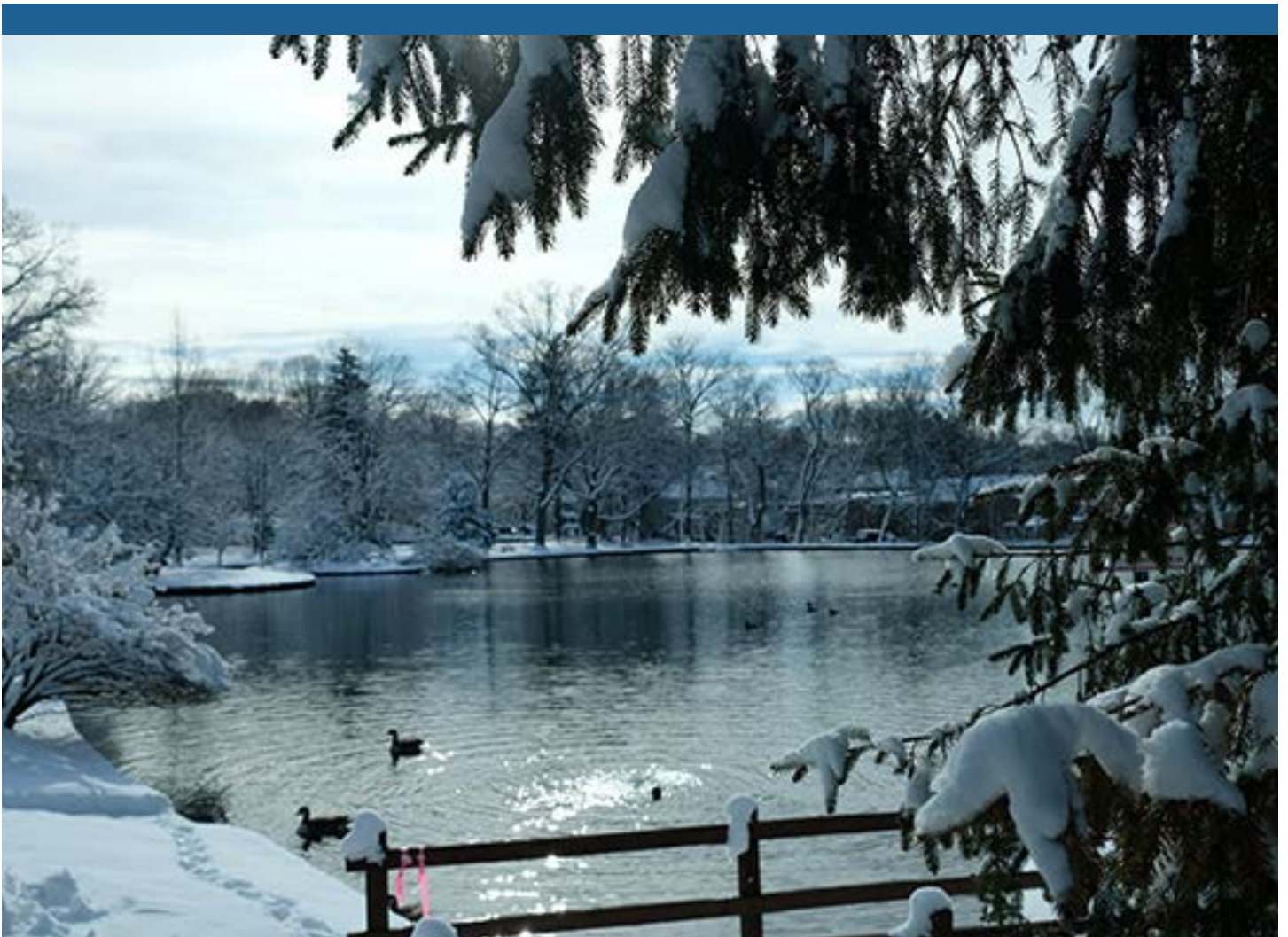




Peapack Gladstone
Borough Gazette

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Mayor's Corner

As we approach the 2019 Holiday Season and end of the year, it is a time for thanks. All of us have a lot to be thankful for. We are very lucky to be living in such a great community. We are safe, have a great school system and we are within an hour from the Nation's best cities, spectacular beaches and pristine natural areas.

