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Mayor's Corner

Dear Residents:

It has been a very busy Spring for the Council and its various committees, and we anticipate we will be just as busy this Summer. As always, if you are interested in volunteering your services, please send me an email or otherwise let me know. I keep a file so I can draw upon it quickly if we have an opening for any purpose.

We are fortunate to live in a spectacularly beautiful part of the State. We work very hard to maintain and enhance our small town atmosphere and to protect our environment. We treasure our home rule. The very last thing we want to do, in my opinion, is to surrender control of development, zoning and environmental protections in the Borough to a State agency, such as the Highlands Council, unless there is an overwhelmingly compelling reason to do so. The Borough, as you may have read in my past articles or elsewhere, is in the Highlands Planning area, not in the Highlands Preservation area. Opting into the Preservation area is voluntary. If we do so, however, we cede to the Highlands Council, as noted, essentially complete control over the Borough's zoning, development and environmental protection.

As I have previously advised, the Council retained Coppola and Coppola, the Land Use Board's planners, as expert consultants for the Council in the area of the Highlands, as well as COAH housing. Our position as to the Highlands has been to study its various rules and regulations, and observe how they are implemented in the Preservation area. This, in my opinion, is a wise manner in which to proceed, given the profound and permanent changes which would result from opting into the Highlands. We have also attended various meetings hosted by the Highlands Council.

Recently, the Borough's Environmental Commission requested the Council to host a public information session with a representative of the Highlands Council so that the Commission and public can begin to educate themselves regarding the Highlands. The Council has agreed, and has scheduled a special session for June 16th, commencing at 7:00 p.m. You are most welcome to attend the session.

Please do understand that there may be certain questions or areas that the Council may not wish to comment on, at least in detail, as the Highlands and COAH are linked in various ways, and the Borough, together with many other towns across the State is in appellate litigation with COAH. That appeal remains pending and, as noted in prior articles, may not be resolved by the Appellate Division until very late this year. Our counsel awaits a date for oral argument.

On a lighter note, I hope you had the opportunity to see the outstanding wildlife photographs of Michael Lyncheski of Gladstone, which are in the display case by the library. Most of the photographs are of birds, including several from the Borough. Be sure to visit his website at <http://www.mllpix.com> for many other spectacular photos.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GARBAGE COLLECTIONS FOR BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE RESIDENTS

The following are the new regulations for BULK and REGULAR trash pick-up commencing July 1, 2009.

1. CHANGE IN REGULAR TRASH PICK-UP. COMMENCING JULY 2009 THERE WILL BE A TWO (2) 30 GALLON CONTAINER LIMIT TO THE GARBAGE THAT MAY BE PUT CURBSIDE EVERY WEDNESDAY.
2. CHANGE IN BULK PICK-UP. PICK-UP WILL BE ON THE 3rd. WEDNESDAY FOUR (4) TIMES A YEAR IN THE MONTHS OF JANUARY-APRIL-JULY AND NOVEMBER.
3. GARBAGE WILL BE COLLECTED THE DAY BEFORE THE HOLIDAY IF THE SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY FALLS ON A HOLIDAY.
4. NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE BOROUGH.
5. NO WHITE GOODS CONTAINING FREON GAS, I.E. AIR CONDITIONERS, FREEZERS, REFRIGERATORS WILL BE COLLECTED UNLESS THEY HAVE A CERTIFICATE ATTACHED STATING THAT THE GAS HAS BEEN REMOVED BY A CERTIFIED CONTRACTOR.
6. NO GARBAGE OR BULK WASTE SHALL BE PUT OUT FOR COLLECTION MORE THAN TWELVE (12) HOURS PRIOR TO 12 MIDNIGHT OF THE DAY OF REGULAR OR BULK WASTE GARBAGE COLLECTION. ALL GARBAGE AND RECEPTACLES SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE CURBSIDE BY NOON OF THE FOLLOWING DAY.

In an effort to eliminate abuse, compliance with the above stated rules and regulations will be monitored and violations will be subject to a municipal violation summons.

If you should have any questions regarding the above please call 908-234-1259 during regular business hours.

