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BOROUGH HALL HOURS

ADMINISTRATION
Mon. - Fri. 8:00am-4:00pm

CONSTRUCTION
Mon. - Fri. 8:00am-4:00pm

FINANCE
Mon. - Fri. 10:00am-2:00pm

908-234-2250

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

For the first time, Peapack & Gladstone has a woman police officer patrolling the streets of the Borough. On Wednesday, June 28, Nicole Horne was sworn in as the Borough's newest patrol officer.

Horne grew up in South Plainfield and graduated from South Plainfield High School in 2016. She then attended Kean University, obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2020 and attended and received her police training certificate from Mercer County Police Academy in 2021.

"As the first female officer in the Borough, Nicole brings a welcome diversity to our Department," Police Chief Stephen Ferrante said. "All the members of the Department and the Borough look forward to working with Nicole and wish her a long, successful career in Peapack & Gladstone."



TRAILS, TRAILS AND MORE TRAILS

BY COUNCILWOMAN JAMIE MURPHY

Peapack & Gladstone Borough is home to a new trail that invites nature lovers, dog walkers and exercise buffs to experience our local, woodlands beauty. Schoolhouse Park was named for its proximity to the former Peapack & Gladstone Elementary School, which now houses the Municipal Complex.

The name was chosen from four options through a publicly accessible survey. Schoolhouse Park, which is a testament to the Borough's commitment to preserving its natural treasures, was officially unveiled to the public earlier this year. With the help of Somerset County and Lamington Conservancy funds, the Borough purchased the 12.66 acre property from a local resident.

The PG Department of Public Works cleared an approximate 1/2 mile loop of trail around the edge of the park named Schoolhouse Trail. It is the largest preserved wooded lot in Peapack & Gladstone, and can now be enjoyed by everyone.

In addition to the new Schoolhouse Trail, the Borough continues to investigate expanding our existing trail network. In 2021, a trail leading



from Brook Street up to Main Street was created.

The Borough Council and Environmental Commission are working to find a way to safely connect the new trail up to Natirar Park. Also, the Commission is working hard to get bridges built across two locations of Peapack Brook that will help connect various segments of trails.

The Peapack & Gladstone trails are the result of collaboration between the town and our dedicated volunteers. The end goal is to provide spaces for recreation, education and connecting with nature, and to encourage residents, and visitors to develop a deeper appreciation for the environment and P&G!

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CONSTRUCTION AND ZONING Q & A

The Construction and Zoning Departments ascertain that all building and structures that are erected, constructed, altered, repaired, converted, used or maintained within the Borough and all land use changes are done in accordance with the provisions of the Borough Ordinances and not in violation. The Ordinances may be found on the Borough website.

Q: Do I need a permit to finish my basement?

A: Yes, a building permit is required for all basement finishing. Plumbing, electrical and fire may also be required based on the scope of the project.

Q: Do I need a permit to replace a water heater?

A: For replacement of an electric water heater, the homeowner is required to file for mechanical and electrical permits. For replacement of a gas water heater the homeowner is required to file for a mechanical permit. Gas replacement also requires a Chimney Verification.

Q: Do I need a permit to build a deck?

A: All new deck builds, regardless of size or height, must have both a Building and Zoning permit. The only exemption applies to repairs or replacements to a part of the deck with no structural significance.

Q: Do I need a permit to change plumbing fixtures for a Single Family Home?

A: Fixtures and faucets may be replaced with a similar fixture without a permit provided there is no change in the piping arrangement.

Q: Do I need a permit to replace a Fire Alarm Device?

A: The replacement of smoke detectors or heat detector heads with a like device may be done without a permit.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I am pleased to welcome you, the residents, friends, and neighbors of Peapack & Gladstone to the first issue of the PG Post, the Borough's reintroduced newsletter. In this and subsequent issues, we intend to present compelling articles and information related to your residency in the Borough, articles that will further you and your family's enjoyment of being residents of this most special community.

At this time, we are planning to publish the PG Post three times a year, but as our editorial team gears up and based on feedback, this may change. I anticipate and hope that this newsletter will evolve over time, so do not hesitate to let us know how we are doing.

You may have noticed the Borough's new tag line "A Welcoming Community." Perhaps you've seen these words on the new signs that were recently installed on the roads entering town. Being a welcoming community is a concept that the Borough and your elected officials take seriously. Peapack & Gladstone is inclusive, not exclusive. We aspire for our Borough to be welcoming and affordable for all persons from new families to retirees. While this is not always an easy balance to maintain, I can assure you that my fellow Council members and our staff do their best to do so. Being one of the smaller towns in New Jersey, we have naturally learned to do more with less.



