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BOROUGH HALL HOURS

ADMINISTRATION/ CLERK	Monday to Thursday
	8:00am - 4:30pm
	Friday
	8:00am - 1:00pm
CONSTRUCTION	Monday to Thursday
	8:00am - 4:30pm
	Friday
	8:00am - 1:00pm
TAX/SEWER COLLECTION	Monday to Thursday
	10:00am - 2:00pm
	Friday
	9:00am - 1:00pm
POLICE FRONT DESK	Monday to Thursday
	8:00am - 4:30pm
	Friday
	8:00am - 1:00pm

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK: MARK A. CORIGLIANO, MAYOR

IN MEMORY John L. Sweeney 1962-2025



It is with remorse that I write the first part of this message. Just a few weeks ago, the Borough lost one of its sons. Councilman John Sweeney unexpectedly passed away. Needless to say, this was a shock to his family and all of us here at the Borough.

John was, above all, a family man devoted his loving wife Karen and four children: Conor, Devin, Lauren and Pearce as well as to the wellbeing of the Peapack & Gladstone community. For nearly two decades, he served with unwavering dedication as a Councilman and as Borough Council President. He led not for recognition, but from a profound sense of responsibility; he believed that true leadership was an act of service, and that every decision should be guided by a commitment to the common good.

It has correctly been said that the Council is a family unto itself within the family of all Borough employees. The seven of our elected officials along with our Administrator and staff and Borough Attorney make up that family. We all work closely and passionately together. No doubt we lost one of our own with John's passing and he will be so very missed by all.

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PROFILE IN SERVICE: PEAPACK GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Meet Corporal Paul Morris

Corporal Paul Morris was born and raised, as they say, "down the shore." He graduated from Point Pleasant Beach High School. Corporal Morris then attended the University of Rhode Island, and the American Military University where he studied viticulture, which is the science and study of cultivating grapes. At that time, he enlisted in the US Coast Guard Reserve in 2004, where he still serves honorably today with over 21 years of service.

Corporal Morris joined the Peapack & Gladstone Police Department in 2005, after graduating from the Ocean County Police Academy. He has held the position of Patrol Officer, Detective, and now Corporal. Corporal Morris has also been a member of the Somerset County SWAT Team for past 10 years.

Off duty, Corporal Morris likes to head to the mountains and go snowboarding with his family.



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MAYOR MARK A. CORIGLIANO

His colleagues and constituents alike knew John as a thoughtful listener and a tireless advocate. He approached every challenge with integrity and compassion, always seeking solutions that would uplift, unite and keep our small community the great place that it is.

John's community was not limited to council chambers. As an Estate and Trust attorney, he worked for his clients with diligence and honor. It is known in the Church community that John was often approached to do work pro bono for those who could not afford it and he did so willingly and without question. Not only on the Council level but at every level, John rarely said 'no' – he was always open to taking on one more task, one more project, one more responsibility.

The Council will be exploring ideas to permanently honor John in an appropriate manner and details on this will be forthcoming once finalized. For certain, John and his legacy will not be forgotten.



ON A LIGHTER NOTE ...

Your Borough Council and Administration has been actively working these last few months on several initiatives for the benefit of our residents. Here's a quick recap of the key items

- The Library Renovation continues to slowly proceed to completion. The project, by our own admission, has taken way too long but we are close to completion. Unfortunately, the accidental roof fire at the construction site threw off the schedule by a few months but we are at a point as I write this, where we believe the opening date will be towards the end of October.
- The Pottersville Road bridge project is rolling along and on schedule. Now that the old bridge is fully out, it is now understood by the some that they now understand why this project is as involved and complex as it is. Still, we are anticipating completion on time at the end of the year or shortly thereafter.
- The Borough is working through Highlands Compliance. While joining the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (its full and formal name) will bring some restrictions on future development within the Borough, we believe that the benefits and protections that participation brings towards maintaining the unique nature of our Borough will far outweigh any minor constraints. Highlands compliance is at the point where the Borough recently submitted its Conformance Assessment for approval. We anticipate full compliance and acceptance late in Q4, 2025 or Q1, 2026.

- The Borough is also in the middle of the Round 4 Affordable Housing Compliance. At this point we've settled with the Objectors and have a 2025-2035 obligation of 62 credits. I've scheduled a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Councilroom to explain the Round 4 obligation and its impact on the Borough with a focus on the rezoning of the Trimmer Lane area to accommodate higher density housing. All residents are invited to attend.