And, speaking of spectacular birds, my wife and I saw a bald eagle at very close range winging its way over the meadow adjacent to the Virgin Spa at Natirar's restaurant site off of Highland Avenue. It was headed in the direction of Ravine Lake. We saw another flying northeast over Matheny. If you want to see a live video of eagles nesting and feeding their young, go to the website for Duke Farms and click onto the "Duke Farms Eagle Cam". Click the bottom right hand corner and the video will fill your computer screen. The three hatchlings are getting large and squabbling over fish, snakes and other meals brought by the parents, so they may have flown the nest by the time you read this article. Please keep in mind, however, that eagles use the same nest for many years.

I'm pleased to advise that the construction of our Borough wide trail system has begun. About 15 residents showed up at the Komline tract on May 2 to clear a meandering path through the wooded section of the trail. A lot was accomplished in one morning. If you wish to volunteer your services, please contact Ron Kennedy, the Chair of the Trails Advisory Committee, at rkennedy@gladstonedesign.com. Children are welcome if an appropriate age (as we use various tools and machines) and have adult supervision.

I'm also pleased to advise that the License Agreement between the Borough and Pfizer for access for our trail system over certain portions of Pfizer's property is nearing completion. We remain optimistic that the Agreement will be concluded soon.

The Historic Preservation Commission will be purchasing two kiosks to place in Liberty Park. A map of the Borough's walking trail, among other items, will be on display in those kiosks.

I am very happy to announce that the Borough, against long odds (given the state of the economy and funding for open space) has been advised that the Garden State Preservation Trust has authorized Green Acres funding in the amount of \$500,000 for the Borough. As always, the funding must now be appropriated by the Legislature.

I am also pleased to advise that we have made major strides toward completion of a conservation easement to preserve one of the most beautiful and historic farms in the Borough. The Somerset County Agriculture Development Board has recommended to the Freeholders that they match a grant for the conservation easement made by the State. Many thanks again to the Land Conservancy of New Jersey and the Borough's Open Space and Farmland Preservation Committees for all of their hard work on this matter. We are now very optimistic that this matter will have a successful conclusion, and serve as an example for preservation (through purchase or conservation easements) of other large farms and open space in the Borough.

The Borough is also seeking funding from other sources. For example, it was recently awarded \$13,500 for various improvements to the sidewalk and front apron of the municipal building from a Public Facilities Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") application funded by HUD. I am a member of the Public Services section of CDBG, and would welcome a volunteer to assist next year. The Public Services section hears applications from various non-profits and allocates funds to same.

I also submitted on behalf of the Borough an application to Congressman Leonard Lance's office for funding, via various stimulus bills, of certain projects, such as sidewalks, dredging of the pond and construction of a new library. I have been advised that Federal funding criteria may eliminate most of the projects, but not the sidewalks.

For the same reason I submitted to the League of Municipalities a long list of Borough projects which I considered "shovel ready" for funding through any available stimulus bills. I await a response as to the status of these requests. The odds of obtaining funding through such applications may be like playing the lottery but, like the lottery, you have to be in it to win it.

Finally, on behalf of the Borough, I recently submitted a grant application prepared by the Komline Advisory Committee (following consultation with the Recreation Commission) to the County for \$815,035 for the construction of baseball, softball and soccer/lacrosse fields on the Komline Property. These playing fields would be located on the central open section of the Komline Property, and remove the Borough's current reliance on private landowners and adjacent municipalities for such recreational fields. The County has advised that review by its Open Space Advisory Committee will take place later this year or early next year, and that we will be contacted to make a formal presentation. Any funding award will be for 2010 or 2011.

Following receipt of a petition from many residents seeking an ordinance banning "oversized" truck traffic and limiting truck deliveries on Highland Avenue, and emphasizing the dangers posed by same to residents, especially children, on Highland Avenue, the Council decided to fund a vehicular and pedestrian safety review of all roads in the Borough. The Council subsequently met with Joseph Fishinger, a County traffic engineer, for this purpose, and thereafter entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the County for the safety review. Mr. Fishinger will present his findings and recommendations to the Council at its meeting on June 23rd at 7:00 P.M. Please come and ask any questions you have so the Council may make the most informed decision possible as to how it should proceed with the County's recommendations.

Please note the article in this Gazette regarding the new regulations for bulk and regular trash pickup, which commence this July. Please note also item No. 6 of that article, which reiterates the time periods for putting out bulk waste and regular trash.

I regret the first installment of our Borough questionnaire must be delayed again. More substantive matters have taken priority. It should appear in the Fall edition.