I would like to thank all of the volunteer members of the various Borough Commissions. Whether it is keeping track of historical items, providing assistance to the Library or preserving open space you have made Peapack & Gladstone a better place.

We are fortunate to have enjoyed great times with Community Day and Art in the Park. Our children benefit from a robust recreation program. All possible because of volunteers who go above and beyond.

It goes without saying we all sleep soundly at night knowing we are kept safe by our volunteer fire department and first aid squad. The first responders devote thousands of hours to training and responding when people are having their worst day. Time of day or weather conditions, it makes no difference. A big thank you to all of you for what you do.

To the Borough Council and Land Use Board I want to thank you for the time and effort put into governing and managing the Borough. A lot goes on behind the scenes to keep the town functioning and maintaining the quality of life we all enjoy.

And of course, all of our Borough employees. You are the face of the Borough to the residents and visitors. Without you we would not have the services which are top notch. You set the standard that municipalities around us aspire to achieve. Public works, police and administration all work together to make our lives better.

Thank you everyone for your contribution, big or small to help maintain Peapack & Gladstone. Have a safe and healthy holiday season and I look forward to working with you in the new year.

Gregory Skinner
Mayor



Happy Holidays

to all of our residents
and to those they hold dear!



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Women's Club

Everyone is Welcome! An Opportunity for Friendship, Fun and Fulfillment While Working Together. Membership is open to any resident of New Jersey who is at least 18 years of age and is willing to support the goals and purposes of the club.

The GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club, organized in 1921 and federated in 1922, usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month, September through June. Most meetings are held in the Peapack and Gladstone Municipal Building and begin at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming meetings

- **December 4, 2019** - 6:30 pm Holiday potluck dinner and create tray favors for residents of Bryan Manor (please contact us for location)
- **Jan 8, 2020**
- **February 5, 2020**
- **March 4, 2020**
- **April 1, 2020**
- **May 6, 2020** – 6:30 pm Annual dinner (location tbd)
- **June 3, 2020** - Installation of new officers and planning meeting

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Holiday Wish Tree

The Wish Trees have been placed at both the Peapack and Gladstone Post Offices. Please join us in collecting items to be donated to CASA.

Gift tags decorate the trees and anyone wishing to donate a gift, please visit 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 December 4th so the gifts can be delivered in time.



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Thank you to all who have generously donated in the past to make this such a wonderful success!

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) is our NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs special state project for this year. 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 receive the 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. The collected items will be donated to CASA of Somerset, Warren and Hunterdon (CASA SHAW) for distribution to children who often leave home with very few belongings. For more information about CASA, visit: <https://casashaw.org/> or contact Club President Carol George at 201-874-3151 or PGWC1921@gmail.com.

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Butterfly Garden

We are happy to announce that we have installed a butterfly garden located across from the Peapack Train Station. Many species of plants have been installed and will become an excellent garden to observe pollinators for years to come. Thank you to all of our volunteers that helped create this wonderful garden! Watch out for news in the Gazette and Next Door for dates when you can volunteer in the spring.

For more information, please contact Daina Gulbis at daina.gulbis@yahoo.com.



2020 Girls Career Institute

Great opportunity for Junior HS girls to learn about careers and meet girls from around the state.

The Girls' Career Institute (GCI), established in 1947, is a 4-day mini-college experience held at Douglass Residential College. It is offered by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC for girls who are completing their junior year in high school. Girls who participate will reside in the dorms and meet girls from throughout the state. They will have the exposure to many career opportunities and participate in fun group activities and programs.

The Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club sponsors two girls each year and will give first opportunity to town residents or their relatives but will accept applications from any girl in Somerset County.

