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BULK PICK UP

Is ALWAYS

The first Wednesday of

February

May

August

November

Mark your Calendars!

Mayor's Report

By Greg Skinner

An Emergency Call for Volunteers!

Thank you for taking the time to read the Borough Gazette. As you know we live in an amazing town and your Borough Council is striving to maintain our slice of the American Dream.

Since this is my first article for the Gazette as Mayor, let me tell you a little about myself. My parents moved here in 1970 from Basking Ridge and I began Kindergarten at the Peapack & Gladstone Elementary School where I graduated 8th grade in 1979. We were the second to last class to graduate from the school. After 1980 all PG students went to the Bernardsville Schools. I then graduated from Bernards High School in 1983 and went on to attend Villanova University.

After finishing Villanova in 1987, I immediately started my career with the Peapack & Gladstone Police Department who sent me to the Morris County Police Academy. I worked my way up the ladder, being promoted to Sergeant in 1992 and eventually Chief in 2003. I went on to retire from our Police Department after 30 years of service in 2017.

In addition to my police duties, I have been a volunteer with both the First Aid Squad as an emergency medical technician, and the Fire Department as a fire fighter for over 34 years. I have held leadership positions in both organizations, of which I am still very active. You will see me responding to calls throughout town either on the ambulance or in a fire truck at all times of the day.

I have two adult children, John who lives in town and is the First Lieutenant with the First Aid Squad and Abigail who lives and works in San Diego, CA. My parents still live in town, in the house I grew up in.

I am a proud veteran of the US Navy Reserve where I was deployed twice to Dubai, United Arab Emirates to protect US Navy and Coalition warships from USS Cole terrorist attacks.

We are fortunate to be served by very skilled employees and volunteers. All of them perform wonders to help keep us safe, maintain the Borough's extensive infrastructure, and keep our town beautiful. When you are out and about town please go up to our employees and volunteers to let them know how much you appreciate the great work that they do.

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As many of you are aware firefighting and emergency medical services are handled by a dedicated group of volunteers who happen to be your neighbors. Whenever a resident or visitor to the Borough needs help, they are only a 9-1-1 call away.

Unfortunately our Borough's volunteer first responders are in need of help. Their biggest need from all of us are more volunteers. Without additional members to help staff our fire apparatus and ambulances they will not be able to help you in your time of need. Please seriously think about joining either the First Aid Squad or Fire Department. They will send you to the required training which is necessary to become a fully functioning member. While it does take a substantial time commitment, the rewards in knowing you are helping your neighbor are priceless. The alternative to having volunteers staff our fire station and first aid squad would be to hire a paid staff to perform these vital public safety functions. That is expensive, which of course would affect our local property taxes. If we decided to contract out the services and the responders came from a location outside of the Borough the results would be severely increased response times. The quicker the fire department or emergency medical services get to a call the more chance there is of causing either less fire damage or less medical problems. Plus, if we are sharing

these services with other towns, the crews could be tied up on other emergencies resulting in even longer response times.

Please contact members of our fire department and first aid squad. Find out what they do, how they are trained and how rewarding it is to be a member. I did over 34 years ago and it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. You neighbor and municipal property tax bill will be glad you did.

I encourage anyone to contact me should you have any questions about your Municipal Government or if you have any ideas on how we all can make the town a better place to live. Feel free to either stop and talk to me when you see me around town or drop me an email at gskinner@peaapckgladstone.org.

I look forward to serving as your Mayor.



visit PGFire.org for more information on joining the Fire Department.

visit PGFARS.com for details on joining the First Aid Squad.





2019 ELECTION INFORMATION

POLLING PLACE

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX 1 School Street, Peapack

PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 • 6AM - 8PM

APRIL 10: Change of Party Affiliation
Declaration Deadline

MAY 14: Voter Registration Deadline

MAY 28: Last Day to Apply for Mail-In Ballot
by Mail

JUNE 3 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

GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th: 6AM-8PM

Voter Registration Deadline
OCTOBER 15th

Last Day to Apply for Mail-In Ballot by Mail:
OCTOBER 29

NOVEMBER 4th 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

Thank You

PG

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 dinosaur Christmas float! Everyone loved it!!! Cathy Pane and Melanie Jimenez did a fantastic job organizing the party in the gym as did, Sujin Beckerman, Red Abbott and Sama Habibi in leading the procession to the tree lighting and lining the pond with luminaries.

OnLine Registration For Rec Programs

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Registration for all Recreation programs will now be online using Community Pass. To create your account please go to:

<https://register.capturepoint.com/peapackgladstoneborough>

To register for a program, login to your account and select the desired program.