Work on our website goes forward. When it is finished, we think you will find it much easier to use and more informative.

I am pleased to advise that our forthcoming Green Festival, scheduled for 11-4 on Saturday, October 24, will be hosted this year not only by the Environmental Commissions of the Borough, Far Hills and Bedminster, but also by Bernardsville. We look forward to another very successful event.

We also look forward to the return of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to the Park on June 19th. This was scheduled for May 9 but adjourned by the Society. Registration should commence at 4 p.m., and the opening ceremonies should begin around 6 p.m. The luminaries should be lit around 9 p.m. and the event will close at Midnight. Please note that the event will not involve an overnight stay as it did two years ago.

The trip by the Happy Rockers to Blairsdon took place on a beautiful Saturday morning. About 30 attended. The hospitality was warm and gracious. We had an extensive tour of the grounds and inside the mansion for several hours. The restoration to date of the grounds and building is spectacular. We could see why the estate is considered by many to be one of the finest examples of Beaux Arts architecture in the United States.

Jersey Central Power and Light has requested that we remind all residents that State law prohibits the placing of signs on public utility poles. The signs, nails and staples pose a safety hazard to utility workers who must climb the poles, and can damage their equipment.

Please note that the entire 2009 Somerset County Directory is now available on the county website: <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/pdf/countydir.pdf>.

Please also note, given these difficult economic times, that canned food donations for Somerset County's annual Curbing Hunger program will be collected at the curb from June 1 through June 26. You can tie any plastic grocery bag to the handle of your blue recycling bucket. Just mark it with the word "Food". The most needed items include canned meat and fish, meals in a can such as pasta, stews and soups, canned tomato sauce, canned fruits, and peanut butter and jelly (in plastic jars). Perishables and food in glass containers cannot be accepted. If you wish to volunteer to sort and distribute food donations at the Food Bank warehouse in Bridgewater, please call the Food Bank Network at 732-560-1813. For monetary donations visit www.curbinghunger.org.

U.S. Census workers will be coming to various Somerset County towns through June to conduct an address canvassing operation in preparation for the 2010 Census. They will seek to verify house numbers and numbers of units. They should have identifying badges, and many will carry U.S. Census Bureau bags. These workers will not ask for personal information, so you should not provide such. We are advised that the workers will use hand held computers with maps in them to verify and list structures, including the GPS coordinates for same, and that this data will be encrypted to secure the data from anyone except authorized Census Bureau staff. If proper identification is not produced, do not provide any information. If you have questions, call one of the two NJ Census offices at 201-377-1250 or 609-955-5840, or check the website at www.census.gov.

We look forward to the opening of two new restaurants this Summer. We are advised that the Virgin Spa's restaurant anticipates an opening around July. In addition, BHT, Inc. acquired the building previously utilized by Opah's, and expects to open early this Summer.

I am delighted to advise that the municipal portion of our budget will only increase one penny. This is the culmination of a great deal of work by the Council and its budget committee, chaired by Doug McDowell. At the start of a very long budgeting process, the Council requested all departments to cut their operating expenses by at least 10%, and to defer all capital items unless of an emergent nature. The Council was aware that it faced cuts in State aid, unfunded State mandates, and rising costs in various areas over which it had little or no control. It was also aware of the very steep decline in Borough ratables, both residential and commercial.

We welcome Anthony Damiano of Washington Township as our newest Police Officer (Class 2). Officer Damiano attended public schools in Warren Township, and graduated from the Essex County Police Academy Special Law Enforcement Class 2 program in May of 2008. He served as a volunteer Deputy Sheriff's Officer with the Essex County Sheriff's Department, and was employed by Drew University as a Public Safety Officer before joining our Police Department. We wish him the very best of success.

Finally, please come to our Council meetings or any of the Borough's committee meetings to learn more about the issues facing the Borough and various matters on the Council and committee agendas. With the exception of Executive Sessions for personnel, contract negotiation and litigation matters, these meetings are always open to the public. We welcome your questions and suggestions.

Have a great Summer.

Sincerely,
William H. Horton
Mayor

RECREATION

The Recreation Commission would like to thank the Peapack Church Foundation, which is affiliated with the Peapack Reformed Church, for their sizeable donation toward our baseball program! Thank you for your generosity!