The GCI dates for 2020 are Monday June 1st through Thursday June 4th. For more information contact Karen Van Arsdale at PGWC1921@gmail.com.

Early Reminder: PGWC Awards Academic Scholarships for Local Graduating Seniors

Applications for the 2020 PGWC Academic Scholarships will be available at the Peapack-Gladstone Library, local high schools and from the Club Scholarship Chairperson Karen Van Arsdale at PGWC1921@gmail.com beginning in March 2020. Awards are generally \$1,000 or higher depending upon strength of application, interview and the number of candidates who are eligible to receive the award.

Completed applications are due May 1, 2020 and mandatory interviews will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

About the GFWC Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club

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 NJSFWC 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 our Club President, Carol George at 201-874-3151 or PGWC1921@gmail.com for more information.

RECREATION

Art in the Park

Thank you to Carla Cirillo, Ronni Armellino and Sasha Bligh for organizing another successful display of art work from local artists at Liberty Park. The weather was fantastic, the bands were great and the turnout was exceptional!

"Winter Rec"

Dodgeball, floor hockey, nerf baseball and other games will be offered in January and February for grades K-2. Details will be posted on the PG Rec website.

T-ball

Online registration through Community Pass for T-ball (children ages 4 - 6) will begin in January. Children ages 7-15 interested in playing baseball or softball must contact Somerset Hills Little League.

Summer Recreation

Summer Recreation Program Job Applications and Volunteers Please contact Diane Becker at dbecker@peapackgladstone.org between January 3-17 if you are interested in applying for a potential job or for volunteering in the Summer Recreation Program for the upcoming summer. Applicants for employment must presently be in ninth grade or older; volunteers can be in grade 8 or older.



Santa Visit

Santa will arrive by fire truck at the Reformed Church nativity scene at 5:10 on Sunday, December 8 to lead a procession of residents and carolers down Main St to Liberty Park for the tree lighting. Refreshments will follow in the PG gym (snow date is Dec. 15)

Additional programs will be posted on the Recreation website at www.peapackgladstone.org, by PG Notify and "Nextdoor". Please be sure to sign up for PG Notify to receive information regarding Rec programs.

Dog License Renewals



Dog License Renewals will take place during January and February, you will be receiving a letter for the renewal by the end of December. If you don't receive a letter, please contact the Borough Clerk's Office.

LAST Leaf Pick Up

Monday, December 16, 2019

Please have leaves bagged and by the curb the night before pick up.

Winter 2020 Library Programs

Peapack Gladstone Branch of the Somerset County Library System of NJ
Registration is required for all programs. Use this link to register <https://sclsnj.org>

Children's Programs

Baby & Toddler Time

Wednesdays at 10:30 am
December 4, 11
January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 26

Toddler & Preschool Storytime

Fridays at 10:30 am
December 6, 13
January 10, 17, 24, 31
February 7, 28

LEGO Club (grades K-5)

Tuesdays at 4:30 pm
December 17, January 21,
February 18

Read to a Therapy Dog (grades K-4)

Saturdays, drop in from 10-11 am
December 21, January 18,
February 15

Parachute Play (ages 2-5)

Friday, December 20 at 10:30 am

Family Movie Matinee (all ages)

"UglyDolls" Rated PG
Friday, December 27 at 2 pm

Calendar Craft (ages 5-12)

Saturday, December 21,
drop in from 2-4 pm
Saturday, December 28,
drop in from 2-4 pm

Trilogy Repertory presents "Treasure Island" (families)

Saturday, January 11 at 10 am
Please call the library to register:
908-458-8440
*Please note this program takes place at Greene Hall in St. Luke's Church, 182 Main Street, Gladstone, NJ 07934

Maple Sugaring (grades K-4)

Saturday, February 1 at 10 am
Please call the library to register:
908-458-8440

Little Builders (ages 1-4)

Wednesday, February 12 at 10:30 am

Toddler Dance Party (ages 1-4)

Wednesday, February 19 at 10:30 am



Teen Programs

Gingerbread House Designing (teens, kids, families)

Thursdays, December 5 & 12
6:00pm
Design your own gingerbread house, courtesy of the Friends of Peapack & Gladstone Library.

