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Mayor's Report

Since my last report, your government has made some important decisions in the operation of the municipality.

Most notably, in connection with a requirement to zone for affordable housing, our local judge, Thomas Miller, approved our agreement with the NJ Supreme Court and Fair Share Housing, an advocacy group for affordable housing. As has been explained in numerous public meetings, members of the Council engaged in many meetings and negotiations leading to our settlement with both the Court and Fair Share. The result of this effort has been characterized as the "least bad choice before us".

We are now in the process of adopting necessary ordinances and working to fulfill numerous reporting requirements that will continue for years. To help us in this process, we've engaged the services of Randy Bahr and he's working on this project right now.

As you may be aware, The Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) collapsed due to its inability to function. The NJ Supreme Court stepped into the vacuum and has created, in my opinion, a very onerous solution to providing affordable housing to those who need it. But, we've reached agreement with all parties and now we're in the implementation phase. This settlement will meet our obligation until the 4th round of COAH implementation which begins in 2025.

Concerning the renovation of Liberty Park, we received our "Letter of Interpretation" (LOI) from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). They reached some conclusions regarding the pond with which the Council disagrees, and we have filed an appeal. That's in progress, and there is no time constraint for their decision. These decisions affect our ability to modify the park.

Our park designer, Carter van Dyke, is asking to schedule a public meeting in September so that he can solicit public input for designs. It appears that the shape and the size of the pond cannot change, according to the LOI. Mr. van Dyke will be accompanied by his water-quality people to address

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the problem of pond appearance.

In that regard, Mr. van Dyke will hold additional meetings with the public to refine his ideas and cost estimates. Please try to attend and offer constructive comments.

By now, property owners received their tax bills for the coming year. I'm happy to report that your tax rate has dropped to \$1.878 per \$100 of assessed value, down from \$1.902. This represents a drop of 3.57%. Not a lot, but better than a rate increase. Kudos to the Finance Committee, Finance office and Borough Administration.

Your Borough Council Finance Committee worked very hard to squeeze every line item to achieve our rate reduction. Our town is in good financial health

and the next major item that we will consider is the purchase of some fire equipment which will be a major outlay.

Several of our streets will be paved later this year, some curbing will be replaced and, hopefully, we can complete a sidewalk along Holland Avenue that residents requested.

Because of employee retirements, we've got several new faces in borough hall. We are all encouraged by the quality of the candidates that have been hired and we wish each and every one well and success in their new jobs. Say "hi" when you're in the building.

Hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer,
Bill



NEWS from the CLERK'S OFFICE

REMEMBER TO GET OUT AND



**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6th**

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 6AM – 8PM

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.

LEAF PICK UP

Check our website calendar in September through December for Leaf Pick up dates and instructions.
www.peapackgladstone.org

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RECREATION NEWS



Summer Recreation

Another great time was had by all at Summer Rec thanks to our hard working staff! Our annual trips to Camelbeach, Funplex, Oakwood Bowling Lanes and Laser tag at Branchburg Sports Complex were again well attended and enjoyed by all! "Afternoon Sports Rec" for grades 4-8 additionally went very well!

Fall Soccer for Kindergarten - Grade 2

Registration forms for soccer will be available in late August. This is a non-competitive, instructional program which will be held at the municipal building field beginning in late September and will run for six weeks. Forms are also located on the PG Rec website, at the PG Library or by calling Diane at 234-2535.

Art in the Park

Sunday, September 16th 11:00 AM - 4PM



Artists, patrons and friends can spend the day exploring the abundant creativity, meet with their neighbors, discuss art with the artists and enjoy the tranquil park environment. A wide selection of artwork including paintings, glassworks, photography, jewelry and pottery will be displayed for sale.

Online registration for Rec programs is coming soon; keep checking our website for information.



Check our website in November for "Open Gym" dates and times for grades K-4.

Basketball (grades 3-8) Registration will begin in early Oct.