We would also like to thank Country Plaza Limo, Gladpack Sunoco, Limestone Café, New Gladstone Market, Tree Tech, Peapack Dental, and Gladstone Design (the Kennedy family) for also sponsoring PG baseball teams.

Summer Recreation Forms for Summer Recreation have been mailed. Children who will be age 5 by Oct. 1 and will be entering kindergarten in the Fall, and all students in grades K through 7 are eligible to attend this program. If you did not receive a registration form in the mail, you can pick one up at the PG library. Summer Rec. will begin on June 29 and end on July 31.



Art in the Park On Sunday, September 27 Art in the Park will take place at Liberty Park. Plan on coming down for an afternoon of refreshments, music and an extensive display of artwork.

Fall Soccer Registration for the Somerset Hills Soccer League for children in grades 2 through 8 will begin in June. Players must register online at SHSC.net.



PG Soccer – grades K & 1 Kindergarten and grade 1 soccer forms for the PG instructional program held in town will be mailed in early September.

LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAM

Adult book discussion
Tuesday, June 9 at 7pm
"Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society"

Karen Pifher
Branch Director -Peapack-Gladstone Library
Branch of the Somerset County Library System
School Street, Peapack, NJ 07977

Meet Barbara Osmun

Barbara Osmun keeps our Construction Office running smoothly. She works with the zoning officer, fire official and various inspectors. Some of her many jobs are to issue permits to our residents for assorted projects, log all of these permits on the computer to send to Trenton, and complete all reports. Barbara sets up inspections and continues to keep the construction office running smoothly even though she works part time.

Barbara became a Peapack and Gladstone employee in our Construction Office in the fall of 1998. Her skills previously were in finance/tax so switching to the Construction Office was a new challenge for her, which she has met with great success and enthusiasm.

Barbara has been with the Borough almost eleven years. She feels very connected here since her husband, who works for a concrete company, has done quite a few jobs in Peapack and Gladstone. She has worked with three different Mayors, and has seen numerous changes in the building sector. "There is much history in this town", she reflects.

Barbara resides in Hunterdon County. She has a daughter and two grandchildren. Her mother-in-law, who just turned 99, lives with her and her husband

Barbara does a wonderful job keeping our construction office operating in a smooth and efficient manner. Stop in to meet her or just to say hello.

Peapack Gladstone Woman's Club

PO Box 618
Peapack, NJ 07977

The Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club will sponsor a N.J. Blood Services blood drive on June 6th at the Peapack & Gladstone First Aid building. Watch your local newspaper or town wide posters for more information.



Sara Apgar of Pottersville, A BHS Junior, is the Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club's delegate to Girls' Career Institute at Douglass College. Girls' Career Institute is held in June giving girls a sampling of college life. Workshops are offered each day by career professional women. Club women volunteer as house mothers to help make an enjoyable, worthwhile experience.

FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICE

Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
908-234-2256

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):

1. Work that you DO need a permit for:
2. Additions/Alterations
3. A/C & Furnace replacement
4. Bathroom/ Kitchen Renovations
5. Decks/ Pools, Detached Garages
6. Roofing, Siding, Signs, Stone Pillars
7. Electrical Upgrades/ Generators
8. Finished Basements
9. Water Heater Replacement
10. Sheds over 100 Square feet
11. Lawn Sprinkler Systems/ Underground lighting
12. New Home Window Replacement- only if size or function of window is changing.
13. Oil Tank Install or Removal
14. Radon Remediation
15. **WHEN IN DOUBT-CHECK WITH THE CONSTRUCTION or ZONING OFFICE!**
16. Special note: if you are moving dirt in or out or around your yard, please contact us to see if you may need a "Soil Movement Permit". Failure to do this could result in fines from the Borough or the DEP.



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 question 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 that hasn't received final payment will come back to correct a "failed" inspection quicker if he has not been paid. New Jersey State law section 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.

From the Fire Official: New Jersey State law N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19, effective April 7, 2003, provides that 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.

Skin Cancer Screening Program Offered!

The Bernards Township Health Department will offer a skin cancer screening for local residents who are not currently under the care of a dermatologist or who have not attended one of the department's skin cancer screenings in the past. This program, conducted by a board certified dermatologist, will include a full body exam, prevention information, and instruction on skin self-exam. All participants will receive a copy of their screening results.

