

2021-2022 Borough of Elmer Newsletter

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www.elmerboroughnj.com and coming soon: www.elmerboroughnj.GOV

NEW WEB SITE – During the summer the Borough will be transitioning to a new web site using a new domain name: www.ElmerBoroughNJ.GOV. We will be maintaining the link from the old domain name so hopefully the conversion will be smooth for our users. Please note that the current elmerboroughnj.com email addresses will also change to elmerboroughnj.gov. Thanks for your patience while we make the upgrade.

MAYOR'S ALERT

BOROUGH HALL CONSTRUCTION – The Borough of Elmer received a NJ Department of Community Affairs Small Cities Grant that will pay for 85% of the construction cost to make improvements to the Borough Hall to comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Construction at the Borough Hall should be occurring by fall 2021 involving both interior and exterior renovations. The library ramp and sidewalks will be replaced and a new parking lot area will be paved, so access to the building may be impacted during construction.

FERAL/WILD CATS – There are areas in the Borough that have had numerous animal control complaints about colonies of feral/wild cats. Please be aware that **if you feed cats outdoors on your property** you are acknowledging 'ownership' and **you must vaccinate and license them** per Borough Code Chapter 5. Feral cats are very self-sufficient and do not need to be fed, and feeding them is contributing to the population explosion in these areas. Council Member James Zee is interested in planning a trap, spay/neuter/vaccinate, and release program and is looking for volunteers. Please contact him at (609) 774-8628 if you truly want to humanely help reduce the feral/wild cats in our community.

THANKS to Tax Collector James Davis and especially our taxpayers for the 98% collection rate for pandemic year 2020!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the website Events Calendar to confirm.

HARVEST DAY – Harvest Day is scheduled for **Saturday, October 2, 2021, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**, and will be hosted by the Greater Elmer Area Historical Society (GEAHS). Come out and enjoy a wonderful day 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 & 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, and to confirm the event is occurring, contact GEAHS at (856) 358-6171 or visit these websites:

www.elmerboroughnj.com/harvestday2021.html and www.facebook.com/greaterelmerareahistoricalsociety/

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS – Halloween Trick or Treat Hours are currently scheduled for **Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**. There is an 8:00 PM curfew for Friday (October 29) and Saturday (October 30) for anyone under the age of 17 unless accompanied by an adult. Check the Borough website for any changes due to the pandemic.

ELECTIONS – The polling location 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 12, 2021** (21 days prior to the election). Contact the Borough Clerk at (856) 358-4010 Ext. 110 for any questions about voting. Next General Election: **Tuesday November 2, 2021**.

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 6, 2021, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the Elmer Fire Hall, 110 Penn St.** NO LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME. **If your pet's rabies shot expires prior to November 1, 2022**, you will need to get a new rabies shot to qualify for a 2022 pet license.

DOG & CAT LICENSES – Dog & cat licensing begins **January 1, 2022** and the deadline to send in your 2022 license payment is **March 31, 2022**. There is a **\$20 per pet** late fee and possible additional court fines if you pay after **March 31, 2022**. State statute requires all pets be vaccinated before 2022 licenses are issued and rabies must be good through **November 1, 2022**. 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, Pet Registrar, at (856) 358-4010, Ext. 119, or email 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; visit our web site or call (856) 358-4010, Ext. 114.

HOUSING, ZONING, & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICE – Zoning/Housing Officer Bob Schmid is available on **Wednesdays by appointment only** and can be reached at (856) 358-4010, Ext. 114 or by email at zoninghousing@elmerboroughnj.com. Leave a detailed voice mail with your contact information and either he or assistant Chris Digneo will call you back. **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 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.

Tax & Water bills may be paid ONLINE. Visit 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 10th unless otherwise designated:

3rd Quarter DUE August 1, 2021

4th Quarter DUE November 1, 2021

1st Quarter DUE February 1, 2022

2nd Quarter DUE May 1, 2022

Grace period extended to: **Tuesday, August 10, 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

Grace period extended to: **Tuesday, November 16 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

Grace period extended to: **Tuesday, February 15, 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

Grace period extended to: **Tuesday, May 11, 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

THE TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT 2021 TAXES, WATER, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES WILL BE HELD AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED IN 2022.

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, 2021**. 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. 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.

LIBRARY NEWS – The current library hours are **Monday to Thursday 10:00 AM - 1:45 PM, Monday to Wednesday 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, or visit www.elmerlibrarynj.org or [facebook.com/elmerlibrary](https://www.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 **\$275** 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.

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.**

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 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 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 or by phone at (856) 358-4010 Ext. 110 for any questions or visit the website: 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 for any questions or visit the web page at: www.elmerboroughnj.com/landuseboard.html.