

2019-2020 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 5, 2019, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, and will be hosted by the Greater Elmer Area Historical Society. 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 FUN WALK 7:30 AM** registration and **8:30 AM** start time; cash prizes for top runners and lots of door prizes! There is something for everyone to enjoy at Harvest Day! 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/harvestday2019.html and www.facebook.com/greaterelmerareahistoricalsociety/

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS – Halloween Trick or Treat Hours will be held **Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. There is an 8:00 PM curfew for Wednesday (October 30) and Thursday (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 5, 2019**.

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 2, 2019 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, 2020** you will need to get a new rabies shot to qualify for a 2020 pet license.

DOG & CAT LICENSES – Animal licensing begins **January 1, 2020** and the deadline to send in your 2020 license payment is **March 31, 2020**. There is a **\$20 per pet** late fee and possible additional court fines if you pay after **March 31, 2020**. Please check your dog's rabies information now to avoid these additional charges; rabies must be good through **November 1, 2020** for a 2020 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, Elmer NJ 08318, 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, 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 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; visit www.elmerboroughnj.com/forms.html 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. Housing and Zoning applications are available on our web site under the tab 'Forms and Documents': www.elmerboroughnj.com/forms.html. **NEW: LANDLORD REGISTRATION** – letters have been sent out to potential rental properties. PLEASE sign and return the registration and mark form "NOT A RENTAL" if you have a property that has been incorrectly identified as a rental. Thanks for your cooperation!

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. Follow the library at [facebook.com/elmerlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/elmerlibrary) or check www.elmerlibrarynj.org.

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; they must 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

NEW!! FREE RECYCLE COACH APP for your phone! Download the [Free Recycle Coach App](#) to get all of the latest information on what you can and cannot recycle, as well as trash and recycling schedules 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 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.

NEW: Tax & Water bills may now 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 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, 2019	Grace period extended to: See Tax Bill
4th Quarter DUE November 1, 2019	Grace period extended to: Tuesday, November 12, 5:00-8:00 PM
1st Quarter DUE February 1, 2020	Grace period extended to: Tuesday, February 11, 5:00-8:00 PM
2nd Quarter DUE May 1, 2020	Grace period extended to: Tuesday, May 12, 5:00-8:00 PM

THE TAX SALE FOR DELINQUENT 2019 TAXES, WATER, AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2020 AT 9:00 AM (TENTATIVE).

WATER DEPARTMENT – Congratulations to the Borough of Elmer Water Department on winning the ‘**BEST IN NEW JERSEY**’ award at the 2019 American Water Works Association (NAWWA) Conference. Over 100 participants chose our water as best tasting of all NJ water samples submitted! 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 about **July 1, 2019**. 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. 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 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 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. 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). Contact Secretary Dawn Williams at lubelmer@comcast.net for any questions or visit the 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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