Pre-registration is required and may be made in person at the Bernards Township Health Department, 262 South Finley Ave., Basking Ridge **starting June 1, 2009**. The screening will take place at the Fellowship Village Wellness Center in the Liberty Corner section of Bernards Township on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00 for residents of Bernards Township, Bernardsville Borough, Peapack & Gladstone Borough, Chester Borough, Mendham Borough, and Mendham Township and \$20.00 for non-residents.

According to The National Cancer Institute melanoma is the most serious type of cancer of the skin. Each year in the United States, more than 53,600 people learn they have melanoma. Fortunately, this is the easiest of all cancer to detect and treat most successfully. Skin cancer is linked to repeated exposure to the sun and can be prevented with simple precautions.

Please call (908) 204-2520 for more information

The Bernards Township Health Department is a contractual health agency serving Bernards Township, Bernardsville Borough, Long Hill Township, Peapack & Gladstone Borough, Chester Borough, Mendham Borough, and Mendham Township.

HAPPY ROCKERS

The Peapack-Gladstone Happy Rockers meet on the 4th Monday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. in the Borough Council Room, with the exception of July, August and December.

Happy Rockers is a Borough sponsored program for Peapack-Gladstone seniors featuring affordable bus trips, informative meetings, a summer picnic and a gala Christmas party.

For information contact Charles Vanderbilt, President, at 908-781-1076, or contact any member.

Irene Ellis
908-234-1090

Save the Date for the

3rd Annual Green Community Festival

Saturday October 24, 2009

11am - 4pm

Rain or Shine

Liberty Park in Peapack-Gladstone, NJ

Come join us and **Volunteer** to help us create:

- ☼ A day of exchanging ideas on sustainable living with local experts & knowledgeable youth
- ☼ Eco-Art workshop for all ages
- ☼ Saving Money: heating, cooling, powering our home and feeding your family
- ☼ Environmentally friendly products
- ☼ Lively Music and delicious local food

Contact:

Lilibet Clarke: Lclarke@earthwise.us (908-719-9545) or
Suki Dewey Sdewey@earthwise.us (908-403-2421)

We share information, tools and resources with local residents to promote environmental awareness and to encourage stewardship of our neighborhood resources.

Hosted by the Peapack/Gladstone Environmental Commission in association with the Bedminster, Far Hills and Bernardsville Environmental Commissions

TAX AND SEWER COLLECTION

The Tax Collector's office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. 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.

We anticipate that Tax bills for the final half of 2009 and first half of 2010 will be out by late June, early July. If you have recently refinanced and pay your property taxes through your mortgage, now is a good time to check with the office to confirm we have the proper information on file to send the bill directly to the mortgage company. If you do not receive a bill or copy of the bill by August 1, please call the Tax office.

The Sewer collection office is located in the tax office and operates during the same hours. Remember, 2009 sewer bills were calculated on water consumption for the fourth quarter, which is approximately mid October 2008 through mid January 2009. Your sewer bill was sent late February

2009 and includes the four installments. Sewer charges are due on April 1, July 1, October 1, and December 1. If you have not received this bill, please call the office. Consume water wisely!

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

WALKING TOUR MAP

Copies of the Historic Map and Walking Tour of Peapack Gladstone prepared by John Smith, Chairman of the Commission 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 outbuildings shown are those constructed prior to C. 1930 The maps are 24" X 24" or 30"X 30" 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.

KIOSKS IN THE PARK

The Commission has arranged to have two kiosks constructed for Liberty Park. The kiosks will stand at each end of the park adjacent to the walkway. Each will exhibit the Historic Map and Walking Tour of Peapack Gladstone. The kiosks will also display town information regarding the park use and special notices from time to time.

UPCOMING HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

An historic house tour of the homes in the Borough is being studied by the Commission. It would be held this coming Fall or next year. Residents interested in offering their home for such an event should please contact John Smith 908-234-1121.

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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.

A limited number of brochures from last year's Historic Barn Tour describing the history of each barn are available for \$10.00 each from the clerk's office at Borough Hall.

Upcoming meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held at 7:30 pm on June 1st. & July 13th in the Borough Hall Conference Room. There will be meetings every six weeks after that. Anyone interested in the activities of the Commission is 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.

