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BULK PICK UP

Is ALWAYS

The first Wednesday of

February

May

August

November

Mark your Calendars!

Mayor's Report

Things are relatively quiet at this time.

Folks from the Prosecutor's office continue to work with our Police department to create efficiencies and clean up processes. In cooperation with the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA), "Coffee with A Cop" was held at CocoLuxe giving a chance for the public to interact with our policemen. "Cocoa with A Cop" was also held at Caesar's.

Special Officer Potts will be at the Bedwell school to teach classes to students. By all accounts, this is a task that he's well suited for and I hope we receive positive feedback from the school, parents, and children.

We began an initiative several months ago asking residents on Holland Avenue, Maple Street, Willow Avenue, Prospect Street and Tainter Street if they are interested in having PSE&G install gas mains in those streets. This is a complicated job for two reasons. 1. We will be paving Willow Avenue this year and the town has an ordinance forbidding an opening of a newly-paved street for five years. 2. The NJ Board of Public Utilities permits a gas utility to split their operations into two separate functions: transmission and supply. As a result, installation of mains now costs money to residents, the amount depending on how many residents are willing to participate.

In order to help affected residents, we had a public informational meeting at town hall on February 13th with PSE&G present to answer questions. It is my understanding that residents can also fill out applications for gas service to their home at that meeting.

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More information is at the site:

https://www.pseg.com/home/save/manage_costs/convert.jsp

We managed to get some ice skating at the park during an extended period of cold weather. We now have a process in place where the Borough Administrator, working with the DPW and emergency services will make the decision to open the pond for skating. At least 5 inches of ice is required.

Swans: Does anyone have a suggestion on how we can give away three remaining young birds? Please offer suggestions to me at wmuller@peapackgladstone.org and we will consider all options.

Our shared services are all functioning smoothly at this time and we will continue to explore other opportunities where it makes sense to our town.

We have a new Governor who brings different policies than the prior administration. We will be watching closely those actions affecting our municipality particularly in the areas of arbitration of employee disputes, pensions, and DEP. Among other areas, these probably could have the largest impact on the expense side of our ledger.

Participating in your government is certainly interesting, possibly (dare I say) fun. Please think about your involvement.

Sincerely,

Bill



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Borough Gazette

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TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

Sponsored By Peapack-Gladstone First Aid Squad

Saturday April 28, 2018
(Rain or Shine)
8:00AM to 4:00PM

NO ROOM OR GARAGE?

**RENT A SPACE AT THE SQUAD BUILDING. SET UP AND TAKE AWAY ARE UP TO YOU,
WE SUPPLY THE TABLE.**

A donation of \$25 to the Peapack Gladstone First Aid Squad puts your house on the map that will be available to all shoppers the day of the sale, as well as advertising. The town permit fee is waived for this event.

Check must be received by Wednesday April 25TH for your location to be included on map.

Make checks payable to:

Peapack-Gladstone First Aid Squad. Mail your check with your name, address and phone number to: PO Box 14 • Peapack, NJ 07977

On Friday April 27TH pick up a sign and balloons to help mark your sale location. They will be available for pick-up at the squad building at 1 St. Lukes Ave. between 3:00PM and 7:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out our FaceBook page and website: PGFARS.com Paypal available

E MAIL: pg51rescue@hotmail.com

or

CALL: (908) 234-0253



RECREATION NEWS

PG

Thank You

We hope that everyone enjoyed our annual Santa Visit! Thank you to the PG Fire Dept. for delivering Santa safely to Liberty Park and to the First Aid Squad for their festive and fun Christmas float! Everyone loved it!!! Melanie Jimenez, Nicole Certisimo and Gianna Lorenzo did a fantastic job organizing the party in the gym as did Heather Santoro, Sujin Beckerman and Sama Habibi in organizing the procession to the tree lighting and lining the pond with luminaries.

Summer Recreation

Summer Recreation will begin on June 25 and end on July 27. An afternoon sports program will again be offered this year. Registration forms will be mailed in late April to all children presently in grades K through 7. If you have a child entering kindergarten in the fall of 2018 please call Diane before March 1 at 234-2535 if you would like to enroll them in the Kindergarten program.

