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MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents:

I hope that all of you have had a great vacation this Summer and are enjoying the warm weather. Summer is certainly flying by, but Fall is on the horizon, and is always (in my opinion) the best season of the year.

And speaking of the Fall, there are some dates to calendar so that you can be sure to attend them with friends and family. The list is not exhaustive:

1. Free disposal of electronics on Saturday, September 13 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Peapack-Gladstone Bank's administrative offices at 158 Route 206 North in Gladstone. This will be provided by AERC Recycling Solutions, which is headquartered in Flanders. See the flyers included in this Gazette for further information. This is a great opportunity to clean out your attic, basement and garage.

2. An historic barn tour hosted by our Borough's Historic Preservation Commission. This is shaping up to be a wonderful event, to include the Tiger stone barn across from the Gladstone train station and the Gambriel Stables. See the article from the Commission included in this Gazette. The tour will be held from 10-4 pm on Saturday, September 27, 2008. The fees are modest and children under 12 are free.

3. The Second Green Festival, to be held in Liberty Park from 11-4 on Saturday, November 1st, rain or shine. We expect more vendors this year, and Far Hills and Bedminster will also participate.

I'm pleased to advise that the work on Old Chester Road is moving toward completion. As I remarked in an earlier article, I think you will be pleased when it is finished. It will also be an integral part of our Borough wide trail system.

As to the latter, I am continuing a dialogue with Pfizer for the purpose of obtaining easements across its property so that we can connect the Komline property, which will be a part of the trail system, to Liberty Park and to property which the Borough owns along Pottersville Road. We greatly appreciate the assistance and cooperation of Pfizer in this matter.

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Community-wide Celebration

The Peapack Reformed Church in Gladstone is celebrating its 160th anniversary this Fall with several community-wide events. On Sunday, September 28th, the church is hosting an "Old-Fashioned Church Social" from noon – 3:00 p.m.

There will be plenty of food, live music, special guests, and games/entertainment for the children. The public is invited and the admission is free, so come and enjoy!

Other community events that are being planned include a Special Worship Service on Sunday, October 26th commemorating the anniversary of the church and a special fund-raising dinner on Saturday, November 1st. Watch for more details on these special events!

For more information contact:

Reverend Kathryn Henry
Peapack Reformed Church
Main Street & 13 Mendham Road
Gladstone, NJ 07934
908-234-2733



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Our work with respect to developing other recreational facilities on the Komline property is also moving forward. The Komline Advisory Committee is conferring with our Recreation Committee for this purpose.

On a more somber note, our litigation with COAH continues. We have, as noted previously, joined with a number of other municipalities for this purpose. Somerset County is providing some financial support in an effort to overturn COAH's regulations, and The New Jersey League of Municipalities has filed an appeal from COAH's regulations with the Appellate Division of the Superior Court. In a news release dated in August, the president of the League commented, in part, that "the regulations do not create a sustainable rational method of developing affordable housing. Rather we believe the flaws in these regulations create impossible growth requirements and will improperly shift further financial liability to property taxpayers already burdened by increasing costs and shrinking municipal resources". Amen.

I am very pleased to advise that New Jersey Transit continues to move forward with its plans to provide a power substation at the Gladstone Train Station which, when implemented, should greatly mitigate or eliminate the noise from engines which now run during the evenings and sometimes through the weekends. As with any governmental agency, these plans could always be derailed (no pun intended) due to competing budget concerns, but I remain optimistic.

I am continuing discussions with Somerset County's Division of Consumer Protection to provide free, and secure, document shredding in the Borough this Fall. So, gather up all those tax, financial, business and personal files you no longer need and keep them ready for shredding.

Finally, a note about coyotes. As you are no doubt aware, they have moved into the Borough, and the entire Northeast. There are at least two dens near our home on Highland Avenue. We hear the howling and yelping at night and squealing of the pups.

Coyotes are extremely wary and alert, and have an acute sense of hearing. They do not hibernate in the Winter and hunt both day and night. They have a range of 10-12 square miles, so the fact that their den is near us does not mean that they hunt only near us. They tend to hunt in packs, although some species in the West are solitary hunters. Their main diet consists of small animals such as rabbits, squirrels and mice, along with fruits and berries. For further information, see, for example, http://www.desertuse.com/june96/du_cycot.html, or just browse the internet for other articles.

