

# 2022-2023 Borough of Elmer Newsletter

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**NEW WEB SITE** – This summer the Borough is planning to transition to a new web site format with the same domain name, [www.elmerboroughnj.com](http://www.elmerboroughnj.com). Please note that the Borough Code is also online and searchable, and files like minutes, agendas, budgets, and audits are located on this site: [www.eCode360.com/EL4070](http://www.eCode360.com/EL4070).

## MAYOR'S ALERT

**BOROUGH PROJECTS** – The Borough Hall renovations for ADA compliance are completed so please come visit to see the upgrades to the library ramp and interior. We have two big projects that will be completed by the end of this year, both also subsidized by grant funds. Construction of a new half mile walking paved trail in the Green Acres Park adjacent to the Elmer Ballpark will be starting in June. The Salem County Health & Wellness Foundation provided funds for this project. The Veteran's Monument will be undergoing a complete renovation that will feature a mural completed in cooperation with Appel Farm artists through an arts grant from the Salem County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Check the Elmer Times and Borough web site for information and upcoming grand openings for these projects.

**FERAL/STRAY CATS** – Please be aware that if you feed stray/feral cats on your property you are acknowledging 'ownership' and you must vaccinate and license them per Borough Code Chapter 5. If you have any questions about feral cat management, please contact Council Member Jim Zee at (609) 774-8628.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the website Events Calendar to confirm.

**HARVEST DAY** – The Greater Elmer Area Historical Society (GEAHS) Harvest Day festival is scheduled for **Monday, October 1, 2022, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. Come out and enjoy a fun day of craft and food vendors, music, children's activities, History in the Park, car show, and other entertaining events. Start the day with the **ELMER LIBRARY 5K WALK/RUN & MAYOR'S MILE WALK 7:30 AM** registration and **8:30 AM** start time; cash prizes for top runners and lots of door prizes! For more information, check the Borough's web site, contact GEAHS at (856) 358-6171 or visit their facebook page: [www.facebook.com/greaterelmerareahistoricalociety/](http://www.facebook.com/greaterelmerareahistoricalociety/).

**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS** – Halloween is scheduled for **Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**. There is an 8:00 PM curfew for Sunday (October 30) for anyone under the age of 17 unless accompanied by an adult.

**GENERAL ELECTION** – The polling location for in-person voting for registered voters in the Borough of Elmer is the **ELMER FIRE HALL, 110 Penn St.** in the meeting room in the back of the building. The deadline to register to vote in the next general election is **October 18, 2022** (21 days prior to the election). Next General Election: **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**; in-person early voting is available at three locations in Salem County from **Saturday October 30, 2022** through **Saturday November 5, 2022**, 10 am – 8 pm except Sunday, 10 am – 6 pm. Contact the Borough Clerk or the Salem County Board of Elections for any questions about voting or call 1-877-NJ-VOTER (1-877-658-6837).

**FREE RABIES CLINIC FOR CATS AND DOGS** – The State of NJ requires that all rabies shots be good through November 1 of the license year. This year's **FREE** Rabies Clinic is scheduled for **Saturday, November 5, 2022, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the Elmer Fire Hall, 110 Penn St.** If your pet's rabies shot expires prior to **November 1, 2023**, you will need to get a new rabies shot to qualify for a 2023 license. **NO LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.**

**DOG & CAT LICENSES** – Dog & cat licensing begins **January 1, 2023** and the deadline to send in your 2023 license payment is **March 31, 2023**. There is a **\$20 per pet** late fee and possible additional court fines if you pay after **March 31, 2023**. State statute requires all pets be vaccinated before 2023 licenses are issued and rabies must be good through **November 1, 2023**. License fees are \$10 for spayed/neutered dog/cat, \$15 for non-spayed/unneutered dog/cat. License payments may be mailed to the Animal Registrar, Elmer Borough, PO Box 882, Elmer NJ 08318, or dropped in the drop box to the right of the glass doors on the south side entrance of the building. Any questions, contact Chris Digneo, Animal Registrar, at (856) 358-4010, Ext. 119, or email [chris@elmerboroughnj.com](mailto:chris@elmerboroughnj.com).