T-ball Picnic

June 7

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 to all players and their families.

Community Day

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June 8 Rain date: June 9

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

Summer Recreation

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Summer Recreation: Summer Recreation will begin on June 24 and end on July 26. Residents entering grades kindergarten through 8 in the fall of 2019 are eligible. Online registration will begin in early spring.

Fall Soccer

Online registration for the PG kindergarten through grade 2 instructional soccer program held in town will begin in late summer.

Art in the Park SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 15th 11:00 PM - 4PM at Liberty Park

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 years and over are invited to attend. Refreshments are served at 12:30 P.M. followed by a meeting at 1:00 P.M.

At the February 25th meeting we will have a program presented by Randy Whitt, Physical Therapist from Kessler Institute, titled "Fall Screening Prevention"

Our next scheduled meetings are March 25th, April 22nd, May 20th (May meeting scheduled one week ahead of time due to Memorial day being on May 27th.



Scheduled Trips

March 27th
Sand Casino, Bethlehem, PA

April 10th
One Observation Deck and the U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, PA

May 16th
American Treasure and Valley Forge, PA

June 18th
Villa Roma, Callicoon, NY
"American Bandstand Tribute Show"

July 18th
Bucks County Playhouse, "Mamma Mia"

September 17th
River Lady, Toms River, NJ Lunch & Cruise

October 21st
Ligreci Stateen, Staten Island, "Octoberfest"
December 9th, Our Annual Christmas Luncheon

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 meetings and possibly become a new member of the Happy Rockers.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lina Calabrese at 908-234-2377

PEAPACK GLADSTONE LIBRARY

Adult Programs

RBG - Rated PG. Movie Matinee Thursday, March 07: 1PM
The life and times of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1313346>

How to Live a Richer Life Today and Tomorrow - Gaining Clarity Over Your Money, led by Jessica Weaver

Monday, March 11: 7:00pm

As featured in Entrepreneur Magazine, Weaver will teach you how to get control over the three KEY areas of your money. A, CFP®, CDFA™, CFS® she has been a Wealth Advisor with Foran Financial Group and Raymond James Financial Services for over seven years. She is the author of the best-selling book "Strong Woman Stronger Assets: How to Raise your Self-Worth in Order to Raise Your Net-Worth to Help Gain Total Control, Clarity, and Confidence with Your Money."

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1313262>

Passport Services

Wednesday, March 20: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

SCLSNJ offers passport services with hours set for your convenience. No appointment necessary. For more information visit www.SCLSNJ.org/passports or call (908) 458-8400 ext. 1161

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1313262>

Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool - Rated R. Movie Matinee Thursday, March 21: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Based on a true story, Peter Turner's former lover, actress Gloria Grahame, collapses in a hotel and refuses medical attention. Peter and family see her through her last days in their home.

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1313362>

Meet Local Peapack & Gladstone Area Authors

Sponsored by the Starlight Creek Writer's Workshop

This informal networking event is open to writers, readers, as well as aspiring writers. Meet local authors who will be selling and signing their books.

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1393521>

Paul, Apostle of Christ - Rated PG 13. Movie Matinee

Thursday, April 04: 1:00pm

Luke risks his life to visit Paul, who is being held captive by Nero in Rome as he awaits his inevitable death. ~ Caroline Griswold, Rovi

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1313366>

The Joy of Backyard Bird Feeding - by Pete Axelrod from Wild Birds Unlimited of Scotch Plains

Monday, April 08: 7:00pm Learn how to attract native birds to your yard by using bird feeders, water, and shelter, while discouraging nuisance animals.

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1368628>

Grandma - Rated R. Movie Matinee

Thursday, April 18: 1:00pm

Elle, has just gotten through breaking up with her girlfriend when her granddaughter unexpectedly shows up asking for \$600. The two spend the day trying to get their hands on the cash.

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1368592>

Sense of an Ending - Rated PG 13. Movie Matinee

Thursday, May 02: 1:00pm

A man becomes haunted by his past and is presented with a mysterious legacy that causes him to re-think his current life situation.

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1378069>

Passport Services

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Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1092240>

Finding Evidence of Early Families in Somerset County - The Mellick Case

Wednesday, May 15: 7:00pm

Local history librarian, Ken Kaufman, will examine what documentation is readily available for researching early settlers in Somerset County using online genealogical resources.

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1391600>

Operation Finale - Rated PG 13. Movie Matinee

Thursday, May 16: 1:00pm

The thrilling true story of the secret mission led by Israeli intelligence agent Peter Malkin to capture Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann.