I mention the subject of coyotes as you should be aware of their presence, and take precautions with respect to small pets and, of course, children. This does not mean, of course, that you bolt the doors and stay indoors, but rather that you think about, for example, leaving a small pet tied up in the yard without checking frequently and making your presence known.

On a happier note, my best wishes for the remainder of the Summer. As always, please let me know if you would like to volunteer your services for one of our committees or boards. Even if we do not have an opening at this time for a position you desire, we will certainly keep your name on file so we can reach out to you when an opportunity arises. As I've said frequently, one of the blessings of this Borough is that so many donate their time and talents.

Sincerely,

William H. Horton, Mayor



gone fishin'!

John O'Neill, the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Public Works Manager will retire on September 30, 2008, after 37 years of service. He was hired on May 1, 1972, and began his career as a machine operator. He then continued his education, receiving many certifications in various areas that are required in the Public Works Department.

John was born in Newark and moved to Chester when he was four years old. He still resides in Chester with his wife, Peggy. They have raised two very successful children. After reflecting on his career here, he stated, "I have given over half of my life to this town. 37 great years went by quickly. This has been a very enjoyable job for me".

John continued to reflect on the changes that occurred in Peapack and Gladstone during his 37 years. He remembers the times he read water meters at everyone's home, and stated that the "advancement in technology is unbelievable". John remembers when all trucks had CB radios for communication.



Then came high frequency Motorolas, then pagers and now cell phones. Back in 1972, there were no required uniforms. Now there are uniforms to "show the public who we are".

John compared Peapack and Gladstone to a "little hamlet" and greatly enjoyed the small town atmosphere. He stated, "I have worked with wonderful people and always had good times. We have a great crew working on our DPW. We are a small department and are very proud that our roads

are safe and snow removal is done in a timely manner. Safety is of the utmost importance here in our Borough."

Upon his retirement, John plans to "relax with part-time employment as an inspector". His dedication to our Borough for the last 37 years is greatly appreciated. He will be missed by all.



GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mary M. Enyingi, CSW, administers the General Assistance Program. This program provides assistance to single individuals in this community who are not eligible for any other Federal or State assistance program. The individuals must meet regulatory guidelines and compliance requirements, in accordance with NJCAA 44:8 and NJAC 10:90.

Mary also provides important information and referral service for residents and others; acts as ombudsman/expeditor for residents to receive services and serves on the Municipal Emergency Management Team.

Mary is on 24 hour call to assist those with emergency needs—i.e., emergency monetary and/or housing assistance. Mary can be reached by calling Borough Hall at 908-234-2250. In case of an emergency, during non-business hours, the Peapack & Gladstone Police should be contacted at 908-234-0626.

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Matheny's Arts Access Program to Celebrate 15th Anniversary

The Matheny Medical and Educational Center's Arts Access Program will celebrate its 15th anniversary on Saturday, November 15, at Full Circle 2008, to be held from 3-6 P.M. in the Robert Schonhorn Arts Center on the Matheny campus.

Arts Access makes it possible for people with disabilities to create fine art, assisted by professional artist-facilitators. The program encompasses painting, digital art, sculpture, dance, choreography, drama, creative writing and digital music composition. Whatever the discipline, though, the philosophy is the same: a professional artist acts as a facilitator, or instrument, for the disabled artist. In painting, for example, the facilitators use an elaborate menu system of shapes, colors, brush strokes, textures, paint-application options and other techniques that can be applied, if necessary, using only 'yes' and 'no' signals from the artist.

Full Circle will include a gallery reception to highlight paintings, digital art and a stage presentation showcasing wheelchair dance, drama and poetry. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call (908) 234-0011, ext. 442.



To Sign or Not to Sign

At one time or another, almost everyone has a motor vehicle to sell. If you choose to sell it from your residence, you should know the following:

- It must be currently registered and have proper license plates. If you have let the registration or license plates lapse, it is considered "abandoned" and you are subject to penalties if you keep it in public view.
- You cannot park it on the street or sidewalk. The vehicle for sale must be parked in your own yard or driveway. See Borough Ordinance 902 for details.
- Any sign advertising the sale must be less than two square feet in size, and you may have only one sign.