Reading Buddies (teens and kids)

Saturdays, December 7, January 4,
and February 8 at 2:00pm
Teens help kids with reading and crafts.

Registration required.

Tech Tutoring

Monday, December 30: 3:00pm
Earn volunteer credit assisting others with basic technology questions.

Vision Board Workshop

Tuesday, January 7 at 5:00pm
Create your own vision board with your goals and aspirations for 2020.

Winterfest (teens and kids)

Friday, January 17: 2:00pm
Drop in for winter-themed crafts, games and contests.

Healthy Smoothies (families)

Saturday, January 18 at 2:00pm
Start the new year off right by learning about healthy habits and

trying different smoothie recipes.
Registration opens on Saturday,
December 28, 2019 at 9:30am

Jewelry Making Workshop

Tuesday, February 11 at 5:00pm
DIY African Necklaces.
Registration required.

Adult Programs

Movie Matinees

Thursdays, at 1PM

First Man - Rated PG-13

Thursday, December 5
1:00pm - 3:00pm
The riveting story behind the first manned journey to the moon, one of the most dangerous missions in history.

The Public

Rated PG-13
Thursday, December 19
1:00pm - 3:00pm
An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold.

The Old Man & the Gun Rated PG-13

Thursday, January 2 at 1:00pm
Based on the true story of Forrest Tucker, a career criminal who escaped from San Quentin State Prison in 1979 and embarked on a spree of bank robberies.

A Dog's Way Home - Rated PG

Thursday, January 16 at 1:00pm
A very special bond is formed between a medical student and an orphaned dog that he adopts.

The Bookshop

Rated PG
Thursday, January 30 at 1:00pm
In 1959, a headstrong widow transforms an old house into a bookshop in order to bring more culture to her small, coastal town.

The Upside

Rated PG-13
Thursday, February 13: 1:00pm
Philip Bryan is a paralyzed billionaire in need of someone to take care of him on a daily basis. He ends up hiring Dell, an unqualified ex-convict desperate for work to maintain his parole status.

Yesterday

Rated PG-13
Thursday, February 27 at 1:00pm
What if the fabulous music group The Beatles never existed? Well, someone would have had to invent them!

Special Needs Social Hour - It's Game Time!

Monday, December 16 at 6:30pm
Designed for adults with special needs (21+) to meet new people, as well as explore fun and interesting activities. Support staff are always welcome.

Electric Trains in the Somerset Hills

Thursday, January 16 at 7:00pm
Councilman and train historian Mark Corigliano will tell the story of the Lackawanna Railroad's Suburban Electrification and Modernization Project.

Passport Services

Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00pm
SCLSNJ is an officially-designated passport application acceptance facility with passport processing hours set for your convenience. No

appointment necessary. First-come, first-served.

Blind Date With a Book (adults & teens)

Saturday, February 1
Friday, February 14
All Day
Spice up your reading - go on a blind date ... with a book! Will your dream date be a thriller, a romance, or a mystery? Courtesy of the Friends of Peapack & Gladstone Library

Explore Your Roots (adults and teens)

Mondays -February 3, 10, 17,
and 24 at 6:30pm
Learn how to use the library's genealogy databases, including HeritageQuest, which has the Freedman's Bank Records, from 1865-1871, a great resource for African-American genealogy.

West Africa on the East Coast

Presented by Dr. Michael Norris
Saturday, February 22
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Explore the cultural tapestry of West Africa through centuries of art from within its 18 present-day countries, especially the Benin



It's FLU Season!



Flu season starts around October or November can last into May and peaks in January and February. If you have ever had “The Flu” you *will* remember. It takes over your life, not just your body. Flu is a **contagious viral infection** that mostly affects the respiratory system: nose, throat and lungs. Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache,

vomiting and diarrhea.