I am honored to represent each of you as your Mayor, a role I began in January of this year after nine years as a Borough Council member and Council President. I thank my fellow Council

members for their support and our dedicated staff members and countless volunteers for helping make 'PG' a great place to live, work and play.

We want to hear from you! Do not hesitate to contact me directly with any comments, concerns, or feedback on this newsletter.

Better yet, consider attending one of our Council meetings to learn more about how local government works. The entire Council appreciates seeing residents at our meetings. Meeting dates and times may be found on our website at www.peapackgladstone.org or by subscribing to our e-bulletin PG Notify on that same site.

With best wishes for a healthy and happy end of summer. Please enjoy everything that our unique Borough and County have to offer.

Mark A. Corigliano
Mayor

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Q: Do I need a permit to replace appliances?

A:

- Domestic clothes dryers may be replaced provided that no change in fuel type, pipe size, or location or electrical characteristics is required.
- Domestic stoves and domestic ovens may be replaced provided no change in fuel type, pipe size, or location or electrical characteristics is required.
- Exhaust fans – bathroom exhaust fans may be replaced without a permit.

Q: Do I need a permit for a shed?

A:

- A construction permit is not required as long as it meets the following criteria:
 - 200 square feet or less in area.
 - Less than 10 feet in mean height.
 - Accessory structure to R-2, R-3, R-4, or R-5.
 - Contain no utilities.
- All sheds regardless of size require zoning approval.

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STORMWATER POLLUTION

- ✓ You may think littering is no big deal. *It is!*
- ✓ You may think that whatever runs into the storm drains gets treated before it reaches local rivers and streams *It isn't!*
- ✓ You may think motor oil and other hazardous materials doesn't harm the water very much *It does!*

Pollution seeps into the ground and is carried by stormwater (rain and snow) directly to our drinking water, streams, lakes and oceans. Contaminated stormwater is the #1 cause of water pollution in New Jersey. Simple things, like proper clean-up after oneself and careful use of chemicals in the home, office and yard, are helpful ways for businesses and residents to protect our water.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in your daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of clean up.

As a resident, business, or other member of the Peapack & Gladstone community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.



The following are easy things you can do every day to protect our water:

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

Keep pollution out of storm drains

Clean up after your pet

Don't feed wildlife

Dispose of yard waste properly

Don't litter

CONSTRUCTION AND ZONING Q & A



Q: *Do I need a permit to replace windows/doors?*

- A:**
- Glass may be replaced in any window or door. The replacement glass must be of a similar type and quality.
 - Windows and doors (including garage doors) may be replaced in the same rough opening without altering the dimensions or framing. This includes means of egress elements (such as emergency escape openings) when dimensions and framing are not altered, and the height, width or net clear opening is maintained.
 - Screens may be repaired, replaced, or installed.

Q: *Do I need a permit for electrical outlets or receptacles?*

- A:** You do not need a permit for receptacles, switches, or lighting fixtures replacements that do not contain emergency battery packs. They may be replaced with a similar item. Receptacles in locations where ground-fault circuit interrupter protection, damp/wet, or tamper-resistant outlets are required and must comply with Section 406.4(D) of the Electrical Subcode.

Q: *Do I need a permit to replace a kitchen range hood?*

- A:** Kitchen range hoods may be replaced without a permit provided that the replacement hood exhaust rate does not exceed the exhaust rate of the existing hood or the exhaust rate of the replacement hood does not exceed 400 CFM, or cubic feet per minute, which measures the volume of air that a fan moves.

Q: *Do I need a permit to replace wall board?*

- A:** The following are considered ordinary repairs and would not require a permit:
- Exterior or interior painting.
 - Installation, repair and/or replacement of less than 25% of plaster or drywall in a 1 or 2 family home.
 - Vinyl or paper wall covering.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

POLICE CHIEF STEPHEN FERRANTE



Every year the Peapack & Gladstone Police Department receives many traffic complaints. One of the main concerns to our community is speeding. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), motor vehicle speeding

killed over 10,000 people in 2019, which means around a quarter of all traffic deaths in this country are speed-related. The NHTSA attributes our speeding epidemic to four factors: traffic, running late, anonymity (drivers becoming detached from their actions while in their vehicles), and disregard for others and the law.

Officers in the Peapack & Gladstone Police Department utilize two types of speed measuring devices known as RADAR units. RADAR (Radio Detection and Ranging) was first conceived and developed by the British and American navies as a surveillance tool in an effort to forewarn of aerial attacks from across the English Channel during World War II.

The first, and most common, radar unit used by the Peapack & Gladstone Police is the dash mounted Stalker Radar Unit.