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1378097>

LIBRARY PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Digitizing Somerset County's Common Heritage - Exploring the Evolution of a Thriving Community

Saturday, May 18: 1:00pm

In partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), SCLSNJ will be collecting, cataloging, and preserving the collective memories of Somerset County residents for FREE!

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/596166>

***Crazy Rich Asians* - Rated PG-13. Movie Matinee**

Thursday, May 30: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

New York born Rachel Chu joins her longtime boyfriend, Nick, at a wedding in Singapore. Unfortunately, Nick neglects to tell her that his family is one of the wealthiest in the country.

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1368736>

The Basics of Butterfly Gardening

Peapack and Gladstone branch - Meeting Room

Wednesday, June 26: 7:00pm

Jane Hurwitz, editor of Butterfly Gardener magazine, will provide ideas on how turn your garden and yard into a welcoming oasis for butterflies, while protecting their entire life cycle.

Register: <https://sclsnj.libnet.info/event/1658962>

Young Adult Programs

Spring Break Crafting

Stop by for plant and sun-catcher designing.

Advanced registration encouraged.

April 16: 5-7 PM

April 27: 2-4 PM

Coding Games

Wednesday, March 27: 7:00pm

Learn coding through gaming.

Origami Club

Put together origami art projects. Register in advance.

May 1: 7-8 PM

Teen Tech Tutors

Volunteer to assist others with basic technology. Register in advance.

March 30: 2-3 PM

April 17: 5-6 PM

May 8: 5-6 PM

Teen Advisory Group

Earn volunteer time brainstorming ideas and working to help create new services at the library. Register in advance.

April 17: 5-6 PM

May 8: 5-6 PM

Call the library at 908-458-8440 to register.

Children's Programs

Baby & Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

March 6, 13, 20, 27

Toddler & Preschool Storytime

Fridays at 10:30 am

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

LEGO Club (ages 5 and up)

Tuesday, May 21 from 4:30-5:30 pm

Book Launch Party Lucy Loves Sherman's Beach

Saturday, March 30: 11:00am

Environmentally themed crafts and games for children presented by Meg Walters, illustrator of "Lucy Loves Sherman" and new release, "Lucy Loves Sherman's Beach" both by author Catherine Bailey.

Paws for Reading

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.

Saturdays from 10-11 am

March 16, April 20

Unless otherwise noted all Library programs will be held in the Library Meeting Room.

Please register for All Library programs using this link:
<http://sclsnj.libnet.info/events>
or call the Peapack & Gladstone branch of SCLSNJ at:
908-458-8440



16th Annual Spelling Bee

The 16th Annual Spelling Bee, held at the Bedminster Township Elementary School on January 23rd 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 40 registered fourth and fifth grade contestants from Bedminster, Bernardsville, Basking Ridge, Gladstone, Peapack, Warren and Watchung schools.

Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st Place Advait Busa of Warren, 5th Grade
- 2nd place Luke Lee of Basking Ridge, 5th Grade
- 3rd place Ryan Liu of Warren, 4th Grade

All participants received a certificate of participation and a "goodie" bag. In addition, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners were awarded gift cards (\$75, \$50, & \$25, respectively), donated by the GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club and GFWC Junior Woman's Club of Somerset Hills.

The Spelling Bee Chairperson and announcer was Bridget Aneo, member of JWC of Somerset Hills. The pronouncer was John DelGiorno, Emmy award winning reporter for WABC, eye witness news professional and aerial camera operator for CBS Sports. The 3 judges were Mina Conte Co-President of the JWC Somerset Hills, Carol George President of the P-G Woman's Club and Patty Whitehouse, Past President and current Treasurer/Membership Chairman of the P-G Woman's Club.

All 3 winners were invited to the Highlands District Bee on February 2nd (Saturday) in Rockaway, NJ. 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 on Saturday March 2nd.

Annual Holiday Wish Tree Highlights Your Generosity

The 2018 Holiday Wish Tree, located in the Peapack and Gladstone Post Offices, was once again a huge success thanks to the giving spirit of the community. Thank you's are also extended to X Barre Fitness, in Peapack, for distributing gift tags.

During the 2018 Holiday Season, over 160 gifts and gift cards were donated by of the community. The beautiful gifts included soccer balls, basketball, football, baseball and glove, skateboard, board games, craft kits, jackets, PJ's, gloves, hats, and more. The gifts were delivered before the holidays to the Women Aware domestic violence agency. The conservative estimated value of the gifts was \$2600.