Peapack-Gladstone Summer Young Adult Programs:



1. Starting Monday June 22
Program: *Express Yourself, Young Adult Summer Reading Club.*
 Description: Track your Summer reading with us and win a variety of prizes. Possibly win a flip camera, travel mugs, books and more! Sign up starts Monday June 22.
2. Friday, May 26, 5:00-7:00 PM
Program: Movie Showing: *The Heart of the Game*
 Description: This heartfelt documentary shows the passion and energy of a Seattle high school girls' basketball team through six tumultuous seasons. Their eccentric coach, Bill Resler, came in with minimal experience but with the philosophy that training and healthy aggression can turn an average team into champions. Rated PG-13, Documentary Feature, Miramax Films; Directed by Ward Serrill
3. Saturday June 27, 1-2 PM
Program: *Creative Writing Workshop*
 Description: Art therapist, Kim Leatherdale, will present a creative writing workshop for ages 10 and up. Adults are welcome also.
4. Monday July 6, 10:30-12:30 PM
Program: *Blood, Guts, and Gore: Hollywood Style*
 Description: theatre make-up demonstration.
5. Tuesday July 14, 10:30-11:30 AM
Program: *Diverse Cultures, Diverse Sounds: Musical Instruments from Around the World.*
 Description: The Morris Museum presents a multi-sensory exploration of music by seeing, hearing, and touching instruments from around the world, and learning a little bit about the culture that created each instrument.
6. Wednesday July 22, 7 PM
Program: *Pottery Painting*
 Description: Come create your own design for a ceramic mug or bowl to take home. Sign up is required.
7. Tuesday July 28, 11:00-12:30 PM
Program: *Theatre Games*
 Description: Join us as we journey into uncharted humor! We'll explore classic improvisational drama games like "Park Bench" and add newer games like "Hunter and Hunted." Presented by Youth Stages.
8. Every Thursday night from 5:00-7:00 PM
Program: *Wii Thursdays*
 Description: Sign up to play Wii at the library. Select a game from our growing Wii collection. Appointments available for Thursday nights from 5:00-7:00 PM.

9. First Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM

Program: *Volunteer Day*

Description: Earn community service hours by volunteering at the library. All grades are welcomed, every first Wednesday of the month.

10. Monday, August 10, 1:00-2:30 PM

Program: Movie-showing of *Rize*

Description: "Rize" chronicles a dance phenomenon that is coming out of South Central Los Angeles. Originator Tommy the Clown and his fellow dancers have created a revolutionary form of artistic expression that has taken moves indigenous to African tribal rituals and sped them up into a mind-blowing style called "Krumping." This dance culture has become a way of life for its most dedicated fans.

Documentary Feature, Lions Gate Films; Directed by David LaChapelle, Rated PG-13; 2005

11. Monday, August 31, 1:00- 2:30 PM

Program: Movie-showing of *The 11th Hour*

Description: This documentary from well known activist and actor Leonardo DiCaprio examines the state of the global environment with renewed energy in the wake of recent natural disasters. Included are interviews with over 50 leading scientists, thinkers and leaders who discuss their visionary and practical solutions for restoring the planets beleaguered ecosystems. **Documentary Feature, Warner Independent Pictures; Directed by Nadia Conners and Leila Conners, Rated PG; 95 minutes; 2007.**

Police Department Gazette Article

Anthony Damiano of Washington, NJ (Warren County) has been hired as a Class 2 Special Officer for the Police Department. He was sworn in on Monday April 27th as the Department's second part time police officer.

Special Officer Damiano is a graduate of Warren Hills High School in Washington, NJ and is a graduate of the Essex County Police Academy Special Law Enforcement Officer Class 2 class (May 2008). He served as a volunteer Deputy Sheriff's Officer with the Essex County Sheriff's Department for one year and is currently employed by Drew University as a Public Safety Officer.

He will undergo Departmental training with Corporal Thomas Scanlon and Sergeant Stephen Ferrante for the next month and will then be on patrol working with the rest of the members of the Police Department.