Dates to Mark on your Calendar

Sunday, September 16

Art in the Park: 11-4 Liberty Park

Sunday, October 28

Halloween Parade: 2:00 PG Bank



Saturday, November 3

Pie Baking Contest: 3:00 Municipal Field

Sunday, December 9 (snow date 12/17)

Santa Visit: 5:30 Procession to Liberty Park followed by Santa in the PG gym

TAX AND SEWER COLLECTION

The Tax Collector's office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Taxes are due on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 each year. There is a ten-day grace period. If the 10th falls on a weekend or Borough Holiday, the grace period will be extended to the next business day. Since tax bills were sent out late this year, the grace period for the August installment has been extended to 25 days after the mailing of the bills.

Senior Citizens. There is a senior citizen deduction of \$250.00 on your property tax bill if you qualify and 10% reduction of the base charge on sewer charges if you are over the age of 65. Please stop by and pick up an application to see if you qualify.

Veterans. There is a veteran deduction of \$250.00 on your property tax bill if you qualify. Please bring in a copy of your DD214 discharge papers and fill out an application to determine your eligibility.

Homestead Rebate Credits were applied to the 2nd quarter taxes due on May 1, 2018 and adjusted tax bills were sent out. If you did not receive a credit and feel that you should have, please contact the State of New Jersey at 1-877-658-2972.

New Jersey Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Tax Freeze Program) forms must be filed with the state by October 31, 2018. If you feel that you will qualify for the first time this year and have not received a form from the State, please visit the State of New Jersey to download a PTR1 form or come into our office and we will download it for you. If you qualified last year and received a blue booklet in the mail, please complete your portion of the form and bring the entire booklet to the tax office so that we can finalize the form for you. Residents who have questions about the program can contact the tax office at (908) 234-2250 or the State office directly at 1-800-882-6597.

The Sewer collection office is no longer located in the tax office. They moved across the hall and operate during the same hours. Residential sewer charges are due on April 1, July 1, October 1, and December 1. There is a ten-day grace period on residential sewer bills. Sewer bills are calculated on water consumption for the fourth quarter,

which is approximately late October 2017 through late January 2018. Your 2018 sewer bill was sent earlier this year. Some residents have questioned the "excess" charge on the bill. This is not excess but is the amount charged for the actual water consumption or "usage".

Payment Options. The Borough now has several options for payments of both Tax and Sewer charges. Option (1) Pay online through Payment Services Network (convenience fee applied). An e-check is \$0.85 cents or you can pay by credit card for a fee of 2.50 % of the total you are paying. Go online to www.PeapackGladstone.org, download the app from the App Store or Google Play directly to your phone, or call 877-885-7968. Option (2) Set up a direct withdrawal from your bank account with the tax or sewer office. Application forms are on the Boroughs website in the Finance/Tax/Sewer department under forms. There is no charge for this service. We will send you an email that we will be deducting your payment prior to the due date and pull the funds from your account within the first five days of the due date. Option (3) You can drop your payment in the mail to us along with the stub from the bill but remember, we do not accept postmarks. Your payment must be received by our office by the end of the grace period. Option (4) As always, you can stop by the office to see us in person. We would love to see you.

Buying or selling your property. If you are selling your home, please turn over the Tax and Sewer bills to the new owner so that they can continue with the quarterly payments.

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. The phone number is 908-234-2250.

Retirement. As some of you may already know, Theresa Kelly has retired from the Borough after serving our municipality for over 19 years. We thank her for her service and hopes she enjoys her retirement.

New Employee. We have recently hired Donelle DeCouto in the tax and finance department. She comes to us with years of experience in finance and has picked up the tax process quickly. Please stop by to meet Donelle and wish her well in her new position.

Historic Preservation Commission

Peapack Limekilns Awarded State Historic Designation

The New Jersey State Review Board has unanimously approved the nomination of the Moses Craig Limekilns in Peapack to the New Jersey State Register of Historic Places. The nomination will now move on to Washington, DC, for final review and listing by the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places.

Listing in the National Register of Historic Places provides formal recognition of a property's historical, architectural, or archaeological significance based on national standards used by every state, which the Peapack limekilns have met.

Since receiving a grant from the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission in October, 2015, the Peapack-Gladstone Historic Preservation Commission has partnered with the Historical Society of the Somerset Hills to oversee an extensive restoration of the limekilns. The project included cleanup of the existing site, mortar and archaeological analysis, design, and construction. Restoration of the limekilns was completed in October, 2017. The restored site will include new landscaping and a permanent informational sign.