- At the Council meeting on Tuesday, August 19, the expenditure to construct new tennis and pickleball courts was approved by the Borough Council. The new Courts will be constructed using a post-stressed concrete technique that will give them an expected lifespan of over 40 years. Appropriate sound-attenuating plantings will be arranged near the courts to lessen any potential sound impact. The courts will be moved from their current (and somewhat remote) location in Komline Park to the sports area behind the Municipal Building.

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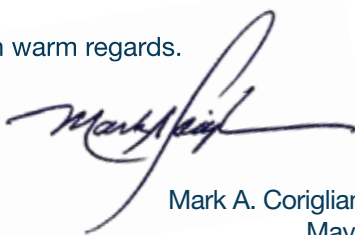
ON THE LAND USE SIDE OF THINGS...

- The Land Use Board recently held its first hearing on the proposed site plan for the former Pfizer complex. Based on just this one meeting, the proposed redevelopment of the site looks well-designed, respecting the unique architectural elements of the campus while accommodating different levels of housing for seniors, a smaller extended stay hotel, supporting commercial space and a significant amount of recreation, open space and a trail network. The complex, while accessible by trail to the downtown, will only be accessible by car from Route 206 as it is now.
- You may have noticed other developments underway in the Borough including the Vernon Manor apartments on Main Street (adjacent to the Municipal Building) and the renovation of the former Bevel Saddlery Building on Lackawanna Avenue to storefronts. Approved and soon to begin are the conversion of The Stable auto showroom on Main Street to a microbrewery and the construction of the Peapack Crossing Development on Route 206 by Toll Brothers.
- And lastly, we are actively working on a refresh of the sidewalk area outside the block of stores in downtown Peapack (think Cocoluxe and the Peapack Post Office) in cooperation with the building owner. We are also working on the conversion of the unused 'Park House' at the corner of Liberty Park into a traditional barn-styled, open-air pavilion.

Lastly, as a reminder, mark your calendars for the annual Art in the Park event on Sunday, September 14 in Liberty Park. It is an event not to be missed.

As always, I am thrilled to hear from residents with questions, comments or just to say hello. I may be reached at mcorigliano@peapackgladstone.org or at 908.234.2250 x111.

With warm regards,



Mark A. Corigliano
Mayor

mcorigliano@peapackgladstone.org



Free 2025 Vaccines for Children

For children **without health insurance** from birth to 18 years in:

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

To make an appointment call:

Community VNA

908-725-9355 Ext. 0

www.communityvna.org

- Check-ups & immunizations for newborns, toddlers and preschoolers
- Immunizations for school-aged children aged 18 and under
- Medical staff will assess the growth and development of children
- Child health education for parents/guardians

Clinic Dates for 2025 (subject to change) are as follows:

1/9, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25, 10/23, 11/13, 12/11



Conducted in conjunction with Bernards Township Health Department and Local
Boards of Health in cooperation with Community Visiting Nurse Association

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

Contractual Health Agency for:
Bernards Township
Bernardsville Borough
Chester Borough
Long Hill Township
Mendham Borough
Peapack and Gladstone Borough

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ANIMAL CONTROL: DISPELLING BEAR MYTHS

MICHELLE SANTORO, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (RETIRED)

Bears are one of the most adaptable and versatile mammals on earth. Their behavior stirs fear, awe, wonder, and curiosity in us. Unfortunately, there are still many myths surrounding the lives and behavior of bears that negatively impact our relationships with them. A greater knowledge of the behavior, ecology and habitat of bears is crucial if we are to learn to co-exist peacefully with these magnificent creatures.

Myth #1: Bears are Unpredictable

Fact: Bears use body language and vocalizations to show their intentions. Learning about bear behavior can be beneficial to people who live or recreate in bear country. Bears are normally shy, retiring animals that have very little desire to interact with humans. Unless they are forced to be around humans to be near a food source, they usually choose to avoid us.

Myth #2: A bear standing on its hind legs is about to charge

Fact: Actually, a bear standing on its hind legs is just trying to better identify what has caught its attention. As I'm sure you'll agree, it's much easier to see, hear and smell things from a standing position, than down on all fours. Bears see in color and have good vision, similar to humans.

Myth #3: Once a bear has tasted human food, he won't eat wild food any more

Fact: Bears prefer natural, wild food unless it is difficult to find and human food is too easy to get. Even the worst food-conditioned bears still eat natural foods whenever they're plentiful. The first rule of "Bear Smartness" is to not attract bears to areas frequented by humans. Conflicts usually increase when natural foods run out – a good time to be more vigilant of bear attractants on your property; such as bird feed, pet food, fruit trees/berry bushes, barbecue grease and compost.