The second type of speed measuring device utilized by the Peapack & Gladstone Police is the LASER / LIDAR handheld unit. LASER, is an acronym for "Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation". Light is a form of electromagnetic radiation, the same as radio and microwaves.

Many times, officers are requested to conduct radar posts on various Borough roadways and residents will question why vehicles are not being stopped even after perceiving a vehicle as speeding. This is in part because of perception. Studies have shown that the color of the vehicle, the size of the vehicle or even environmental conditions give the perception that a vehicle is speeding when it is travelling within a safe speed.

If any resident feels there is a speeding problem on their street, please reach out to the Police Department, and request enforcement. Residents are also encouraged to come meet our officers while conducting speed enforcement and observe the speeds obtained by Radar.



PG RECREATION

DAN DOLAN, RECREATION COORDINATOR

The summer season is over and we say goodbye to PG Summer Rec Camp. Over 60 PG kids attended our annual five-week "old fashioned" playground camp. Crafts, sports, games, puzzling, counselor challenges, and library events were the order of the day. The kids also enjoyed field trips to Urban Air, The Gravity Vault, and Camel Beach Waterpark. We hope to see all PG kids (rising K-8th) in the Summer of 2024!

Tennis Clinics were offered for the spring and summer, including adult tennis for the first time. Recreation is also planning outdoor movie nights in the future.

Somerset Hills Outdoor Youth Basketball, will be held on Saturday afternoons for grades 3 to 8. Youth Rec – Travel Basketball tryouts, for grades 3 to 8, will be scheduled for October in Bernardsville. Somerset Hills Youth Basketball includes kids from PG, Bernardsville, and Far Hills. Teams compete in the Intertown Rec League, JBL, or MBL.

The PG Happy Rockers, our senior group, has an outing on October 26th to the Brownstone in Paterson featuring "Oktoberfest" music by the BG's. The cost is \$56.00 per person and includes bus transportation, lunch, drink, and dessert. For more information about the PG Happy Rockers, contact Lina Calabrese at (908) 234-2377.

WATCH OUT FOR RECREATIONS EMAIL BLASTS FOR FALL & WINTER ACTIVITIES

If you are not signed up for email blasts and would like to receive them, you can sign up at P&G's recreation portal Community Pass Link. You can find the Community Pass Link on the Recreation page on the Borough website.

LIBERTY PARK UPDATE

Nearly two years after the start of the Borough's Liberty Park improvement project, the grounds are fully open to the public, with the annual "Art in the Park" event scheduled to return Sunday, September 17.

The work involved infrastructure improvements such as drainage upgrades, new lighting, path restoration, arbor work, the removal of the Park Avenue road, extensive planting, landscaping and beautification.

Although there are still some issues with the geese, plantings and grass areas, Borough officials are working diligently with the contractor to correct the issues and finalizing plans to deal with the invasive geese population as humanely as possible.

The Park is be going to be a beautiful, picturesque center point for the Borough.



SAFTEY IN STORMS

KINGSLEY HILL, COORDINATOR

Peapack & Gladstone Office of Emergency Management

Snow storms, wind storms, thunder storms, hurricanes and even sometimes tornados strike our town. In most cases our houses are the safest place for us to shelter during a storm. But what about when it is not, or we are not at home? What about after the storm if power, utilities, and even some essential services are knocked out due to impassable roads, downed trees and wires, blowing and drifting snow, or flooding to name a few?

First, it is important to know that at every entity from individual households, up through the towns, County, and State, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) says that each of these entities (which means your household) should be able to function without any outside aid for 72-96 hours (that's 3-4 days). Of course there will be exceptions when your house is just not habitable, or someone experiences serious injury where the next level of entity needs to assist subsequent levels of government get involved until the need is hopefully met.

That leads to the second most important thing; and that is to be prepared. In your home, be sure to have drinking water, non-perishable food (for everyone including pets), and medicines for at least 4 days. In your car(s) keep a blanket, warm waterproof coat, water and some snacks (crackers or nuts usually do well stored in a car). Even a short trip could leave you stranded in a snow squall or flash flood. Keep your

cell phones charged, particularly before a storm.

Emergency warnings are sent out over smart phones for flash floods, tornados, and other severe weather. Sign up for OEM alerts on PG Notify by visiting the Borough website - www.peapackgladstone.org and click on the blue box on the right side of the page for PG Notify .

Remember, that in the worst of conditions even dialing 9-1-1 may not get you immediate help. Know that your first responders will do everything possible, including risking their lives, to get to you in an actual emergency, but it may take some time. Be prepared.

