



# The Peapack - Gladstone Borough Gazette

A Quarterly Publication for the Residents of Peapack and Gladstone

SUMMER 2018

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## Mayor's Report

Summer is approaching and the weather is finally warming up with trees and flowers abloom. This was a tough winter with multiple snow events that were challenging to everyone. Our DPW, Police, Fire, and Rescue Squads all rose to the challenge. Power outages were numerous and neighbors helped neighbors.

We have finished installation of all our generators to the extent that every piece of borough equipment or building that is considered essential has a source of backup power. Thanks to everyone who made that happen; from grant-writing, to creating and awarding bids, to supervising installation, and of course budgeting for the jobs.

Our budget has been adopted for 2018 and we were able to contain costs resulting in a small drop in the municipal tax rate. Assessed values went up a small amount for the entirety of the borough so it's possible that you will see a small increase on your total taxes. Recall that your tax bill has several components of which the school tax is the largest, then we have the municipal tax, county, library, and open space taxes. Each entity has their own budget and tax rate. Add all these up and we derive the tax rate which determines your tax cost.

We try very hard to maintain services to everyone in the borough. During the budget creation every expenditure is examined by asking if that item should be funded for the new budget or should the amount be increased or decreased. It's very time consuming for the finance committee and our municipal staff.

After the retirement of Chief Greg Skinner, we brought the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office into the department as Officer In Charge (OIC). We asked the Prosecutor to examine both

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the department and the borough Council and Staff so we might learn how to run the department in the most efficient manner possible.

The Prosecutor spent three months here in town at no cost to us and upon finishing their work they suggested that we amend our ordinance which controls appointing a new Chief. We are working on that now.

The Prosecutor suggested naming an OIC in the meantime and we've done that by naming Sergeant Steve Ferrante to the position.

In the Construction Department we have accepted the retirement of Ruth Spea who is the Technical Assistant to the Construction Official (TACO). Ruth's position will be filled by people from Bernardsville resulting in a greater number of days and hours that residents and contractors can interact with our Construction Office here in Peapack. Please consult the Borough website at [peapackgladstone.org](http://peapackgladstone.org) to find the office hours. This is a shared service with Bernardsville which might not reduce our costs markedly, but will keep the service in town with expanded hours and update our procedures to utilize online services.

By the time you read this message the council will have had an informational meeting to explain the municipality's responsibilities in regard to affordable housing. This is a state-mandated program that was administered by The Council On Affordable Housing (COAH). Sadly, COAH became dysfunctional and the NJ Supreme Court assumed control over affordable housing. There are various advocacy groups supporting NJ residents who could qualify for such housing and the municipality had to deal with both the court and these entities whom the court had designated as concerned parties.

We are mandated to zone for affordable housing to be built so how to do that became a major effort for the council and our professionals. Uppermost in the negotiations was to determine the number of units that we must zone for.

I attended a round table discussion hosted by Governor Phil Murphy and virtually every politician in the room complained about how difficult it is to plan for affordable housing when the state cannot set the rules. This results in every community fending for itself both in negotiations and litigation. This is expensive and very time consuming.

In this regard, our work is not finished since we still need to adopt some ordinances to finish putting all the pieces of the puzzle together.

When we have all our work done, the next round of obligations will occur in 2025 in the next COAH obligation. Please try to stay informed and attend meetings since this will certainly affect the character of our town.

