

**2016/2017 Borough of Elmer Newsletter**  
**120 S. Main Street, PO Box 882, Elmer, NJ 08318**

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**856-358-4010; 856-358-8019 (fax)**

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**HARVEST DAY - SAVE THE DATE** – Harvest Day is **Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful day in our community of shopping, food, crafts, music, ‘History in the Park’ sponsored by the Historical Society, an Antique Car Show, and other fun events. Start the day early with the **5K WALK/RUN** to benefit the Elmer Library; prizes for top runners! There is something for everyone to enjoy! **For more information and/or to find out how you can help out or participate, contact Steven Schalick (856) 498-6850 or visit our website at: <http://ElmerBoroughNJ.com/HarvestDay2016.html>**

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**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS** – Halloween Trick or Treat Hours will be held **Monday, October 31, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. There is an 8:00 PM curfew in place for Sunday and Monday nights (October 30th and October 31st) for anyone under the age of 17 unless accompanied by an adult.

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**IMPORTANT ELECTION NEWS – NEW POLLING LOCATION - Elmer Fire Hall, 110 Penn St.**  
All Registered Voters in the Borough of Elmer should vote at the ELMER FIRE HALL, 110 Penn St. in the meeting room in the back on the building. Follow the signs to park in the back of the building; please do not park in front of or block the Fire Truck bays. Until further notice all future elections will be held at the Fire Hall for ADA compliance.

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**POLL WORKERS NEEDED** – The Salem County Board of Elections needs poll workers for upcoming primary and general elections. Trained poll workers earn **\$200 a day** to work the polls on Election Day; free training is provided. **BILINGUAL (SPANISH/ENGLISH) POLL WORKERS** are strongly encouraged to apply. Anyone interested in working the polls should contact the Salem County Board of Elections at (856) 935-7510 x8328; or visit [www.SalemCountyNJ.gov/departments/election-board](http://www.SalemCountyNJ.gov/departments/election-board)

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**NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS** – 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 on **Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Elmer Fire Hall**. (NO LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME, IT IS ONLY A FREE RABIES CLINIC). **If your pet’s rabies shot expires prior to 11/01/2017** you will need to get a new rabies shot before you can get a new pet license. Deadline for the 2017 license is 03/31/2017. After that there is a **\$20 per pet** late fee and possible additional court fines if you pay after 03/31/2017. Please check your pet’s rabies information now to avoid these additional charges. It is preferred that all payments be mailed into the Elmer Borough (PO Box 882) or dropped in the drop box (at the bottom of the glass doors on the library side of the building). Any questions, please call Chris Digneo, Animal Registrar at 856-358-4010, Ext 119, or email at [Chris@ElmerBoroughNJ.com](mailto:Chris@ElmerBoroughNJ.com)

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**BOROUGH HALL UPDATE – CONGRATULATIONS** to Municipal Clerk Beverly S. Richards on her retirement on September 1, 2015 after 29 years of distinguished service for the Borough of Elmer! Please welcome the following new employees: Sarah Walker, Acting Clerk; Derek Leary, Zoning, Housing, and Property Maintenance Officer; and Chris Digneo, Animal Registrar.

**NEW PHONE EXTENSIONS for (856) 358-4010 at the Borough Hall:**

Borough Clerk	Sarah Walker (clerk@elmerboroughnj.com)	x110
Mayor	Joseph Stemberger (mayorstem@ymail.com)	x112
Fire Official	Jack Justice	x113
Housing, Property, & Zoning Officer	Derek Leary	x114
Tax & Water Collector	Joanne Eddy (collector@elmerboroughnj.com)	x116
Tax Assessor	Roy Duffield (assessor@elmerboroughnj.com)	x117
Animal Licensing	Chris Digneo (chris@elmerboroughnj.com)	x119

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**FROM THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE** – There are \$250 tax deductions for Senior Citizens, Disabled and Wartime Veterans. Call your Tax Assessor, **ROY A. DUFFIELD**, to see if you qualify. Roy’s hours are 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM at the Borough Hall. **Note: The Assessor’s office will be closed on Election Days held in June and November of each year.** Questions? Please call **856-358-4010, ext 117** or cell phone **856-381-5146** or email Roy Duffield at [Assessor@ElmerBoroughNJ.com](mailto:Assessor@ElmerBoroughNJ.com).

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**CONSTRUCTION OFFICE LOCATION AND HOURS** – The Construction Office is open Monday 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The office is closed on Thursday. The office is located at the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Building, 989 Centerton Road, Pittsgrove, NJ. For more information call 856-358-2300 x26. Zoning permits must be obtained from Zoning Officer Derek Leary (**856-358-4010, ext 114**).

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**LAND USE BOARD** – The Land Use Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Elmer Borough Hall (Council Chambers). Secretary Dawn Williams can be reached at [lubElmer@comcast.net](mailto:lubElmer@comcast.net). Please check out our web page at: <http://www.ElmerBoroughNJ.com/LandUseBoard.html>

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**FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT** – The Consumer Confidence Report will be available on or about July 1, 2016. Copies will be available in the Tax Office and every account holder will be mailed a copy. You may also view this report online at <http://www.ElmerBoroughNJ.com/Water.html>.

