

2017-2018 Borough of Elmer Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Also check our web site Events Calendar: www.elmerboroughnj.com/events.html

HARVEST DAY – Harvest Day is **Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful day in our community of shopping, food, crafts, music, wine tasting, ‘History in the Park’ sponsored by the Historical Society, an Antique Car Show, and other fun events. Start the day early with the **ELMER LIBRARY HARVEST DAY 5K WALK/RUN & 1 MILE FUN WALK**; 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: www.elmerboroughnj.com/harvestday2017.html.**

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS – Halloween Trick or Treat Hours will be held **Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. There is an 8:00 PM curfew in place for Monday and Tuesday nights (October 30th and October 31st) for anyone under the age of 17 unless accompanied by an adult.

ELECTIONS – 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 of the building. Any questions please contact the Borough Clerk at (856) 358-4010 Ext. 110 or clerk@elmerboroughnj.com.

General Election Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Primary Election Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

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 on **Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Elmer Fire Hall**. PLEASE NOTE - NO LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME. **If your pet’s rabies shot expires prior to November 1, 2018** you will need to get a new rabies shot before you can get a new 2018 pet license.

DOG & CAT LICENSING – Animal licensing begins **January 1, 2018** and the deadline to send in your 2018 license payment is **March 31, 2018**. There is a **\$20 *per pet*** late fee and possible additional court fines if you pay after **March 31, 2018**. Please check your dog’s rabies information now to avoid these additional charges; rabies must be good through **November 1, 2018** for a 2018 license. State statute requires all pets be vaccinated before licenses are issued. License fees are \$10 for spayed/neutered dog, \$15 for unsprayed/unneutered dog, \$10 for spayed/neutered cat, and \$15 for unsprayed/unneutered cat. License payments may be mailed to the Animal Registrar, Elmer Borough, PO Box 882, or dropped in the side door drop box at the bottom of the glass doors on the library entrance side of the building. Any questions, please call Chris Digneo, Animal Registrar, at (856) 358-4010, Ext. 119, or email at chris@elmerboroughnj.com.

MEETINGS

All citizens are welcome to attend the following monthly meetings of the Borough of Elmer:

BOROUGH COUNCIL meets on the **second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM** in the Elmer Borough Hall (Council Chambers). If you have any questions about the meetings please contact Clerk Sarah Walker at clerk@elmerboroughnj.com or by phone at (856) 358-4010 Ext. 110. Agendas and minutes of all Council meetings are on our web page at: 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). Secretary Dawn Williams can be reached at lubelmer@comcast.net. Please check out our web page at: www.elmerboroughnj.com/landuseboard.html.

ELMER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION meets **7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month** at the Elmer School. Any questions and to confirm meetings contact Sandra Anderson at (856) 358-3094 ext. 4022.

BOROUGH NEWS/INFORMATION

CONSTRUCTION OFFICE – The Construction Office is located at the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Building, 989 Centerton Road, Pittsgrove, NJ and 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. For more information call (856) 358-2300 Ext. 6026. Please note that zoning permits must be obtained from the Borough’s Zoning Officer, Joseph Steckclair; see the web site for the permit application or call (856) 358-4010, Ext. 114 for more information.

HOUSING, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, & ZONING OFFICE – Welcome to Housing, Property Maintenance, and Zoning Officer Joseph Steckclair, who started working in the Borough on January 1, 2017. **He is available on Fridays by appointment only**. Please contact the office at **(856) 358-4010, Ext. 114** and leave a detailed voice mail with your contact information and either he or his assistant Chris Digneo will call you back. See more information about some of the changes in this office in the “Mayor’s Alert” below. Please note that many of our Housing and Zoning applications are now available on our web site under a new tab ‘Forms and Documents’: www.elmerboroughnj.com/forms.html.

TAX & WATER COLLECTIONS OFFICE – Congratulations to former Collector Joanne Marone Eddy on her retirement effective May 1, 2017 and welcome to our new Tax and Water Collector, Sandra Ferguson! **NEW OFFICE HOURS** for tax and water payments are on the **first, third, fourth, and fifth Fridays, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**, and on the **second Tuesday, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. Any questions please contact Sandra Ferguson, CTC: (856) 358-4010, Ext. 116; (856) 358-4870 Fax; Email: collector@elmerboroughnj.com.

OFFICE HOURS DURING THE TAX QUARTERS – Please double-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 10th unless otherwise designated:

Third Quarter - Due August 1, 2017	Friday	August 4	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
	Tuesday	August 8	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Fourth Quarter - Due November 1, 2017	Friday	November 3	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
	Tuesday	November 7	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
First Quarter - Due February 1, 2018	Friday	February 2	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
	Tuesday	February 6	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Second Quarter - Due May 1, 2018	Friday	May 4	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
	Tuesday	May 8	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**THE TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT 2017 TAXES, WATER, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES
WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2018 AT 9:00 AM**

TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE – Congratulations to Tax Assessor Roy Duffield on his retirement effective **July 31, 2017**. The office hours for the new Tax Assessor have not yet been determined as of this newsletter

edition, so after July 31, 2017 please check the web site for any changes, call (856) 358-4010 Ext. 117, or email assessor@elmerboroughnj.com.