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T-ball Picnic

June 8

Our annual picnic will be held at 5:00 pm in the parking lot next to the municipal building. Trophies will be distributed and hamburgers and hot dogs will be served.

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Community Day

June 9 Rain date: June 10

Food, music and a variety of activities for children will be part of the celebration. Check our website in May for more details.

Fall Soccer

Registration forms for the PG kindergarten and 2nd grade instructional program held in town will be mailed in September.

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Art in the Park

Sunday, September 16 11:00 am at Liberty Park

BHS Presents A Classic: "The Music Man"

Bernards High School Theater Presents

Meredith Willson's **THE MUSIC MAN**

Book, Music & Lyrics by:
Meredith Willson

Story by:
**Meredith Willson &
Franklin Lacey**



Friday, March 2nd - 7pm
Saturday, March 3rd - 2pm & 7pm
Sunday, March 4th - 2pm

Bernards High School
25 Olcott Ave, Bernardsville, NJ

For Tickets:
visit www.showtix4u.com
or purchase at Box Office prior to performances

THE MUSIC MAN
is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.MTIShows.com

One of the most well-known musicals of all time, "The Music Man," will be presented at: 7 p.m., Friday, March 2, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday, March 3, and 2 p.m., Sunday, March 4, at Bernards High School (BHS) in the Performing Arts Center (PAC), 25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville.

Set in 1912, Meredith Willson's, "The Music Man," has delighted audiences of all ages with the story of a slightly deceitful character, Harold Hill, who, despite what he sets out to achieve, accomplishes something far greater.

The musical will include BHS, BMS & BES students in the cast and the BHS live orchestra pit crew.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for senior citizens and \$15 for adults and can be purchased online at showtix4u.com or at the box office at BHS PAC just before each performance.

For additional details, please send an email to bhspacparents@gmail.com.

What a Bummer!!!

Colon Cancer Under Age 50?

- *Early Onset Colon Cancer*
- *Effective Screening & Prevention*
- *Diet & Lifestyle*

March 28, 2018 * 7:00 p.m.

Warren Craft Room

Bernards Township Municipal Building
1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Seema Bery, M.D.

Internal Medicine, Atlantic Health, Morristown Medical Center

Allie Sanderson, R.D.

Village Super Market, Inc., ShopRite of Bernardsville

RESERVATION REQUESTED: 908-204-2520 OR health@bernards.org



March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.



Bernards Township **HEALTH** Department
262 S. Finley Ave., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
P. 908.204.2520 F. 908.204.3075
www.bernardshealth.org



The Bernards Township Health Department is the Contractual Health Agency serving:

Bernards Township • Bernardsville Borough • Chester Borough • Long Hill Township • Mendham Borough • Peapack and Gladstone Borough

PEAPACK GLADSTONE HAPPY ROCKERS

The Peapack Gladstone Happy Rockers meet on the 4th Monday of every month, at the Municipal Building, 1 School St., Peapack, N.J. except for July, August and December, when no meetings are held.

All local and surrounding town residents 55 and over, are invited to attend our meetings. Refreshments are served at 12:30 P.M. followed by a meeting at 1:00 P.M. Our next monthly meetings are scheduled for March 26th, April 23rd, May 21 - scheduled one week ahead due to Memorial day being on May 28th, June 25th, Sept. 24th, Oct. 22nd and Nov. 26th.

Elizabeth Roberts, Visiting Nurse, is present at each meeting to take blood pressure and discuss any health issues.

Our 2018 scheduled trips are as follows

March 21st, Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA

April 30th, Tropicana Casino, Atlantic City, NJ
"Who Loves You" A tribute to Franki Valli & the Four Seasons

May 10th, American Music Theatre, Lancaster PA
"Songs of the Silver Screen"

June 28th, West Point Tour, Lunch at Thayer Hotel and a Cruise on the Hudson

Sept. 13th, Bucks County Playhouse
"Million Dollar Quartet" and Sand Castle Winery (Wine Tour & Tasting) Catered Lunch.