Even if it is tempting to use a neighbor's yard to sell your vehicle because his yard has better exposure, keep the vehicle in your own yard. Putting it up for sale at someone else's property constitutes a retail sale.....sort of a "used car lot"and these kinds of sales are not permitted in residential zones.

We also occasionally have other items we want to sell, or maybe you would like to have a garage sale. You may sell any of your own household items by placing a small sign in front of your house. There are no ordinance time limits on these signs, but historically the Borough has asked for their removal in thirty days or less. The sign cannot exceed two square feet, and the sale items cannot be placed out in the yard.

If you want to place items out in your yard such as with a garage sale, permits are required. These permits are available from the Borough Clerk during normal weekday working hours (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.). The annual community garage sale does not require individual permits.

If you are not sure about the requirements, contact the Borough Zoning Officer at 908.234.2256 or email zonin-gone@comcast.net.

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT
SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 2008 9AM-2PM

Where: Peapack-Gladstone Bank HQ
 158 Route 206 North, Gladstone, NJ

When: Sept. 13, 2008 from 9AM to 2PM

Who: Open to local area residents & small businesses

ITEMS FOR RECYCLING:

Desktop Computers	Audio/Video
Laptop Computers	Drives and CD ROMs
Printers	Phones & Faxes
Keyboards & Mice	Wires and Cables
Servers	And much more...
TVs (\$10 fee per unit)	
Monitors	
Telephones	
Media	
Telecom Equipment	

Unacceptable Items:
 Air Conditioners,
 Refrigerators

100% RECYCLED!

AERC

Borough of Peapack-Gladstone

 PEAPACK-GLADSTONE BANK

Please direct all inquiries to AERC at info@aercrecycling.com or 866-447-5177

Help Your Community by Making a Donation

A donation is a wonderful way to improve the quality of life in Peapack & Gladstone. It not only fosters community spirit and helps preserve Peapack & Gladstone's family friendly environment, it confers to the donor the satisfaction of knowing that one has made a lasting contribution to the quality of life in our town.

The most efficient method of making a donation is to donate an item directly to the town rather than making a cash donation. If you would like to make a donation, please specify your proposed donation in writing and forward it to the attention of Richard Imossi, Environmental Committee, Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, 1 School Street, P.O. Box 218, Peapack, New Jersey 07977. All donation offers are presented to the Borough Council for approval. The Borough Council must determine if the donation is appropriate for the town's needs and if the town may legally accept it. If you would like to donate, but don't know what to offer, the Peapack & Gladstone Environmental Committee is preparing a wish list of items from which you can choose. The list can be obtained by making a request in writing to the aforementioned contact person and address.

All donations are greatly appreciated.



FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to make sure you get permits and get your final inspections BEFORE paying that final payment for any work you have done with some exceptions to this rule:

Work that you DO need a permit for:

- Additions/Alterations
- A/C & Furnace replacement
- Bathroom/ Kitchen Renovations
- Decks/Pools, Detached Garages
- Roofing, Siding, Signs, Stone Pillars
- Electrical Upgrades/ Generators
- Finished Basements
- Water Heater Replacement
- Sheds over 100 Square feet
- Lawn Sprinkler Systems/ Underground lighting
- New Home Window Replacement-only if size or function of window is changing.
- Oil Tank Install or Removal
- Radon Remediation



WHEN IN DOUBT-CHECK WITH THE CONSTRUCTION or ZONING OFFICE!

Whether you are doing the work yourself or with a contractor, call about a permit today. If you have had work done and you do not think there were permits or whether the work needs to be inspected, please call the Construction Office to find out for sure.

Penalties for failure to obtain a permit prior to construction are up to \$2,000 for each offense [N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.31 (e)] Final inspections should be completed before the final payment. A contractor who hasn't received final payment will come back to correct a "failed" inspection quicker if he has not been paid.

The New Jersey State Law 13:45A-16.2 states: For inspection: building, electric, plumbing, fire protection, elevator- final inspections are required before final payment is made to the contractor. Please remember that some work requires more than one inspection, so check with the Construction Office to be sure you have had all that is required. When all finals have been made, you will receive a Certificate of Approval or a Certificate of Occupancy.