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**CHECK OUT THE ELMER LIBRARY** – Hours are: **Daily**-Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM; **Evenings**-Monday through Thursday 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM and **Saturday** 9:00 AM to NOON; **Closed Friday and Sunday**. Summer and Fall Pre-school Story Time schedules to be announced. Interlibrary loans, audio-book and DVDs available to members. E-books have now arrived! “Like” us on our new Facebook page. Check out our website: <http://ElmerLibraryNJ.org> for details on programs, updates, fundraising activities and other continuing services. Contact **Assistant Librarian Rebecca Harrison** at **856-358-2014** or [elmer.librarian@comcast.net](mailto:elmer.librarian@comcast.net). The Library is also on Facebook. Get up-to-date news at: [facebook.com/elmerlibrary](https://facebook.com/elmerlibrary).

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**COLLECTIONS OFFICE for Taxes and Water**  
**Joanne Eddy, CTC, Collector**  
**Phone 856-358-4010, Ext 116, Fax 856-358-4870**  
**Email: [collector@elmerboroughnj.com](mailto:collector@elmerboroughnj.com)**

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Regular Office Hours are **Tuesday, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. Tax Payments and Water Payments can be made at this time. Voice Mail is checked regularly through the week, please leave *detailed messages with an after hours phone number*. Email is checked and usually replied to within one business day. You will usually get a faster reply with email.

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**PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE TAX OFFICE VOICE MAIL OR THE ELMER TIMES DURING THE QUARTER COLLECTION SCHEDULE IN CASE THERE IS A LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN SCHEDULES.**

Third Quarter - <b>Due August 1, 2016</b>	Tuesday	August 2, 2016	3:30 PM to 7:30 PM
	Friday	August 5, 2016	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Fourth Quarter - <b>Due November 1, 2016</b>	Tuesday	November 1, 2016	3:30 PM to 7:30 PM
	Friday	November 4, 2016	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
First Quarter - <b>Due February 1, 2017</b>	<b>Friday</b>	February 3, 2017	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
	<b>Tuesday</b>	February 7, 2017	3:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Second Quarter - <b>Due May 1, 2017</b>	Tuesday	May 2, 2017	3:30 PM to 7:30 PM
	Friday	May 5, 2017	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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**TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT 2016 TAXES, WATER AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017 AT 9:00 AM**

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**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 storm water 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 stormwater 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

<http://www.cleanwaternj.org/> or call our office for an information brochure.

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Visit our Borough Website Regularly at [www.ElmerBoroughNJ.com](http://www.ElmerBoroughNJ.com).  
You can view and download many documents for your use and information:  
Here are just a few things you can find on our website.

Current Newsletter: <http://elmerboroughnj.com/BoroughNewsletters.html>  
*and*  
Current Recycle Calendar: <http://elmerboroughnj.com/BoroughNewsletters.html>

Council Members: <http://elmerboroughnj.com/Officials.html>

Borough Ordinances: <http://elmerboroughnj.com/Ordinances.html>

Have a Question? <http://elmerboroughnj.com/FAQs.html>

Elmer Police: <http://elmerboroughnj.com/Police.html>  
Elmer Fire: <http://elmerboroughnj.com/Fire.html>  
Elmer Ambulance: <http://elmerboroughnj.com/Ambulance.html>

Local Merchants: <http://elmerboroughnj.com/Merchants.html>

***AND PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK  
(Elmer Borough)***

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**MAYOR'S ALERT  
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE/SIDEWALKS**

Mayor and Borough Council have recently updated Ordinances related to Property Maintenance and Sidewalk Maintenance.

In the upcoming months both of these Ordinances will be enforced by our Property Maintenance Officer.

Please read Chapter 10 Property Maintenance in the Elmer Borough Code Book which can be found on our web site at: <http://elmerboroughnj.com/Ordinances.html>

Take special note that Chapter 20 4.3 CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SIDEWALKS was recently amended and passed at our May 2016 Council Meeting. The amended version (Ordinance 2016-7 Streets and Sidewalks) can also be found online under the Borough Ordinances tab or click:

<http://www.elmerboroughnj.com/files/114411761.pdf>

The Property Maintenance Officer will be inspecting and enforcing these code violations from the Borough Code Book and the International Property Maintenance Code Book, which regulates minimum maintenance requirements for existing buildings and structures. I want to assure our residents that these violations are not brought about to bother or harass homeowners or businesses. By enforcing these Ordinances we set a certain standard of property maintenance that is fair to everyone in our community.

Any questions or discussion you may have, please contact Mayor Joseph Stemberger at (856) 358-4010 Ext. 112 or email at [mayorstem@ymail.com](mailto:mayorstem@ymail.com).