I wish everyone a happy, pleasant, and healthy summer,  
Bill

## 2018 ELECTION INFORMATION

**POLLING PLACE**  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX • 1 SCHOOL STREET

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**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH 6AM - 8PM**  
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**MAY 15**

Voter Registration Deadline

**MAY 29**

Last Day to Apply for Mail-In Ballot by Mail

**JUNE 4 – by 3:00PM**

Last Day to Apply for Mail-In Ballot in Person at the  
Somerset County Clerk's Office  
20 Grove Street – Somerville, NJ 08876

**REMEMBER TO GET OUT AND**



**P R I M A R Y**  
**E L E C T I O N**  
**JUNE 5th**

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**GENERAL ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH 6AM - 8PM**  
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**REMEMBER TO GET OUT AND**



**G E N E R A L**  
**E L E C T I O N**  
**NOVEMBER 6th**

**OCTOBER 16**

Voter Registration Deadline

**OCTOBER 30**

Last Day to Apply for Mail-In Ballot by Mail

**NOVEMBER 5 – by 3:00PM**

Last Day to Apply for Mail-In Ballot in Person at  
the Somerset County Clerk's Office  
20 Grove Street – Somerville, NJ 08876

You can obtain Voter Registration Forms and Mail  
In Ballot Applications at the Borough Clerks office

## RECREATION NEWS

**PG**

### **T-ball/Softball Picnic**

**Friday, June 8 (Rain date: June 15th)**

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

### **Community Day**

**Saturday, June 9 Rain date: June 10**

**NEW VENUE! Municipal Field!**

Music by DJ Matthew Dolan! Activities for the children will include an ice cream truck, face painting, popcorn, giant inflatable amusements, a dunk tank, and a kickball game! Don't miss it!!

### **Thank You**

The Recreation Commission would like to thank: Country Plaza Limo(John & Barbara Gelpke) Peapack Dental (John & Nina Vitale), Gladstone Design (Ron & Susan Kennedy), Dominick's Pizza, RJR Solutions (Rich & Dina Rampinelli), Cesar's Deli, Café Azzurro (Arben & Diellza Mavraj), Toys With Love (Stacy & Gayle Rogers), Hibernata Bedding (Bill Paladini & Pam Nardone), Charles & Jen Sciarra and for sponsoring the PG t-ball teams. Your support is greatly appreciated!!

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### **Summer Recreation**

Forms for Summer Recreation have been mailed. Children entering grades K through 8 next September are eligible to attend this program. If you did not receive a registration form in the mail, you can obtain one from the PG Library. Summer Rec. will begin on June 25 and end on July 27.

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### **Fall Soccer**

Grades 2-8 must register with SHSC. Kindergarten and grade 1 (instructional soccer), forms will be mailed in early September. This program will be held on the PG Municipal Field in September and October.

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### **Art in the Park**

**Sunday, September 16 11:00-4:00 at Liberty Park**

Come and enjoy an extensive display of art work at Liberty Park while Not Enough Jeffs and CC Coletti provide the music. Food will be available for purchase.

# GFWC Peapack- Gladstone Women's Club

## Highlands District Spring Conference and Achievement Day Awards

The Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club won the NJSFWC Highlands District awards for "Best All Around Work" in the areas of Conservation, Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention and Women's History. The Club also received a membership certificate for the 1894 Society. There are 28 Women's Clubs in the Highlands District.

Three members entered a total of 4 photographs in the Achievement Day Photography Contest. The photo taken by Gretchen Lynch, entitled "Monuments" won a gold award which qualified her photo for entry in the state competition at the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club's Annual Convention in Atlantic City. The other 3 photos, taken by Carol Ann Hontz and Patty Whitehouse, all won blue ribbons.

## Club Project Highlights

For the calendar year 2017, our Club reported a total of \$20,889 in cash and "in kind" donations. The club's donations included the very successful Holiday Wish Tree, benefiting Women Aware, a domestic violence agency, 3 academic scholarships awarded to 3 local graduating high school seniors and 2 Girls' Career Institute sponsorships. The Girls' Career Institute is a mini-college experience held in June at Douglass College in New Brunswick.

In April, the Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club marked Prevent Child Abuse Month with a pinwheel display at the entrance to Liberty Park in Peapack. The pinwheel gardens/displays were found all over New Jersey as Women's Clubs across the state brought attention to the horrors of child abuse.

The Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club has partnered with another local club, Woman's Club of Tewksbury Township in Oldwick, on the "Days for Girls" project. The project provides re-usable feminine hygiene kits for girls in third world countries so they can remain in school. If you are interested in participating in the project, contact Carol Ann Hontz at carolannhontz@yahoo.com. The clubs have prepared and sent 100 kits.

## Meetings and Membership

The GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club, organized in 1921 and federated in 1922, meets in September, October, November, December, January, March, April, May and June. The club meets on the first Wednesday of the month.



Photo by: Alondra Olivas/Unsplash.com

Most club 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 of New Jersey can become a member. If you are interested in attending a meeting or in becoming a member, contact Patty Whitehouse at pattynjsfwc@msn.com or 908-234-2522.

The 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](http://www.njsfwc.org) and [www.gfwc.org](http://www.gfwc.org).

# Peapack Gladstone Library

A Branch of the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey

In June, the Friends of the Peapack & Gladstone Library will unveil the newest StoryWalk at Liberty Park- "Children Make Terrible Pets" by Peter Brown. Be sure to visit the library's table on Community Day, June 9, for related raffles, books, games and more!

## Summer Reading for All Ages-Preschool to Adult starts June 18!

### Children's Programs

#### Baby/Toddler Time (0-36 months)

Introduce your child to the beginnings of storytime in this interactive program featuring rhymes, movement, songs, and stories.

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

June 20, 27

July 11, 18, 25

#### Toddler/Preschool Storytime (Ages 18-60 months)

An interactive program that fosters early literacy skills through books, songs, and activities.

Fridays at 10:30 am

June 1, 22

July 13, 20, 27

#### STEM Saturday (Ages 5 and up)

Children will explore a variety of STEM stations including snap circuits, KEVA planks, gravity and laser mazes, straws & connectors as well as a special appearance from PGL robots Dash and Dot.

Saturday, June 2, drop-in between 1--4 pm

#### LEGO Club (K-5)

Build with LEGO® bricks. Bring your creativity and prepare for a challenge.

Tuesday, June 12 from 4:30--5:30 pm

#### Paws for Reading (Ages 5 and up)

Practice reading aloud to St. Hubert's certified therapy dogs. Research shows that reading aloud to a nonjudgmental audience boosts confidence, improves fluency and is just plain fun!

Saturday, June 16, 10--11 am

#### Rock Painting (all ages)

Spread the positivity by painting uplifting messages and drawing pictures on rocks which will be displayed in the garden outside PGL. No Registration Required.

Tuesday, June 19 from 3-5 pm

#### Touch the Music (preschoolers)

Explore, learn, and try out various instruments with Claudia Lemmerz, owner of Touch the Music.

Friday, June 29 from 10:30--11:15

Registration begins Monday, May 21



#### Family Movie Night (families)

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

July 3, August 7, 21

Movie titles to be announced.

#### Unique Creatures from Around the World (K-5)

Get up close and personal with weird and interesting creatures. Presented by Larry Apap of Unique Creatures.

Friday, July 6 from 10--10:45 am

Registration begins Monday, May 21

#### Animals Rock featuring Eyes of the Wild (K-5)

We all know birds sing but did you know a wallaby has a special call for its baby, alligators make a boom sound in B Flat, & groundhogs whistle? Learn about these and other amazing animal sounds.

Monday, July 16 from 10-10:45 am

Registration begins Monday, May 21

#### SCLSNJ Celebrates Harry Potter (all ages)

Happy Birthday Harry!

This summer SCLSNJ celebrates the Boy Who Lived with fun and games.

Tuesday, July 31 from 7--8 pm

Registration begins Monday, May 21

### Teen Programs

#### Mason Jar Craft

June 19th 6:30 to 7:30. Create a colorful terrarium, using small plants, rocks, soil, and other supplies.

#### First Day of Summer Vacation Movie Night!

Friday June 22 at 6:30. Please check our website for further details.