## BOROUGH NEWS/INFORMATION

**CONSTRUCTION OFFICE** – The Elmer Construction Office is located at the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Building, 989 Centerton Road, Pittsgrove, NJ and is open **Monday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM** (closed Thursdays). For more information call (856) 358-2300 Ext. 6026. Zoning permits are issued by the Borough's Zoning Officer, Ed Ramsay; visit our web site or call (856) 358-4010, Ext. 114.

**HOUSING, ZONING, & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICE** – Housing Officer Chris Digneo and Zoning Officer Ed Ramsay are available on **Wednesdays by appointment only** and can be reached at (856) 358-4010, Ext. 114 or by email at [zoninghousing@elmerboroughnj.com](mailto:zoninghousing@elmerboroughnj.com). Leave a detailed voice mail with your contact information to schedule an appointment. **Please submit Certificate of Occupancy (CO) application and fee at least 10 days** before an inspection is needed. Housing and Zoning applications are available on our website. Thanks for your cooperation!

**RECYCLING NEWS – PLEASE HELP US WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST CONTAMINATION TO SAVE TAXPAYER MONEY!** Our recyclers have become very strict on what can be recycled so when contamination occurs the entire truck may be sent to the landfill causing additional costs to Borough taxpayers. In addition to glass, cans, paper & cardboard, **ONLY** bottle-grade plastic labeled 1 and 2 are now accepted, and **NO PLASTIC LIDS** are permitted; plastic lids now go in the trash. **NEVER use plastic bags** for recycling, and please rinse all containers. **Recycling Restrictions:**

**NO PLASTIC BAGS**

**NO** Plastic Labeled #3-7

**NO** Plastic Bottle Lids

**NO** Electronics

**NO** Clothing

**NO** Food

**NO** Styrofoam

**NO** Plastic toys

**NO** Broken Glass, Pyrex, or Mirrors

**GET THE FREE RECYCLE COACH APP** for your phone! Download the [Free Recycle Coach App](#) from the Borough web site to get all of the latest information on what you can and cannot recycle, as well as trash and recycling schedules and last-minute changes for the Borough of Elmer! Need a free recycling container? Contact the Recycling Coordinator (856) 305-0345 or Clerk at (856) 358-4010 x110.

**TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE** – Property tax deductions and/or exemptions are available for eligible Veterans, Seniors, and Disabled Citizens; contact Tax Assessor Greg Busa to find out if you qualify. Office hours are **Fridays, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**; call (856) 358-4010 Ext. 117, or email [assessor@elmerboroughnj.com](mailto:assessor@elmerboroughnj.com) if you have any questions or to make an appointment.

**TAX & WATER COLLECTIONS OFFICE** – Collector James V. Davis, CTC, has office hours for tax and water payments on **Tuesdays, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM** and payments may be mailed or dropped in the drop box located to the right of the south side entrance of the Borough Hall anytime. Changes in office hours will be noted on the voicemail recording, posted on the Borough Hall doors, and/or advertised in the Elmer Times. Any questions call (856) 358-4010, Ext. 116; fax (856) 358-4870; or email [collector@elmerboroughnj.com](mailto:collector@elmerboroughnj.com).

**Tax & Water bills may be paid ONLINE. Visit [www.elmerboroughnj.com/Taxes.html](http://www.elmerboroughnj.com/Taxes.html) and click on the link for either Online Tax or Online Water Payments.**

**OFFICE HOURS DURING THE TAX QUARTERS** – Please check the Tax Office voice mail or the Elmer Times for tax collection hours during the quarter in case there is a change. Here is the tentative schedule for office hours during quarters; the grace period is typically the 10<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise designated:

<b>3rd Quarter</b> DUE <b>August 1, 2022</b>	Grace period extended to: <b>Tuesday, August 16, 4:00 - 7:00 PM</b>
<b>4th Quarter</b> DUE <b>November 1, 2022</b>	Grace period extended to: <b>Tuesday, November 15 4:00 - 7:00 PM</b>
<b>1st Quarter</b> DUE <b>February 1, 2023</b>	Grace period extended to: <b>Tuesday, February 14, 4:00 - 7:00 PM</b>
<b>2nd Quarter</b> DUE <b>May 1, 2023</b>	Grace period extended to: <b>Tuesday, May 16, 4:00 - 7:00 PM</b>

