can help students discover resources available to them in the library and from home, including primary source documents, virtual reference books, databases and more. For more information, call the library at 908-234-0598.

Storytime with Jenna (Ages 2-5) Fridays at 10:15 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. * September 14, 21 and 28 * October 5, 12 and 19

Rhyme Time (for babies and toddlers) * Monday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m. * Monday, October 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Kids' Club (K-3rd) * Tuesday, September 18 at 4:30 p.m. * Thursday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Movie Madness

Check out "Blades of Glory" starring Will Ferrell. Rated PG-13. * Thursday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Adult Book Club

The group will discuss "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. * Tuesday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

College Interview Skills (Grades 10-12)

Tracy Collins of Power Your Presence will teach participants what to expect in the interview; how to prepare for the interview; how to handle frequently asked questions; and more. This workshop is sponsored by the Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club.

Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Cartooning With Doug Baron (Grades 4 to 6)

Learn techniques and create your own art with comic book artist Doug Baron. Saturday, October 20 at 11:00 a.m.

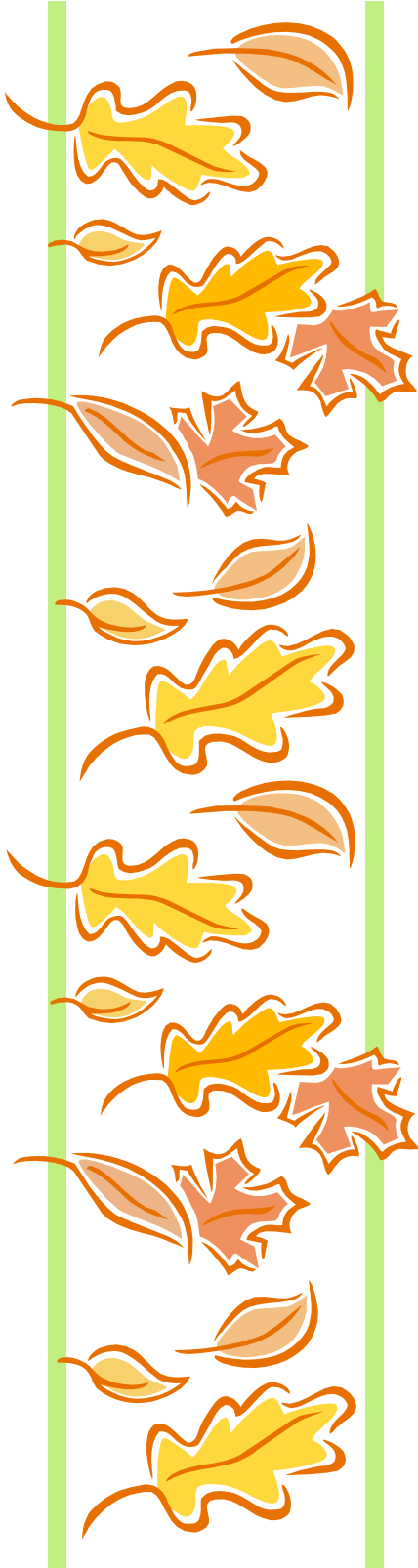
Halloween Fondue Party

Get ready for Halloween with some tasty chocolate concoctions. * Saturday, October 27 at 12:00 p.m.

PGL Spooktacular (Grades 1 to 4)

Storyteller Julie Pasqual will serve up a variety of Halloween stories along with some yummy treats. * Tuesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.





Tune In To Peapack-Gladstone

What would you do if you lost power at your house, or if your normally quiet street suddenly had a non-stop stream of traffic going by? How would you find out what was going on? In the past, there would have been no way for residents or travelers passing through the Borough to obtain real-time emergency information. This is about to change in Peapack and Gladstone.

The Borough's Office of Emergency Management is implementing a Traveler's Advisory Radio System. It will transmit on 1610 AM with a recorded message explaining what the emergency is and what residents need to do to be safe. This system is similar to the ones seen along the interstate highways with signs that advise motorists to tune to a particular frequency when the lights are flashing.

The OEM has also worked out an agreement with the Somerset Hills School District to notify the Police Department as soon as there is a school closing or delayed opening. This information will then be broadcast on the Borough's Travelers' Advisory Radio. Residents will not have to watch the early morning TV news or listen to a local radio station hoping to catch the announcement that the local district is closed.



Once the radio system is up and running, within the next couple of months, the OEM will develop various methods to alert residents about when to tune in for emergency information. Possibilities include signs with flashing lights at the entrances to town and/or specific blasts of the Borough's emergency alert sirens.

With this system in place, residents and travelers will have up-to-the-minute notification of emergency situations that affect the Borough. Stay tuned for more information about when the Borough goes on the air.

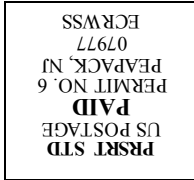
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 7-13



There will be an open house held at the Fire House. Details will be posted on the Borough's website: www.peapack-gladstone-nj.gov.

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NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE

ELECTION DATES FOR 2007



OCTOBER 16TH

Last Day to register to vote in the November election

EVENING REGISTRATION The Borough Clerk's Office will remain open from 4-9:00 P.M. for registration to vote.

OCTOBER 30TH

Last day to vote using absentee ballot by mail (must be **received** at the County Clerk's Office in Somerville by this date.)

NOVEMBER 5TH

Last day to vote using absentee ballot in person (must deliver ballot to Somerset County Clerk in Somerville).

NOVEMBER 6TH

General Election Day, polls open at 6:A.M, close at 8:00 P.M. All residents may vote at the Municipal Building at 1 School Street, Peapack.

If you should have any questions about the elections process, please call the Borough Clerk's Office at 908-234-2250.