**Reading Buddies (ongoing)** - Mentor a young child while having fun and earning volunteer hours at the library. Support your love of reading by becoming a Teen Reading Buddy! Contact the Peapack & Gladstone Library to learn more about this opportunity and to register.

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**Tech Tutoring (ongoing)** - Gain leadership experience in assisting others with their devices, the Internet, social media and other technology-related topics. Utilize and develop problem solving skills, communication skills, and confidence in leading others. Contact the Peapack & Gladstone Library to learn more about this opportunity and to register.

## Adult Programs

Registration is encouraged for All Adult Library Programs

### "I'll Take Hypnosis With a Side of Mediumship"

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 7 - 9 pm Conference Rm #1 (adults and teens)

Garry Gewant, Hypnotist, author and local Psychic Medium will educate participants in the use of hypnosis and the difference between Psychic and Mediumship.

Author, Hypnotist and Psychic Medium, Garry Gewant, will be discussing his book "I'll Take Hypnosis With a Side of Mediumship", hypnosis and its use as a therapy - including but not limited to Past Life Regression Therapy, smoking cessation, weight and stress management, elimination of fears and phobias, improving sports, artistic and athletic performance and more.

Garry will also speak on Psychic and Mediumship; the differences between the two and how he went from being a hard core cynic to becoming a professional Medium. If time allows, this presentation is more than just a lecture, it is also experiential. He will be happy to demonstrate group hypnosis for any participant who is curious about how it feels to be hypnotized. And, if there is interest, and time allows, he may also give a demonstration of Mediumship.

Garry is a retired Special Education high school teacher who lives in Northwest NJ with his wife of 45 years.

Registration requested: <http://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/713366>

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

**Thursday, June 7, 1 - 4pm**

**"Same Kind of Different As Me"** - Drama - Rated PG-13

International art dealer Ron Hall must befriend a dangerous homeless man in order to save his struggling marriage to his wife. IMDb

**Thursday, June 21, 1 - 4pm**

**"Battle of the Sexes"** - Drama - Rated PG-13

The true story of the 1973 tennis match between World number one Billie Jean King and ex-champ and serial hustler Bobby Riggs. IMDb

**Thursday, July 12, 1 - 4pm**

**"Murder on the Orient Express"** (2017) - Drama/Mystery - Rated- PG-13

When a murder occurs on the train he's travelling on, celebrated detective Hercule Poirot is recruited to solve the case. IMDb

**Thursday, July 26, 1-4 PM**

**"The Greatest Showman"** - Biography/Drama/Musical - Rated PG

Celebrates the birth of show business, and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. IMDb

**Thursday, August 9, 1 - 4pm**

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**Thursday, August 23, 1-4pm**

TBA

### Book Discussion

**"Behind Closed Doors"** by B.A. Paris

Wednesday, June 27 7:30 - 9:00

Everyone knows a couple like Jack and Grace. He has looks and wealth, she has charm and elegance. You might not want to like them, but you do. You'd like to get to know Grace better. But it's difficult, because you realize Jack and Grace are never apart. Some might call this true love. Others might ask why Grace never answers the phone? Or how she can never meet for coffee, even though she doesn't work? How she can cook such elaborate meals but remain so slim? And why there are bars on one of the bedroom windows? The perfect marriage? Or the perfect lie?

Light refreshments served

# PEAPACK GLADSTONE HAPPY ROCKERS

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

## **TRIPS**

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

**June 28th: West Point Tour**  
Lunch at Thayer Hotel & Cruise on the Hudson.

**Sept. 13th: Bucks County Playhouse**  
"Million Dollar Quarted" and Sand Castle Winery  
(Wine Tour and 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 55 and over, are invited to attend our meetings. Refreshments are served at 12:30 PM followed by a meeting at 1:00 PM Our next scheduled meetings are 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.

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

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

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED.**

Any questions call Lina Calabrese  
908-234-2377.