Also collected were four duffle bags, 1 backpack, 4 gifts and 10 gift cards with an estimated value of \$335, which were donated to CASA of Somerset, Warren and Hunterdon (CASA SHAW) for distribution to children who are currently in temporary homes in those counties.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) is our NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs special state project for 2018 - 2020. It is a nonprofit organization that recruits and trains community volunteers who advocate for children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect – ultimately to make sure they are safe, and they receive services they need within the court and child welfare systems. These CASA volunteers are the eyes and ears of the court in the community. There are currently 11,000 children across the state who have been removed from their homes - only one-third have a CASA advocate. For more information about CASA, visit: <https://casashaw.org/> or contact Club President Carol George at 201-874-3151 or carolgeorge926@gmail.com.

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

Academic & Continuing Education Scholarship Applications

Applications for the 2019 Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club Academic Scholarships will be available at the Peapack-Gladstone Library, local high schools and from the Club Scholarship Committee beginning in March. You may also reach out to Karen Van Arsdale (karenavansdale39@gmail.com) or Carol George (carolgeorge926@gmail.com) for information or an application.

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, one of the individuals listed above.

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Meetings and Membership

The GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club, organized in 1921 and federated in 1922, meets monthly (September-May) usually 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 of New Jersey can become a member.

The next meetings are as follows:

Wed. March 6, 7:30 pm
 Wed. April 3, 7:30 pm
 Wed. May 15, 6:30 pm
 (annual dinner – location TBD)
 Wed. June 5, 7:30 pm
 (club planning meeting for 2019-2020)

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 Carol George Club President at 201-874-3151 or Patty Whitehouse Club Membership Chairman at 908-234-2522 or pattynjsfwc@msn.com for more information.

**Bernards High School Theatre Presents***The Addams Family***A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY****March 1 • 7PM****March 2 • 2PM & 7PM****March 3 • 2PM**

For tickets go to: www.showtix4u.com
 or purchase in the BHS PAC Lobby.

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

Fundraiser for Peapack-Gladstone First Aid Squad

Saturday April 27, 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 24TH 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 26TH pick up a sign and balloons

This will 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



Peapack Gladstone Police Department

The Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Police Department is pleased to announce the hiring of officers Matthew Kelly and Nicholas Ortiz. Both officers were hired in September of 2018 as probationary officers.

Matt Kelly was raised in Hunterdon County and graduated from North Hunterdon High School and attended Warren County Community College before beginning his career in law enforcement. Matt was employed by Frenchtown and West Amwell Police Departments prior to being hired in the Twin Borough. In addition to being involved in a variety of clubs/organizations; Matt enjoys playing golf, basketball, softball, and is a history buff.

Nick Ortiz was born and raised in the Bronx, NY. He graduated from Mount St. Michael Academy and then went onto attend Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ. Nick received a BA in Criminal Justice from Centenary where he also played baseball. He graduated in 2018 from Camden County Police Academy through the Alternate Route program. In his free time; Nick enjoys baseball, football, working out, and coaching youth athletics.

With the hiring of Kelly and Ortiz, this brings the current full-time staffing of officers to eight.

Thank you!

Steve

Officer In Charge
Sergeant Stephen C. Ferrante
Peapack and Gladstone Police Department



The Peapack-Gladstone
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This is a writing from 4th grader Maggie Todd of Peapack about Liberty Park and the pond. It was written as a Bedwell Elementary School assignment for Mr. Thurlow, who lives in Gladstone. It's a personal and very local look at how the pond is viewed by our youth - and maybe many adults.

Beyond the Peapack Pond

Three reasons I like the Peapack pond



The first reason I like the Peapack pond is they have a really nice big pine tree that I like to climb and sit under with my friend Cristina. There're many of them but the biggest one is the best one. Even though people say bigger isn't better sometimes it can be. You can hide out and watch the swans you can also imagine anything.

The second reason I like the Peapack Pond is if you look closely you might find a secret path going somewhere and lots of spaces between trees leading you somewhere and if you look there might be one leading down to the stream.

The Third reason I like the Peapack pond is I like to bike around with my friends but you also have to be careful. We also like to race and see who can jog around the pond the longest.

This place is also very special to me because one time the pond froze so much, we were able to ice skate I had a lot of fun with my mom. This place shows a lot of kindness too by holding a lot of events for the town and all the people. They do lots of stuff for families like Art in the Park. They also do stuff for the kids like the Easter Egg Hunt and they let kids meet firemen. Kids also can meet animals. One time they had some alpacas. They also sold things for Matheny. This is why the Peapack pond is my favorite place in town.



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