General Reminders:

- Don't underestimate the power of mother nature
- In an emergency dial 9-1-1
- Stay inside your homes when possible
- If your car leaves the road, stay with it, if possible
- **NEVER** drive or walk through flood waters
- **NEVER** touch or go near a downed wire
- Be aware of storm damaged trees



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MUNICIPAL UPDATES

TAXES AND SEWER CHARGES CAN BE PAID ONLINE

You can now pay your quarterly tax and sewer charges online. Please visit our website at www.peapackgladstone.org and click on the green box "Tax & Utility Account Look Up & Payment" for information and instructions on how to pay online. Questions may be directed to the Finance Department 908-234-2250 x104.

BULK PICK-UP SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Bulk Garbage can only be placed by the street AFTER 12 Noon on the prior day to bulk pickup.

Please NO TIRES, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, RECYCLBLES, HAZARDOUS WASTE OR YARD WASTE.

It is the responsibility of all property owners to notify their tenants of the garbage, bulk refuse and recycling pick-up schedules. If you have any questions, complaints or concerns with this service, contact the Borough Clerk's Office at 908-234-2250 x116

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2023							OCTOBER 2023						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3							1
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30	31					

NOVEMBER 2023							DECEMBER 2023						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31



New signage being installed



Earth Day Cleanup, 2023. A group of volunteers from both our town and other New Jerseyians display the large volume of trash collected during Stream Cleanup



Introducing your 2023 Mayor, Borough Council and Administration
Seated: Council President John Sweeney, Mayor Mark Corigliano.
Standing: Borough Administrator and Clerk Nancy Bretzger, Councilpersons Jill Weible, Jamie Murphy, Don Lemma, Amy Dietrich, Eric Quartello and Borough Attorney John Bruder



The men and women in blue.: (front left) Mayor Mark Corigliano, Officer Matt Kelly, Special Officer Brian Bobowitz, Officer Luke Tamberello, Chief of Police Steven Ferrante, Officer Nicole Horne, Corporal Owen Duff, Corporal Paul Morris, Sargent Tom Scanlon and Police Committee Chairman, Councilman Don Lemma. Not shown: Officers Nick Ortiz, Adam Caruso and Police Secretary Nancy Arbelo



P&G at the airport. Photo taken by Mayor Mark Corigliano at Newark-Liberty Airport's new Terminal A. It depicts the historic Gladstone train station. The painting is part of a gallery of art that the Port Authority installed in the new terminal. The artist is Kim Eckstrom of Fanwood, NJ

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10th ANNUAL CARS & COFFEE SHOW - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



The Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department is once again hosting their Annual Car & Coffee Show on Saturday, September 30th adjacent to Liberty Park on Main Street in Peapack. This annual event showcases over 120 classic vehicles, roadsters, street rods and Detroit iron. It is free to the public, although donations will be accepted. All monies donated benefit the Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department.

The Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department hosts many events throughout the year. Please come out and visit to learn more about about joining the Department and helping our town as a First Responder. Volunteers are always welcome.



RELOCATING THE BOROUGH'S KOI FISH FROM LIBERTY PARK POND

In June of this year, an important decision was made by the Borough regarding the Koi Fish inhabiting the Liberty Park pond. These elegant creatures were introduced to the pond several years ago by a generous anonymous donor and had since become an integral part of the park's aquatic beauty. However, it was recently determined that these stunning fish would be better suited in the care of dedicated Koi enthusiasts as they are considered an invasive species.

At the time of the relocation, estimates suggested there were between 12 to 15 Koi fish gracefully residing in the Park's pond. With a shared commitment to the well-being of these aquatic wonders, the Borough collaborated with the Koi & Goldfish Rescue Rehoming Group, a reputable organization dedicated to ensuring the safe and thoughtful transfer of Koi fish and Goldfish to new homes within the community.

Over the course of several weeks, a group of dedicated volunteers from this organization worked tirelessly to gently and expertly remove these fish from their familiar habitat. We are pleased to announce that the Borough's collective effort resulted in the successful removal of the Koi fish, guaranteeing their continued health and in their new surroundings.

The Borough remains committed to preserving the natural beauty of Liberty Park while ensuring the well-being of its inhabitants.



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ART IN THE PARK

PEAPACK & GLADSTONE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH AT LIBERTY PARK

Peapack & Gladstone's 'Art in the Park' will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 11AM to 4PM. Sponsored by the Borough's Recreation Commission, 'Art in the Park' began in 2000 and continues to grow in popularity with both exhibitors and attendees. The event is a showcase for a large variety of fine art and crafts, as well as an introduction to talented young, local artists.

The event provides our residents an opportunity to meet and talk with the individual artists. Live entertainment by CC Coletti and Not Enough Jeffs, children's activities, and food trucks make this a perfect day in the park!



The PG POST is published three times a year to provide the residents of Peapack and Gladstone with relevant news and information about what is happening locally.

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