PGL Children's Programs Borough Gazette Summer 2009

Storytime with Jenna (Ages 2 ½-5)
Fridays at 10:15 am and 1:45 pm
July 10, 17 & 31
September 18, 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23

Rhyme Time (for babies and toddlers)
Mondays at 10:15 am
September 14, 21, 28
October 5, 19

Kids' Club (K-2)
Thursdays at 4:30 pm
September 24
October 22

Cookie Review Days
Friday, July 10
Monday, July 27
Friday, August 7

Family Movie Nights

"Wall-E" (G)
Tuesday, July 21 at 7 pm

"Kung Fu Panda" (PG)
Tuesday, August 18 at 7 pm

Please register for the following special performances:

Magician Mark Zacharias (Ages 5-10)

Tuesday, July 7 at 10:30 am

Mad Science (Ages 5-12)

Thursday, July 16 at 10:30 am

Peter Pan Puppet Show (Ages 4+)

Friday, July 24 at 10:30 am

Youth Stages (Ages 5-7)

Act out the picture book, "Walter's Magic Wand"

Tuesday, July 28 from 10-11

Digeridoo Down Under (Ages 4+)

An Australian musical show

Thursday, July 30 at 10:30 am

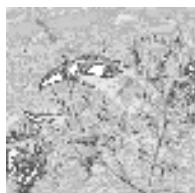
End of Summer Reading Pizza Party

Saturday, September 12 at noon

Piccirillo Sciencetelling

"The Bugs of Blackwood"

Thursday, October 29 at 7 pm



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

What do you know about the NJ Highlands? There is a lot of controversy and confusion surrounding the topic of the Highlands. The Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) was enacted on August 10, 2004. It required the governor to appoint members to the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council), who would develop and implement a regional master plan (RMP) with an emphasis on protecting water resources for both potable supply and ecosystem viability, and also protect agricultural viability, ecosystems, animal and plant species, and scenic historic and economic resources.

The Highlands Regional Master Plan was adopted on September 5, 2008. "Plan Conformance" means the petition submitted by a municipality or county with revised master plans and development regulations to conform to the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

The Borough Council in cooperation with the Borough Planner has been analyzing the Highlands legislation and related rules and regulations since their inception, and has retained Coppola and Coppola Associates to consult with and advise the Council to better understand the profound, long term impacts on the Borough and its residents.

Since Peapack Gladstone is in the Highlands, specifically in the Planning Area, the PGEC has asked the Council to host an informational session in June to be presented by a representative from the Highlands Council to determine if initial assessment grants may assist the Borough Council in its efforts to analyze the advantages and disadvantages of conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

This is a great opportunity for all Borough residents to learn more and better understand all positions related to this very important planning process. Please contact the PGEC with any specific questions you may want to have addressed at the session.

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URWA Encourages Landowners to “Go Native!”

The Upper Raritan Watershed Association (URWA) is gearing up for the 2009 growing season. People are energized in the spring to spruce up their yards and gardens - what a great time to choose plants that are native to New Jersey to add to your landscape! URWA, along with over 20 partner organizations, is battling the spread of invasive plants through a cooperative approach, the **Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team**. One of the major goals of the Strike Team is to increase public awareness of invasive species.

Go Native!

Invasive species cost an estimated \$137 billion in annual losses in the United States. In fact, plants and animals that spread outside their native habitats and displace native species are the second greatest threat to biodiversity worldwide, second only to habitat destruction. The Strike Team is working to remove invasive plants, and we need your help. The only way to stop invasive plants is to get rid of the seed source. PLEASE do your part – destroy any invasive plants that are growing on your property and replace them with native plants. DO NOT purchase invasive plants!

Three Easy Steps to Rid Invasive Plants From Your Landscape

1. Do Not Purchase Invasives

Despite the fact that invasive plants are causing great damage to ecosystems, they are still available at nurseries. If the public continues to purchase invasive plants, the nurseries will continue to sell them. If the public demands native plants, they will become more readily available. Start demanding natives!

2. Remove Them from Your Property

Identify the plants on your property that are invasive. They may be planted in your landscape and/or sprouting up as “weeds.” Common landscape invasives include Japanese barberry, linden viburnum, purple loosestrife, Chinese silver grass, burning bush, English ivy and Japanese wisteria. Common invasive weeds include garlic mustard, narrowleaf bittercress and Japanese stiltgrass.

Techniques to remove invasive plants:

- Small plants & weeds can be pulled by hand or you can mulch them heavily.
- Larger shrubs & trees can be cut down. Allow each stump to re-sprout & spray the new leaves with herbicide. As an alternative, dig up shrubs & trees -- beware that small pieces of root can re-sprout.
- Check for re-sprouting. Some seed sources may survive up to 5 years.