Special thanks is due to Pat Delaney, chair of the Peapack-Gladstone Historic Preservation Commission, who oversaw the restoration project from its inception. "Getting the Peapack Limekilns to be listed on the state register of historic places has been an incredibly interesting and educational process," Pat said. "The first step we took was to apply to the state to see if we would be eligible to proceed further with our application for Historic Nomination. Here we had to lay the groundwork for the nomination application by proving certain criteria: 1) we should be considered for the lime burning industry which was of local importance to the area and flourished during the middle decades of the nineteenth century; and 2) for the fine example of stone work dating back to the mid-nineteenth century. We were approved by the state and given a certificate of eligibility. This certificate also made us eligible to apply for the grant money we received from the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission. At this point The Historic Preservation Commission of Peapack Gladstone in conjunction with the Historical Society of Somerset Hills, Dan Lincoln President, hired Dennis Bertland, Historic Preservation Consultant. Dennis did the grant application and the final Nomination application. John Bolt was the Historic Preservation Architect, and Vince Lacampo the stone mason in charge of the restoration. We all feel very proud of the work that has been done thus far, preserving a bit of the past, and bringing awareness to our community of [the limekilns'] importance to ourselves and generations to come."

insert photo of limekiln

2018 Child Health Conference

Vaccines for Children

The clinic is conducted in conjunction with the Bernards Township Health Department for children without health insurance from birth to 18 years old in:
*Bernards Township, Bernardsville Borough, Chester Borough,
Long Hill Township, Mendham Borough, and Peapack and Gladstone Borough*

For appointment at this **FREE Clinic** call:

Community VNA

908-725-9355 Ext. 0

www.communityvna.org

- Well baby check-ups & immunizations for newborns, toddlers and pre-schoolers
- Immunizations for children aged 18 and under who are attending school
- Medical staff will assess the growth and development of children who attend
- Child health education for parents/guardians



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Bernards Township, Bernardsville Borough, Chester Borough, Long Hill Township,
Mendham Borough, and Peapack and Gladstone Borough.

Bernards Township HEALTH Department, 262 S. Finley Ave., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
P. 908-204-2520 F. 908-204-3075 ~ www.bernardshealth.org

Peapack-Gladstone Women's Club

Academic Scholarships Awarded

In the spring of 2018, the PGWC awarded 2 Academic Scholarships to local high school graduating seniors. The winners were Maran Petrie, BHS and Meaghan Imossi, Villa Walsh Academy. This fall, Maran will be attending Ramapo College of New Jersey to study Criminology, and Meaghan will be attending Villanova University to study Finance. Congratulations and good luck to both winners!

2018 Holiday Wish Tree in Peapack and Gladstone Post Offices

Once again this year, the club will sponsor a local Holiday Wish Tree – again, this year, we will place trees in both the Peapack and Gladstone Post Offices. The Wish Trees will go up in early November. Gift tags will decorate the trees and anyone wishing to donate a gift should come to one of the Post Offices to select one or more gift tags. Your unwrapped gifts, along with the gift tag attached, must be returned to either Post Office by the due date so the gifts can be delivered.

During the 2017 holiday season, over 190 gifts with an estimated value of over \$7400 were donated by members of the community to the clients of the Women Aware domestic violence agency. The residents were overwhelmed by the community's generosity. Thanks in advance for your generosity again this year.

Meetings and Membership

The GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club, organized in 1921 and federated in 1922, meets most months (September-June) on the first Wednesday. Most meetings are held in the Peapack and Gladstone Municipal Building and begin at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted below.

September 12, 2018	6:30 pm (refreshments served)
October 3, 2018	7:30 pm
November 7, 2018	7:30 pm
December 12, 2018	6:30 pm (Holiday Party and Pot Luck Supper (make tray favors for residents of Bryan Manor) Location TBD
January 9, 2019	7:30 pm
February, 2019	NO MEETING
March 6, 2019	7:30 pm
April 3, 2019	7:30 pm
May 15, 2019	6:30 pm (local restaurant to be announced)
June 5, 2019	7:30 pm

Meetings are open to the public and anyone can become a member.