Oct. 17th, Brownstone, Paterson, NJ
Jersey Dreamers "Oktoberfest"

Nov. 16th, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
"A Playhouse Christmas"

Dec. 3rd, Basking Ridge Country Club, Basking Ridge, NJ "Christmas Luncheon"

All local and surrounding town residents are invited to attend our trips and Christmas Luncheon.

If you are 55 years of age or over and live in Peapack Gladstone, we invite you to become a new member.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED.



Peapack-Gladstone Women's Club

15th Annual Spelling Bee

The 15th Annual Spelling Bee, held at the Bedminster Township Elementary School on January 17th was the result of a partnership between the GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club and the GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Somerset Hills (Bernardsville). There were 36 registered fourth and fifth grade contestants from Bedminster, Bernardsville, Basking Ridge, Gladstone, Peapack, Warren and Watchung.

The winners were as follows:

1st Place: David Sirichenko, 4th Grade, Bedminster Twp. School

2nd Place: Isabelle Qi, 5th Grade, Mt. Prospect School

3rd Place: Roshna Harish, 5th Grade, Cedar Hill School

All participants received a certificate of participation and a "goodie" bag. In addition, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners were awarded gift cards (\$100, \$50, & \$25, respectively), donated by the GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club and GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Somerset Hills.

All 3 winners are invited to the Highlands District Bee on February 3rd (Saturday) with registration beginning at 9:15 AM and the Bee beginning at 10:00 AM at the Rockaway Assembly of God, 113 E. Main Street, Rockaway, NJ. The Snow Date will be February 10th (Saturday). The top winners from the Highlands District Bee will be invited to participate in the Statewide Spelling Bee at the NJSFWC State Headquarters in New Brunswick in March.

The Spelling Bee Chairperson and announcer was Bridget Ameo, member of JWC of Somerset Hills. The pronouncer was John DelGiorno, Emmy award winning reporter for WABC, eyewitness news professional and aerial camera operator for CBS Sports. The 3 judges were Antoinette D'Orazio, Youth Services Department Supervisor for Somerset County Library System, Karen Pifher Branch Director of Hillsborough Library and member of PG Woman's Club and Patty Whitehouse, President of PG Woman's Club.

Holiday Wish Tree A Success!!

The 2017 Holiday Wish Tree, located in the Peapack and Gladstone Post Offices, was again a success thanks to the generosity of the community. Thank yous are also extended to X Barre Fitness, in Peapack, for distributing gift tags.

During the 2017 Holiday Season, over 190 gifts were donated by members of the community. The beautiful gifts included balls, bats, games, toys, art supplies, jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves. The gifts were delivered before the holidays to the Women Aware domestic violence agency. The estimated value of the gifts was \$7400.

Thank you to everyone who opened their hearts and pockets to help make the holidays for clients of Women Aware a little brighter.

Academic & Continuing Education Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2018 Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club Academic Scholarships will be available at the Peapack-Gladstone Library, local high schools and from the Club Scholarship Chairman Christy Ndem (csndm@aol.com) beginning in March.

Women's Club

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Interested students must complete the application and mail it to the Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club Academic Scholarship Award Program, PO Box 618, Peapack, NJ 07977 along with a current high school transcript of grades. The application must be postmarked no later than May 1st.

Applicants for the Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club Academic Scholarship Program must be:

- Dependent children of full-time Peapack-Gladstone residents or members of the Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club. The scholarship award covers naturally or legally adopted children and stepchildren living with the resident for six months or more during the twelve months preceding the date of initial application and each renewal. (A child boarding at school is considered to be living with the resident.)

- High school seniors or high school graduates planning to enroll for the first time in a full-time course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited four-year college or university; an associate degree at a regionally accredited two-year junior or community college in the U.S.; or post-high school trade school. (Recipients are expected to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study no later than the Fall following graduation.)

- Students who have achieved a cumulative minimum high school grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

The Woman's Club also offers a scholarship to adult women returning to school in the form of a Continuing Education Scholarship. If you are interested in applying, contact the Scholarship Chairman.