3. Grow New Jersey Natives

There are lots of native plants to choose from, and there are a variety of online sources to help you learn about native alternatives to invasive plants. Examples of commonly available native plants are

Trees: *Betula* (birch), *Cornus florida* (flowering dogwood), *Cercis canadensis* (redbud)

Shrubs: *Viburnum dentatum* (arrowwood), *Ilex verticillata* (winterberry holly)

Flowers: *Asclepias tuberosa* (butterfly milkweed), *Monarda fistulosa* (beebalm), *Eupatorium* (Joe-pye weed)

Ferns: *Polystichum acrostichoides* (Christmas fern)

Grasses: *Andropogon gerardii* (big blue stem)

About the Upper Raritan Watershed Association

The Upper Raritan Watershed Association is a not-for-profit, membership supported organization working to secure the environmental future of the Upper Raritan Watershed through advocacy, land preservation, education and research. Since 1959, the Association has been preserving and protecting natural resources throughout the watershed, a 194 square mile natural geographic region defined by the drainage basin of the North Branch of the Raritan River and its tributaries. The watershed, which includes 23 municipalities in parts of Somerset, Hunterdon and Morris Counties, is a vital link in New Jersey’s water supply system and contains large areas of undeveloped, environmentally significant land.

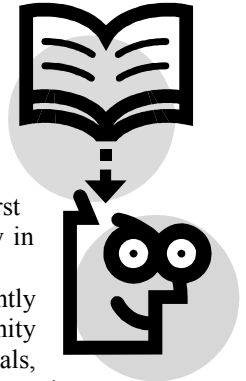
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The Somerset Hills School District

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The excitement of the end of another school year can be felt throughout The Somerset Hills School District. End of year activities, concerts, and exams are taking place and seniors are looking forward to the prom and graduation. Everyone knows that Summer vacation is close and is looking forward to the future.

The 2008-2009 school year was a very exciting and successful year for our district. We are proud that our students continue to excel on the SATs and state tests. State testing occurred in the Spring for grades 5-8. Additional math sections were added to grades 3 and 7. Although our students continue to achieve high levels of proficiency, the district continues to evaluate individual, school, and district results to direct instruction and curriculum. Among some of the other highlights: the girls' track team captured the state championship title; the orchestra and choirs competed in Williamsburg, Virginia and received several first place awards; and the Bernardsville Middle School Destination Imagination teams represented New Jersey in the World Finals.



April marked a number of Earth Day celebrations at all district schools, complementing the recently implemented Strategic Plan. Focusing on the expansion of our students' understanding of the global community and their role within it, experiences related to recycling initiatives, a focus on using reusable materials, collecting pennies for the Rainforest, studying endangered animals around the world, evaluating carbon footprints, and reflecting upon personal, family, and school energy use were some of the topics discussed.

With support from all residents of The Somerset Hills School District communities, including Peapack Gladstone, the Somerset Hills Education Foundation (SHEF) continues to support a Fall and Spring mini grant cycle. Over the last 11 years, SHEF has contributed more than \$204,000 to teacher-initiated mini grants ranging from science to the arts. Furthermore, in the last three years, they devoted \$223,000 to student technology, expanding the Computers on Wheels wireless laptop carts (COWS), as well as the GetSMART! SMART Board setup campaign. SHEF will communicate with the local HSA's and the district to determine how to spend proceeds from the recent enormously successful Chili Cook Off. Visit the SHEF website at shefnj.org. for more details about how the foundation is supporting our schools and communities.

The district is working to prepare for a new district monitoring protocol for next year, NJQSAC (Quality Single Accountability Continuum), which will review areas of governance, fiscal management, instruction and programs, operations management, and personnel.

The Somerset Hills School District has a lot to be proud of; as we end one year we look forward to the anticipation of things to come.

If you have recently purchased a home in Peapack & Gladstone Borough and you do not have the Tax or Sewer bill, please contact our office to obtain a copy.

ELECTION DATES

FROM THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE:

Please be advised that upcoming 2009 election schedule is as follows:

PRIMARY ELECTION: Tuesday, June 2nd

GENERAL ELECTION: Tuesday, November 3rd

REMEMBER TO GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!

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October 13
November 10**

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