Look for us at Art in the Park

For the third year in a row, the GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club will have a booth at Art in the Park at Liberty Park on Sunday, September 16. Stop by and make a card for our U.S. service men and women, pick up a pinwheel and chat about all of the activities the PGWC has going on this year.

Other upcoming events (details TBD)

October 2018 – Candidates' Forum

The GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) of GFWC 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 Carol George at 201-874-3151 or carolgeorge926@gmail.com for more information.



PEAPACK GLADSTONE HAPPY ROCKERS

Upcoming Trips

September 13th

Sand Castle Winery Wine Tasting,
Tour, Lunch and Bucks County
Playhouse "Million Dollar Quartet."

October 17th

Brownstone, Paterson, NJ
Jersey Dreamers "Oktoberfest".

November 16th

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
"A Playhouse Christmas"

December 3rd

Basking Ridge Country Club,
Basking Ridge, NJ
"Christmas Luncheon"

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

The Peapack Gladstone Happy Rockers meet on the 4th Monday of every month, at the Municipal Building, 1 School St. Peapack, NJ (except 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 PM followed by a meeting at 1:00 PM. Our scheduled meetings are September 24th, October 22nd and November 26th.

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

At our September 24th meeting, Kristen Grieco, Manager of Somerset County Senior Wellness Center will be our speaker.

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.**

Any questions call Lina Calabrese 908-234-2377

Upcoming Meetings

September 24th

October 22nd

November 26th

**ALL local and surrounding
town residents 55 and older
are welcome to join us!**

Peapack Gladstone Library

Notary Services are available at
Peapack & Gladstone Library

Valid photo identification is required of
any customer seeking Notary Service
and all documents to be notarized must
be signed in the presence of a Notary.

An appointment is required at PGL,
contact us at 908-234-0598.

P-G Library
908-234-0598
Fax: 908-719-2236

Hours

M: 9:30 am - 9:00 pm
T: 9:30 am - 9:00 pm
W: 9:30 am - 9:00 pm
Th: 9:30 am - 9:00 pm
F: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Sat: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm



Click here to visit the Friends of the PG Library website
or visit www.PGLFriends.org.

You can sign up for their Newsletter and have the Library program
information delivered right to your inbox.

Visit the SCLSNJ calendar at

<http://someset.evanced.info/signup/EventCalendar.aspx?lib=1005> for programs offered by
the Somerset County Library System and to register for library programs.

Or, if viewing this on line: Click here

The Peapack and Gladstone Library is a branch of the Somerset County Library system and offers borrowing privileges to all who live, work, own property or go to school in the borough. In addition to offering a collection of over 30,000 books, books on CD, video games (Wii, PS3, Xbox360), DVDs, music CD's, magazines, newspapers and maps; the Library offers access to downloadable music and DVDs through our website:
www.someset.lib.nj.us/peapackgladstone.htm.



2018 *Flu Shots*

Wed, October 10	9-11 am	St. James Church, 184 So. Finley Ave, Basking Ridge
Thurs, October 11	9-11 am	Mendham Area Senior Housing, One Heritage Manor Dr, Mendham
Wed, October 17	9-11 am	Long Hill Twp Town Hall 915 Valley Rd, Gillette
Wed, October 17	3:30 –5:30 pm	Bernardsville Library 1 Anderson Hill Road, Bernardsville
Fri, October 19	9-11 am	Peapack-Gladstone Borough Hall, 1 School St., PG
Sat, October 20	9-11 am	Bernards Twp Community Ctr, 289 So. Maple Ave., BR
Tues, October 23	3:30-5:30 pm	Bernards Twp Community Ctr, 289 So. Maple Ave., BR

***Consult your doctor before receiving the flu shot.
For Age 4 thru Adults. All shots are Quadrivalent Vaccine.***

***No Appointment
Needed!***

***Cost: Residents: \$25.
Non-Residents \$35.***

No charge with valid Medicare Part B card.



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www.bernardshealth.org ♦ Info: 908-204-2520

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BONE DENSITY SCREENING

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Peapack-Gladstone Municipal Bldg
1 School St.**

Peapack, NJ 07977

**No Cost ~ Appointment Required
*For adults over 36 years old***

Register: 908-204-2520

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