908-234-2256

Mondays & Thursdays

FROM THE FIRE OFFICIAL

New Jersey State law N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19, effective April 7, 2003: Carbon Monoxide Detectors are required for all residential occupancies and should be installed within 10 feet of ANY sleeping area. These detectors may be battery operated, plug in, or hard wired with battery backup. Also, when selling a home or renting to a new occupant, you must have a smoke/carbon monoxide detector test, and have a fire extinguisher placed within 10 feet of the kitchen. Please check with the Fire Official for more details.

**Construction Office
908-234-2256
Monday and Thursday**

HAPPY ROCKERS

Join in the fun during the next exciting trips for our Happy Rockers. They are as follows:

∞ Sept 23, 2008 Tues.—
Penn's Peak, PA for lunch and show - bus leaves 9:00 AM -
Price \$42.00

∞ Oct 14, 2008 Tues.—
LiGreci's Staten Restaurant ,
for lunch and show - bus
leaves 9:30 AM - Price \$46.00



Recreation News

Summer Recreation The Summer Recreation Program was again a huge success. Trips to Camelbeach, Funplex and Oakwood Bowling Lanes were well attended and enjoyed by all the participants. A special thanks to our hard-working staff of Dave Angri, Kris Hall, Anthony Palma, Jillian Kennedy, Amy Engelmann, Colin Hart, Charlie Cain, Joe Ventura, Jake Kleitsch, Kelly Lallis, Corey Schimoler and Diane Becker. Thank you also to volunteers Susan Kennedy, Ryan Walker, Amanda Owen and Caroline Tutak.

Mid-October Basketball registration forms for grades 5-8 will be mailed.

Sunday, October 26 Halloween Parade Meet at the Peapack-Gladstone Bank at 2:00 PM for procession to the Municipal Building for refreshments.

Mid-November Basketball registration forms for grades 3 & 4 will be mailed.

Sunday, December 7 Santa Visit (5:30 PM) A new format will be instituted this year. There will be no procession from the nativity scene to Liberty Park. Residents should meet at the Municipal Building parking for the 5:30 PM arrival of Santa and tree lighting. Refreshments and visiting with Santa will then be held in the PG gym. Look for the BHS Madrigals and Matheny School to provide the carols.

Mid-December Baseball and softball registration forms will be mailed. Children turning age 5 by April 30 are eligible for T-ball. If you do not receive a form in the mail, check the library after Jan. 1 for registration forms.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Prints and note cards of scenes of Peapack & Gladstone by local artist and commission member Victor Martinez continue to be available at the borough hall, or at local business establishments. Checks should be made payable to Borough of Peapack & Gladstone H.P.C. Proceeds will benefit the Historic Preservation Commission.



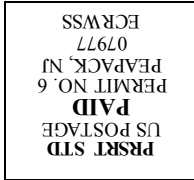
WALKING TOUR MAP — Copies of the Historic Map and Walking Tour of Peapack Gladstone prepared by John Smith and Brian Hirsch are available from the borough hall. The map shows the original core of Peapack & Gladstone along with 26 images and written descriptions of key historic structures and landmarks. The historic structures, landmarks and houses including out buildings 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 -\$40.00 each depending on the size and paper selection. All proceeds will benefit the H.P.C.

Upcoming meetings of the Commission will be held at 7:30 pm on the following Mondays: September 15th, November 3rd and December 15th in the borough hall conference room. Anyone interested in the activities of the Commission are welcome to attend the meetings. Information regarding membership can be obtained by calling the Secretary Barbara Davis at 908-234-9494 or John Smith, Chairman at 908-234-1121.

BARN TOUR — This fall there will be an Historic Barn Tour of Peapack & Gladstone on Saturday September 27th, 2008 from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The tour will start at the circular driveway at the mill at Natirar. There will be approximately nine locations to visit including barns at Natirar, Blairsden and Hamilton Farms, home of the U.S. Equestrian Team. Tickets will be available at the Mill south of the main entrance to Natirar on the west side of Peapack Road. The cost will be \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 12-21 and under 12 free. For additional information, please call John Smith.

NEW MEMBERS — Larry Nagy and Mark van den Bergh of Peapack are the latest members who have joined our commission, which now totals fourteen.

Postal Customer



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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

November 4, 2008

- ▶ Polls will be open from 6:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.
- ▶ All registered voters may report to the polls at the Municipal Building at 1 School Street in Peapack, IN THE OLD GYMNASIUM.
- ▶ The last day to register to vote will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

REMEMBER TO COME OUT AND VOTE!!!

