

2018-2019 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 scheduled for **Saturday, October 6, 2018, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, and will be hosted by the Greater Elmer Area Historical Society. Come out and enjoy a wonderful day in our community of shopping, food, crafts, music, wine tasting, History in the Park, an antique car show, and other fun events. Start the day with the **ELMER LIBRARY 5K WALK/RUN & 1 MILE FUN WALK**; cash 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 The Greater Elmer Area Historical Society at (856) 358-6171 or visit these websites:

www.elmerboroughnj.com/harvestday2018.html
www.facebook.com/greaterelmerareahistoricalociety/

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS – Halloween Trick or Treat Hours will be held **Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. There is an 8:00 PM curfew for Tuesday and Wednesday 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. Contact the Borough Clerk at (856) 358-4010 Ext. 110 or clerk@elmerboroughnj.com if you have any questions. Next General Election: **November 6, 2018**.

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 3, 2018 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, 2019** you will need to get a new rabies shot to qualify for a 2019 pet license.

DOG & CAT LICENSES – Animal licensing begins **January 1, 2019** and the deadline to send in your 2019 license payment is **March 31, 2019**. There is a **\$20 per pet** late fee and possible additional court fines if you pay after **March 31, 2019**. Please check your dog's rabies information now to avoid these additional charges; rabies must be good through **November 1, 2019** for a 2019 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 drop box at the bottom of the glass doors on the south side entrance of the building. Any questions, please call Chris Digneo, Animal Registrar, at (856) 358-4010, Ext. 119, or email chris@elmerboroughnj.com.

BOROUGH NEWS/INFORMATION

CONSTRUCTION OFFICE – The Construction Office for the Borough 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, and Friday 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM** (closed Thursdays). For more information call (856) 358-2300 Ext. 6026. Please note that zoning permits are issued by the Borough's Zoning Officer, William Ackley; visit www.elmerboroughnj.com/forms.html for the permit application or call (856) 358-4010, Ext. 114.

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 Fridays and Sundays). Interlibrary loans, audio-books, DVDs, and E-books are available to members; Elmer residents can join the library for FREE! Call the library for Pre-school Story Time schedules. 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.

HOUSING, ZONING, & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICE – Zoning/Housing Officer William Ackley is available on **Fridays by appointment only** and can be reached at (856) 358-4010, Ext. 114 or zoninghousing@elmerboroughnj.com. Leave a detailed voice mail with your contact information and either he or assistant Chris Digneo will call you back. Please note that most of our Housing and Zoning applications are available on our web site under the tab 'Forms and Documents': www.elmerboroughnj.com/forms.html.

TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE – Property tax deductions and/or exemptions are available to eligible Veterans, Seniors, and Disabled Citizens; contact Tax Assessor Greg Busa to find out if you qualify. Office hours are **Fridays, 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM**; call (856) 358-4010 Ext. 117, or email 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, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Changes in office hours will be posted on the Borough Hall doors and/or advertised in the Elmer Times. Any questions please call (856) 358-4010, Ext. 116; fax (856) 358-4870; or 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:

3rd Quarter - DUE **August 1, 2018** Grace period extended to **Tuesday, August 14, 5:00-8:00 PM**
4th Quarter - DUE **November 1, 2018** Grace period extended to **Tuesday, November 13, 5:00-8:00 PM**
1st Quarter - DUE **February 1, 2019** Grace period extended to **Tuesday, February 12, 5:00-8:00 PM**
2nd Quarter - DUE **May 1, 2019** Grace period extended to **Tuesday, May 14, 5:00-8:00 PM**

**THE TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT 2018 TAXES, WATER, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES
WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 9:00 AM**

WATER DEPARTMENT – Information about the test results of our public water can be found in the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which will be mailed out to property owners on or about **July 1, 2018**. Copies will also be available in the Clerk's and the Tax Offices and will be posted on the Borough's web site at www.elmerboroughnj.com/water.html. 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, James Davis, in the Tax Office.

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.

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.**

CAN'T GET TO THE OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS? The Borough of Elmer has a drop box slot located at the south side glass door entrance. Please **DO NOT** place cash in this box. You can 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 please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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 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.

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