Myth #6: Shooting or relocating a bear will solve the problem

Fact: Removing the bear and not the attractant will only create an opportunity for another bear to move in, creating a vicious cycle of conflict and killing. Bears are normally shy, retiring animals that have very little desire to interact with humans. Unless they are forced to be around humans to be near a food source, they usually choose to avoid us.



Myth #4: Bear bells are the best way to avoid a surprise encounter

Fact: It's best to alert bears of your presence by talking loudly, singing songs or breaking sticks. Make lots of noise. If a bear hears you coming, it will usually avoid you. Warn bears of your presence by talking calmly and loudly or singing, especially in dense bush where visibility may be limited or around rivers or streams where bears have trouble hearing you coming. Your voice will help identify you as human and non-threatening. Keep dogs on a leash and under control. Dogs may be helpful in detecting bears, but they may also agitate them and create a conflict situation – sometimes returning to their humans with the bear in pursuit.

Myth #5: Bears that wander into inhabited areas such as campsites, rural towns or cottage communities are dangerous.

Fact: It is nearly impossible for a bear to make its daily excursions without walking through someone's private property. Bears may travel hundreds of kilometers in their search for food. If you have stored your food and garbage properly, the bear will likely move on. Remember, problem bears aren't born they're created through mismanagement of human food and garbage. If bears are hanging around, something is attracting them. Removing the attraction will usually solve the problem.

Extracted from: <http://www.bearsmart.com>
Learn more at: <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/bears>

BATTERY FIRE SAFETY



Everyone is using a battery device in some form or another. With increased use comes increased potential for incidents. There are hidden dangers tied to improper handling and disposal of batteries at their end-of-life. Many people are unaware of these dangers, which cause an increase in fires across recycling centers, waste facilities and garbage trucks. This results in lives being put in danger and causes millions of dollars in physical damage.

By taking a few extra steps, everyone can play a role in reducing the potential risks to people, property and the environment.

Know the signs of battery failure and practice safe battery usage and charging. Do the following:

- Choose certified products
- Handle with care
- Always Stay Alert
- Recycle Properly
- Get Out Quickly
- Educate Others

Stop using lithium-ion batteries if you notice odor, a change in color, excessive heat, a change in shape, leaking or odd noises. Don't put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycle them at your local battery recycling location.

Batteries may be recycled at your local home center (Home Depot, Lowes) or the Somerset County Recycling Center at 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ, 08844 on October 18, 2025.

HEADING HOME

BILL SIMPSON, GLADSTONE, NJ

A couple of weeks ago, just for fun, I had my daughter drop me at the top of Highland, near the entrance to Matheny. I wanted to walk home from there via the PG Trail System, using our County and Borough roads as little as possible.

I hopped out of the car and feeling spunky, jogged down the Hub Hollow Trail to the South Branch of the Raritan. Moving south at a good clip along the River Trail, I entered Natirar and made my way back to the main parking lot.

From there, I went up and over the hill and down to Peapack Road, where I crossed and took the right-of-way back to the Peapack Brook. The DPW has cut a nice trail that runs north out to the Peapack Train station, where I crossed Holland Avenue and hit the sidewalk. The sidewalk took me safely past St. Brigid's to Liberty Park.

I ambled around the pond, crossed the brook and the train tracks and cut up into Komline Park. I took the trail up through the bamboo forest to a little-used Borough trail that runs north out to Pottersville Road.

Here, I had to cross my third street, but another trail led me out to Brook Hollow Rd, which I took out to Old Chester. One car passed, it was a friend of mine who lives on Cedar. We waved. Small town.

I crossed Old Chester, walked down to Jackson Ave. and entered Rockabye Meadow. A quick jog to the north end of Rockabye, where I splashed across the brook, went up the hill, crossed Church Street, and waltzed into my back yard.

I'd traversed pretty much from one end of the Borough to the other. And, I did most of the walk using our lovely parks and exceptional trail system.

We here at the Environmental & Shade Tree Commission, where I serve as head of the Trails Committee, have big plans to make our walking/biking trails even better and more accessible.

If interested in what we're doing, think about attending a meeting.

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BULK PICK-UP

BULK COLLECTION CLEAN UP DAYS collection service shall be on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER

NEXT PICK-UP: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

Garbage shall be construed to mean offal and refuse of animal and vegetable matter, liquid or solid, which has been used as food for man or beast and refuse matter and vegetable matter which is or was intended to be used, including condemned foods, spoiled meat, fish, fowl, vegetable or birds, all decayable matter of any kind incident to the ordinary conduct of a household (providing the foregoing are contained in plastic bags or regulation cans; no paper bags or boxes).