PROTECT:

The flu, also known as seasonal influenza, is preventable with a vaccine. The strains or type of flu virus that make up flu vaccine are based on what viruses are circulating. These viruses will trigger an immune response in the body producing antibodies against the types of viruses the vaccine contains. Some vaccines are “trivalent” or fight against three strains of virus and some are “quadrivalent” to fight against four types of flu virus. Is it perfect? Not always. The composition of the flu vaccine is decided in February but so much can change by the next autumn’s flu season. Viruses can alter or a new strain can develop making the vaccine less effective but not ineffective.



Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family. The CDC recommends that everyone who is 6 months of age and older get a yearly flu shot, especially very young children, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions who are more vulnerable to serious flu complications. I know not everyone is convinced about getting the flu shot but vaccination is the most effective currently available method to prevent influenza and its complications. It takes about two weeks for the body to develop an immune response, so the sooner you are vaccinated the better.

PREVENT:

While the flu vaccine is working on the inside you can be working to prevent flu virus from getting into your body. Try to stay away from people who are sick, cough or sneeze into your sleeve or cover your mouth with a tissue. Don’t touch your eyes, nose or mouth to prevent the spread of germs. Clean commonly touched surfaces often like doorknob, handles, and railings. Stay home from work or school to prevent spreading flu to others.

Happy Rockers

The Peapack Gladstone Happy Rockers meet on the fourth Monday of each month at the Municipal Building, 1 School Street, Peapack, NJ 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

Our scheduled meetings for 2020 are: January 27th, February 24th, March 23rd, April 27th, May 18th (One week ahead due to memorial day being May 25th), June 22nd, no meetings in July and August . Sept. 28th, October 26th, Nov. 23rd. No meeting in December.

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

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.



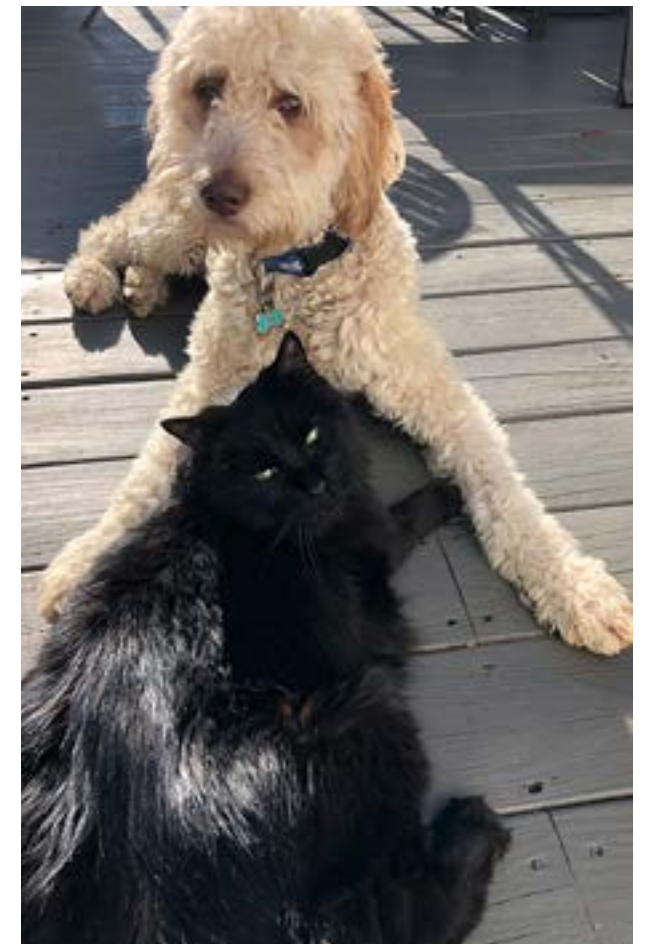
FREE! Rabies Clinic for Dogs & Cats

January 11, 2020
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bernards Township Public Works Garage
277 S. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