Meetings and Membership

The GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club, organized in 1921 and federated in 1922, meets monthly (September-May) on the first Wednesday. Most meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are held in the Peapack and Gladstone Municipal Complex. Meetings are open to the public and any resident New Jersey can become a member.

The GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) and the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). The NJSFWC is headquartered in New Brunswick on the Douglass Residential College campus; the GFWC is headquartered in Washington, DC in the historic DuPont Circle area. Visit their respective websites for more information – www.njsfwc.org and www.gfwc.org.

If you are interested in joining the club and/or in attending a meeting, contact Club President Patty Whitehouse at 908-234-2522 or pattynjsfwc@msn.com for more information.



Peapack Gladstone Library

A Branch of the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey

Programs March-May 2018

Registration is encouraged for All Library Programs.

Children's Programs

Rhyme Time (babies and toddlers)

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4, 25

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Storytime (ages 2 ½--5)

Fridays at 10:30 am

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6, 27

May 4, 11, 18, 25

LEGO Club (ages 4 and up)

Tuesdays at 4:30 pm

March 13, April 10, May 8

Paws for Reading (all ages)

Saturdays from 10-11 am

March 17, April 21, June 16

Toddler Dance Party (all ages)

Thursday, March 22 at 10:30 am

Pajama Time (all ages)

Tuesdays at 7pm

March 27, April 24, May 29

STEM Saturday (ages 5 and up)

Saturday, April 28 drop-in 1-4 pm

Origami Drop-in

(all ages, families)

Friday, March 30 1- 3 pm

Celebrate Maker Month by stopping by the library to construct an origami creation. All skill levels are welcome.

Teen Programs

Craft Corner (teens & tweens)

Choose from 5-7 craft projects to complete each week.

Drop-in every day from 9:30am - 9:00pm

Teen Tech Tutors (teens & adult)

Tuesday, March 20, 5-6:00pm

Tuesday, April 10, 5-6:00pm

Tuesday, May 8, 5-6:00pm

Assist others with their devices, the internet, social media and other technology-related topics.

Teen Volunteers

Every Thursday from 5- 6 pm

Sign up to volunteer or attend Teen program at the library by using this link:

<http://sclsnj.libnet.info/events>

Registration is encouraged for All Teen Programs

Adult Programs

Book Discussion and Special Presentation on "The Last Days of Night," by Graham Moore

(multi-generational)

Wednesday, March 28, 7- 9pm

To accompany and enhance our book pick for March, "The Last Days of Night", by Graham Moore, Kathleen Carlucci, Director of The Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park will present a lecture and discussion about the "Wizard of

Menlo Park." Thomas Edison was a pioneer in so many fields and he managed to streamline the process of invention during his auspicious career. This program will include a PowerPoint presentation and original artifacts and Edison-related items. You do not have to have read "The Last Days of Night" to attend this program.

Registration is required. To register visit:

<http://sclsnj.libnet.info/events>

Internet Security (adults)

Wednesday, April 11, 7- 8pm

Joseph Cusumano II, CEO of Risen Phoenix Technology Group LLC, will present the information you need about the risks of mobile and cloud computing, and 12 critical policies, procedures and protections every person and business must have in place to protect themselves. A shocking truth about bank fraud that most people don't realize could, literally, wipe out your bank account; why firewalls and antivirus software give you a false sense of security, and what it really takes to protect your home and organization against new threats and today's cybercrime rings.

Registration is required.