Refuse shall mean discarded waste materials such as paper, excelsior, straw, boxes, crates, broken glass, crockery and materials of similar nature, but shall not include ashes, tires, plaster or refuse from building operations or repairs.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2025						
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OCTOBER 2025						
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DECEMBER 2025						
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STEP BACK IN TIME AT THE HISTORIC BARNs OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE

MARGERY SCHIESSWOHL, PRES.: PG HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Join us for a unique journey through time at the, Historic Barns of Peapack & Gladstone event. This is proudly hosted by the Historical Preservation Committee of Peapack & Gladstone!

Discover the charm and architectural legacy of our Borough's most iconic barns as you drive at your own pace from one historic site to the next. This self-guided tour offers a rare glimpse into the agricultural roots and craftsmanship that shaped our community.

Don't miss this engaging afternoon of history, storytelling, and local heritage! The event will be held on Saturday, November 15th (rain date of the 16th) from 11:00am-2:00pm. The tour includes seven historic and iconic barns in our community and concludes with a reception and talk at the USETC at 2:00pm. A download link to the barn tour map will be available on November 14th on the PG website at www.peapackgladstone.org.



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SAVE THE DATE : ART IN THE PARK

**Peapack & Gladstone's
25th Anniversary
ART IN THE PARK
SEPTEMBER 14**



2025 ELECTION INFORMATION

GENERAL ELECTION:
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2025 6:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

POLLING PLACE:
**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX – 1 SCHOOL STREET
DISTRICT 1 & DISTRICT 2**

October 14: Voter Registration Deadline

October 28: Last Day to Apply for Mail-In Ballot

October 25 to November 2: Early Voting (*please visit the Borough website for a list of Early Voting polling locations*)

November 3 – by 3:00 PM: Last Day to apply for **Mail-In Ballot in person** at the Somerset County Clerk's Office located at 20 Grove Street in Somerville, New Jersey

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

ELECTION SIGNAGE INFORMATION

Please follow standard municipal common practices:

- Limiting signs to 6 sq. ft. and 3 ft. in height
- Post no more than 30 days before an election
- Remove signs within 7 days after Election Day
- Keep signs off public property (like mailboxes, utility poles, streets)
- Ensure site distance (i.e., don't obstruct sight lines at intersections)

P&G RECREATION – DATES TO REMEMBER

Kiddie Soccer

- 8-week program (Saturdays – 9/13 to 11/1) for kids ages 3 ½ - 6 years old. Registration opens next week

Somerset Hills Youth Basketball

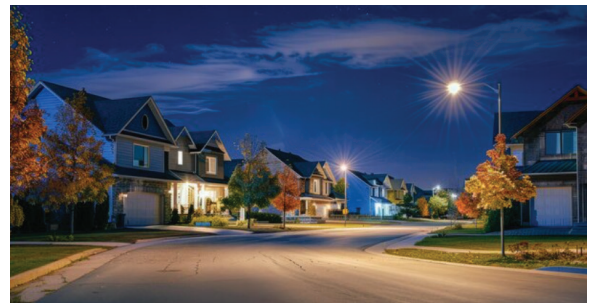
- Sign-ups and evaluations will be in October for kids in Grades 3-8 (Travel and Intertown Rec)
- Registration will be on Bernardsville Rec's Community Pass, Late September

PG Halloween Parade

- Sunday, October 26th at 3:00PM

PG Annual Tree Lighting & Santa Visit

- Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 PM



STREET LIGHT OUT?

Did you know that most streetlights throughout the Borough are maintained by JCP&L? If you notice a street light out, you can report the problem directly to JCP&L through a few clicks on their website at www.jcp-l.com

Under Outages, click on "Report Lighting Problem" or call their automated outage reporting line at 888-LIGHTSS (888-544-4877).

When you contact them, let them know:

- Your name and phone number, in case they need more information
- Address where the streetlight is located – nearest house or business address and the nearest cross street
- The number on the pole
- What is wrong with the streetlight – damaged pole, light fixture is broken, the light is off at night, on during the day or it flickers

Most streetlight outages can be repaired within a few business days, but it can sometimes take longer if equipment needs to be replaced.

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TAX SALE 2025

Our annual Tax Sale for delinquent 2024 and prior years' taxes, sewer & other municipal charges will be held online on October 15, 2025 at 9:00am.

<https://peapackgladstone.newjerseytaxsale.com>

To prevent a tax sale and a lien being placed on your property, please pay all your outstanding delinquent charges immediately.

Questions may be directed to the Finance Department by dialing 908-234-2250 x 104. Finance Office hours are
Monday – Thursday 10:00am – 2:00pm
Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

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FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Friday, October 17, 2025

11:00am – 1:00pm

**Peapack & Gladstone
Municipal Building Gymnasium**

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