**THE TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT 2022 TAXES, WATER, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES WILL BE HELD AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED IN 2023.**

**WATER DEPARTMENT** – Information about the yearly test results of our public water can be found in the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which will be mailed to property owners on or before **July 1, 2022**. Copies will also be available in the Clerk's and the Tax Collector's Offices and will be posted on the Borough's website at [www.elmerboroughnj.com/water.html](http://www.elmerboroughnj.com/water.html). If you have any issues with your water supply or meter, please contact our new Water Department Manager, Consulting Engineer Services (CES), at (856) 628-0867; all billing questions should be directed to Tax & Water Collector, James Davis, at (856) 358-4010 x116 or [collector@elmerboroughnj.com](mailto:collector@elmerboroughnj.com).

**LEAD LINE SERVICE SURVEY** – We appreciate all water customers who have taken the time to fill out and return the water service survey that was sent out in early May. If you did not receive the survey, contact the Borough Clerk at (856) 358-4010 x110 or visit our website to download a copy: [www.elmerboroughnj.com/files/137209486.pdf](http://www.elmerboroughnj.com/files/137209486.pdf).

**LIBRARY NEWS** – The current library hours are **Monday to Thursday 10:00 AM – 1:45 PM**, and **6:30 PM - 8:15 PM**, and **Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:45 PM**. Interlibrary loans, audio-books, DVDs, and E-books are available to members; Elmer residents can join the library for FREE! Any questions contact Senior Library Assistant Linda Mihalecz at (856) 358-2014 or [elmer.librarian@comcast.net](mailto:elmer.librarian@comcast.net), or visit [www.elmerlibrarynj.org](http://www.elmerlibrarynj.org) or [facebook.com/elmerlibrary](https://facebook.com/elmerlibrary).

**POLL WORKERS NEEDED** – The Salem County Board of Elections needs poll workers for upcoming elections. Free training is provided and trained poll workers earn **\$300** to work the polls on Election Day. Contact the Salem County Board of Elections at (856) 935-7510 Ext. 8328 or visit [www.salemcountynj.gov/departments/election-board](http://www.salemcountynj.gov/departments/election-board).

**STORMWATER POLLUTION AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT** – Water from rain and melting snow that flows over lawns, parking lots and streets is known as stormwater runoff. This water, which travels along gutters, into catch basins and through storm drain pipes and ditches, usually is not treated, but then flows or is discharged into local water bodies. Along the way, the stormwater picks up trash (fast-food wrappers, cigarette butts, Styrofoam cups, etc.) and toxins and other pollutants (gas, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides and pet droppings). This polluted storm water can kill fish and other wildlife, destroy wildlife habitat, contaminate drinking water sources and force the closing of beaches because of health threats to swimmers. Human activity is largely responsible for the stormwater pollution. Everything that we put on the ground or into the storm drain can end up in our water. Each of us has a responsibility to make sure these contaminants stay out of our water. **Whether we have clean water is up to you; to learn more about the solution to stormwater pollution please go to [www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org).**

**BOROUGH HALL DROP BOX** – The Borough of Elmer has a drop box mail slot located to the right of the south side glass door entrance. Please **DO NOT place cash** in this box. You may also mail your payments/correspondence to any of the Borough offices (Animal Registrar, CFO/Treasurer, Clerk, Tax & Water Collection, Housing & Zoning, etc.) at **P.O. Box 882, Elmer, NJ 08318**. For a receipt or a return reply, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

## MEETINGS

**BOROUGH COUNCIL** meets on the **Second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM** in the Elmer Borough Hall (Council Chambers). Contact Clerk Sarah Walker at [clerk@elmerboroughnj.com](mailto:clerk@elmerboroughnj.com) or by phone at (856) 358-4010 Ext. 110 for any questions or visit the website: [www.elmerboroughnj.com/council.html](http://www.elmerboroughnj.com/council.html).

**LAND USE BOARD** meets on the **First Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM** in the Elmer Borough Hall (Council Chambers). Contact Secretary Dawn Williams at [lubelmer@comcast.net](mailto:lubelmer@comcast.net) for any questions or visit the web page at: [www.elmerboroughnj.com/landuseboard.html](http://www.elmerboroughnj.com/landuseboard.html).