To register go to:

<http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/605327>

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Free Movie Matinees for Adults at the Peapack & Gladstone branch of SCLSNJ



Thursday, March 1, 1 - 4pm
"The Last Word"
Comedy, Rated R

Harriet (Shirley MacLaine) is a successful, retired businesswoman who wants to control everything around her until the bitter end. To make sure her life story is told her way, she pays off her local newspaper to have her obituary written in advance under her watchful eye. But Anne (Amanda Seyfried), the young journalist assigned to the task, refuses to follow the script and instead insists on finding out the true facts about Harriett's life, resulting in a life-altering friendship. * IMDb

Thursday, March 15, 1 - 4pm
"Viceroy's House"
Drama, Not Rated

The final Viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten, is tasked with overseeing the transition of British India to independence, but meets with conflict as different sides clash in the face of monumental change. *IMDb

Thursday, April 5, 1 - 4pm
"Darkest Hour"
Drama, PG13

During the early days of World War II, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the newly-appointed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Hitler, or fight on against incredible odds. -IMDb

Thursday, April 19, 1 - 4pm
"Marshall"
Drama, PG13

About a young Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme Court Justice, as he battles through one of his career-defining cases. ** IMDb

Thursday, May 3: 1-4pm
"Crooked House"
Drama, Mystery, PG13

In Agatha Christie's most twisted tale, a spy-turned-private-detective is lured by his former lover to catch her grandfather's murderer before Scotland Yard exposes dark family secrets. * IMDb

Thursday, May 17: 1 - 4pm
"Breathe"
Drama, Romance, PG13

The inspiring true love story of Robin and Diana Cavendish, an adventurous couple who refuse to give up in the face of a devastating disease. Their heartwarming celebration of human possibility marks the directorial debut of Andy Serkis. * IMDb

*Movie descriptions taken from IMDb, also known as Internet Movie Database, it's an online database of information related to world films, television programs, home videos and video games, and internet streams.

Environmental Commission

Are you curious why there are lots of blue tubes in Rockabye Meadow?

Below is an article by Sandy Perry that was posted on Raritan Headwaters' webpage that explains their importance as part of the tree planting project that took place in October of 2017.

"The Peapack Brook is becoming better habitat for trout and other aquatic life, thanks to a tree planting project at the Rockabye Meadow Preserve – a cooperative effort between the borough Environmental Commission and local watershed watchdog Raritan Headwaters.

About 50 volunteers pitched in to plant 350 native New Jersey trees and shrubs over the course of three days in October. Raritan Headwaters and the Environmental Commission were joined by staff from the Peapack-Gladstone public works department, NJ Water Supply Authority, and local volunteers.

"Planting trees along our rivers and streams is one of the top ways we can have a direct impact in improving water quality," said Dr. Kristi MacDonald, science director of Raritan Headwaters.

Raritan Headwaters purchased the trees and shrubs through a "Roots for Rivers" grant from The Nature Conservancy to restore riparian buffers. Riparian buffers are the trees, shrubs, and grasses along waterways that help protect water quality. These buffers filter pollutants, improve streambank stability, and reduce erosion and flooding. The trees' foliage also shades the water during the heat of summer, keeping water temperatures cool enough for trout and other species that don't thrive in overheated streams.

One of the organizers of the project was Andrew Goode, a longtime Raritan Headwaters volunteer who lives in the borough park neighborhood. Andrew offered to approach the Environmental Commission and Borough Council on behalf of RHA to see if they were interested in the project.



"They were so enthusiastic about the whole project and are eager for it to continue downstream," Andrew said. John Kappler, Chair of the Borough Environmental Commission and a lead on the project, also organizes the annual RHA Stream Cleanup at the Preserve. He expressed his gratitude for all the hard work that went into the planting. "Hats off to all our valued volunteers' efforts, which will provide a dramatic enhancement to Rockabye Meadow and the Peapack Brook for generations."

Members of Delbarton School's Angler's Club also helped out. "We explained to the students why we wanted to do this project and they were very enthusiastic," said Andrew. "This will actually help their fishing in the future." Neighboring Bedminster Township's generous loan of a large auger to bore holes for the bigger trees and shrubs alleviated the need to dig them by hand, an incredibly labor intensive effort. "The volunteers practically planted a miniature forest overnight, thanks to the help of Tom Skillman from the borough DPW and his skills using the auger," says Kristi.

The trees and shrubs planted included a variety of oaks, blackgum, silver maple, sweetgum, river birch, black cherry, witch hazel, pussy willow and smooth alder. Plastic tubes were placed around their trunks to keep them from being browsed by deer and small mammals.