No Appointment Necessary

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Bernards Township Health Department
908-204-2520



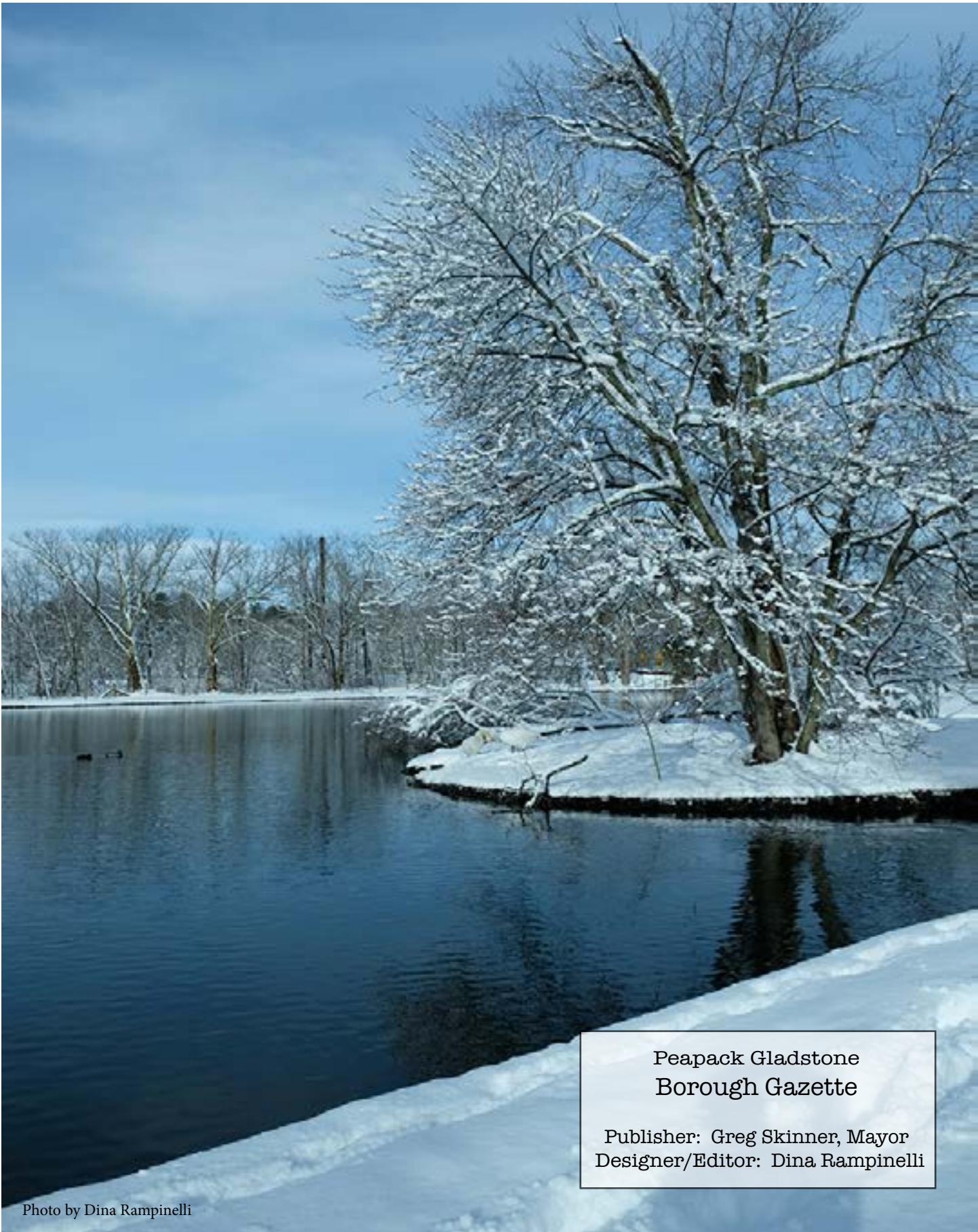


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Winter in Liberty Park