WATER DEPARTMENT – Our Water Tower will be undergoing painting and repair within the next year. We do not expect any disruption of the water supply during this project; however, we do appreciate your cooperation and patience if a problem does arise. If you have any issues with your water supply or meter please contact Assistant Water Superintendent Robert Richards at (856) 207-3760. All billing questions should be directed to the Water Collector, Sandra Ferguson, in the Tax Office. The Consumer Confidence Report will be mailed out to property owners on or about July 1, 2017 and copies will be available in the Clerk’s and the Tax Offices. You may also view this report online at www.elmerboroughnj.com/water.html.

CONGRATULATIONS to local barber **JOSEPH BARCA, SR.** on his **100th BIRTHDAY** on May 26, 2017! Joe has served the community for 67 years and is still working today!

ELMER LIBRARY NEWS – The Library is open **Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, and Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM;** Closed Friday and Sunday. Interlibrary loans, audio-books, DVDs, and E-books are available to members; Elmer residents can join the library for **FREE!** Check in with the library for Pre-school Story Time schedules. “Like” us on the Facebook page, and stay up to date on the latest news and activities. Contact Assistant Librarian Rebecca Harrison at (856) 358-2014 or elmer.librarian@comcast.net. Get up-to-date news at facebook.com/elmerlibrary or check the website at www.elmerlibrarynj.org.

THE GREATER ELMER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY serves Elmer Borough, Pittsgrove Township, and Upper Pittsgrove Township. Meetings are held the **3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm** at the Elmer Borough Hall. To find out more information about their activities call (856) 358-6171 or check their Facebook page at facebook.com/greaterelmerareahistoricalsociety or email greaterelmerareahistory@gmail.com.

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.**

POLL WORKERS NEEDED – The Salem County Board of Elections needs poll workers for upcoming elections. Free training is provided and trained poll workers earn **\$200 a day** to work the polls on Election Day. **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 Ext. 8328 or visit www.salemcountynj.gov/departments/election-board.

CAN’T GET TO THE OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS? The Borough of Elmer has a drop box for your convenience. If you cannot visit us during normal business hours, place your payment or other correspondence in our secure drop box located in the front of our building on the south side door entrance. It is the small box next to the glass door; please **DO NOT** place cash in this box. You can also mail your payments/correspondence to any of the Borough offices (Animal Registrar, Clerk, Tax & Water Collection, Housing & Zoning, etc.) at **P.O. Box 882, Elmer, NJ 08318**. For a receipt please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

MAYOR'S ALERT

****NEW LANDLORD REGISTRATION****

Please note that our new Rental Registration, [Ordinance No. 2017-4](#), is now in effect and the Housing Officer will be sending out notices soon for compliance. The Ordinance now states that rental properties must be inspected “upon each change or addition of tenant/tenants, or annually, whichever event occurs first”. Any questions please contact Mayor Stemberger at (856) 358-4010 Ext. 112 or email at mayorstem@ymail.com.

****TAKE SPECIAL NOTE****

The **Borough Code Chapter 20-5 NEW SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF EXISTING SIDEWALKS** was amended at the May 2016 Council Meeting. The amended version (Ordinance No. 2016-7 Streets and Sidewalks) can also be found online under the Borough Ordinances tab or click: www.elmerboroughnj.com/files/114411761.pdf. More information will be sent to property owners in 2017. Any questions please contact Mayor Stemberger at (856) 358-4010 Ext. 112 or email at mayorstem@ymail.com.

ELMER BOROUGH WEB SITE

www.elmerboroughnj.com.

Visit our Borough Website regularly to view and download many documents for your use and information; send an email to Dawn Williams at lubelmer@comcast.net if you have any suggestions or events to add.

Here are just a few things you can find on our website:

- NEW!** Forms & Documents: www.elmerboroughnj.com/forms.html
- Newsletters & Recycle Calendars: www.elmerboroughnj.com/boroughnewsletters.html
- Events Calendar: www.elmerboroughnj.com/events.html
- Council Members: www.elmerboroughnj.com/officials.html
- Borough Ordinances: www.elmerboroughnj.com/ordinances.html
- Frequently Asked Questions: www.elmerboroughnj.com/FAQs.html
- Elmer Police: www.elmerboroughnj.com/police.html
- Elmer Fire: www.elmerboroughnj.com/fire.html
- Elmer Ambulance: www.elmerboroughnj.com/ambulance.html
- Local Merchants: www.elmerboroughnj.com/merchants.html

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