

A Community Development/Workshop Sessions of The Mayor and Borough Council of The Borough of Glen Ridge were held on Monday, June 13, 2011 in the Mayor's Office of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Hughes, Councilpersons, Patrick, Baker, Dawson, Theodorou, Lefkovits and Lisovicz.

Absent: None

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Administrator/Clerk/Engineer Rohal and Attorney Malyska.

The Library Board represented by Board President Carol Harpster, Board member Karin Robinson & Library Director Jennifer Breuer made a request to sponsor the 2012 Glen Ridge Gala. The Library is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2012. The Library would use the proceeds of the Gala to complete the Historical Room and to properly archive & digitize the entire historical collection. Total cost for the project is estimated at \$100,000. It was noted that the historical room is the last area of the library to be renovated. Library Director Jennifer Breuer gave a PowerPoint presentation which is attached and made part of the minutes.

After a review of the Library's proposal, the Mayor & Council awarded the sponsorship of the Gala to the Library.

The Mayor & Council reviewed the Film Grant applications and made the following awards:

The Gas Lamp Players	- \$ 1,000.00
Glen Ridge Community Concerts	- \$ 1,000.00
The Environmental Advisory Committee	- \$ 1,500.00
The Shade Tree Commission	- \$ 1,500.00

Councilperson Lefkovits reviewed the feedback form the first electronic edition of "Town Talk". It was decided that they next edition would be released in September and focus on Borough resources and organizations.

Having reviewed the 2010 audit, the Mayor and Council executed the Group Affidavit for submission to the Department of Community Affairs.

The Mayor & Council authorized additional athletic field improvements not to exceed \$12,000.

The committee meeting/workshop session was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Celebrate Our History

The 100th Anniversary
of the Glen Ridge Public Library



Glen Ridge Gala Request 2012

Jennifer Breuer, Library Director

Carol P. Harpster, Board President

Karin Robinson, House Committee Chairperson and
President of the Glen Ridge Historical Society

Serving Glen Ridge Since 1912



2012 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the
Glen Ridge Public Library

☞ The Library was officially incorporated as a Free Public Library for the Borough of Glen Ridge in January 1912. It operated out of Glen Ridge Hall on Ridgewood Avenue.

Keeping History Alive



The completion of the Historical Room is the final phase of the Library's renovation and restoration project.

- œ Goal: To preserve local history by properly archiving and digitizing the entire historical collection using state-of-the-art document scanning techniques and to provide research space within the Library.
 - œ Newspapers & yearbooks
 - œ Photos, maps and house files
 - œ Town directories
- œ Digitizing the collection will keep it accessible for generations to come
- œ Electronically indexed and searchable
- œ Available to use in-house with possible online component



Glen Ridge Paper c. 1940

As you can see, the condition of this bound edition is extremely poor. Just flipping the pages causes irreparable damage. This is the common state for most of the collection. These are the only copies.



Glen Ridge High School Yearbooks


Our yearbook collection dates back to 1914. Many people enjoy looking at them due to their historical significance. However, removing the volume from the shelf or turning a page causes significant damage and harm.

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The Joint Digital Archives



The Joint Digital Archives of Fanwood & Scotch Plains

The **Joint Digital Archives of Fanwood & Scotch Plains** are a collection of materials related to the rich history of the two towns. The Archives allow in-depth searching to support research as well as browsing for pleasure. The Archives project is a joint collaboration of the Boards of Trustees and The Friends of the Library groups of the Fanwood Memorial Library and The Scotch Plains Public Library.

Currently the Archives provide online access to:

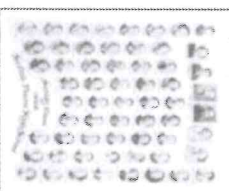
- [The Scotch Plains - Fanwood Times Newspaper](#) 1963 to present
- [Scotch Plains - Fanwood High School Yearbooks](#) 1938 to 2000
- A Collection of [Historic Books](#)
- The current [Fanwood Borough Code & Land Use Ordinances](#)
- The current [Scotch Plains Township Ordinances](#)
- Our expanding collection of [Ephemera](#) (photos, pamphlets and more) celebrating the history of both towns.

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The libraries are always seeking additional materials of local historic relevance and interest, including photographs, books and pamphlets related to community activities and organizations and other memorabilia. For more information, or to add materials to the Archives please [contact us](#) anytime.



The Joint Digital Archive of Scotch-Plains and Fanwood

The Scotch-Plains and Fanwood Public Libraries have a joint digital archive, accessible through the Internet. Their digital library contains newspapers from 1963 to 2010, yearbooks from 1938-2000, and other relevant ephemera.

Home Newspaper

Home Newspaper

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Home Newspaper 1808 m 5181 3681

The Joint Digital Archives

1883



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BUSINESS EDUCATION CLUB

The Business Education Club was organized for the purpose of making jobs of interest for its members in the business world. Through this club, we have been able to gain much in the line of business education. Our first year has been a most interesting and profitable one for us. We have had many interesting projects and have been able to gain much in the line of business education. We are glad to have the club and will continue to work for its success.

Business Education Club Officers
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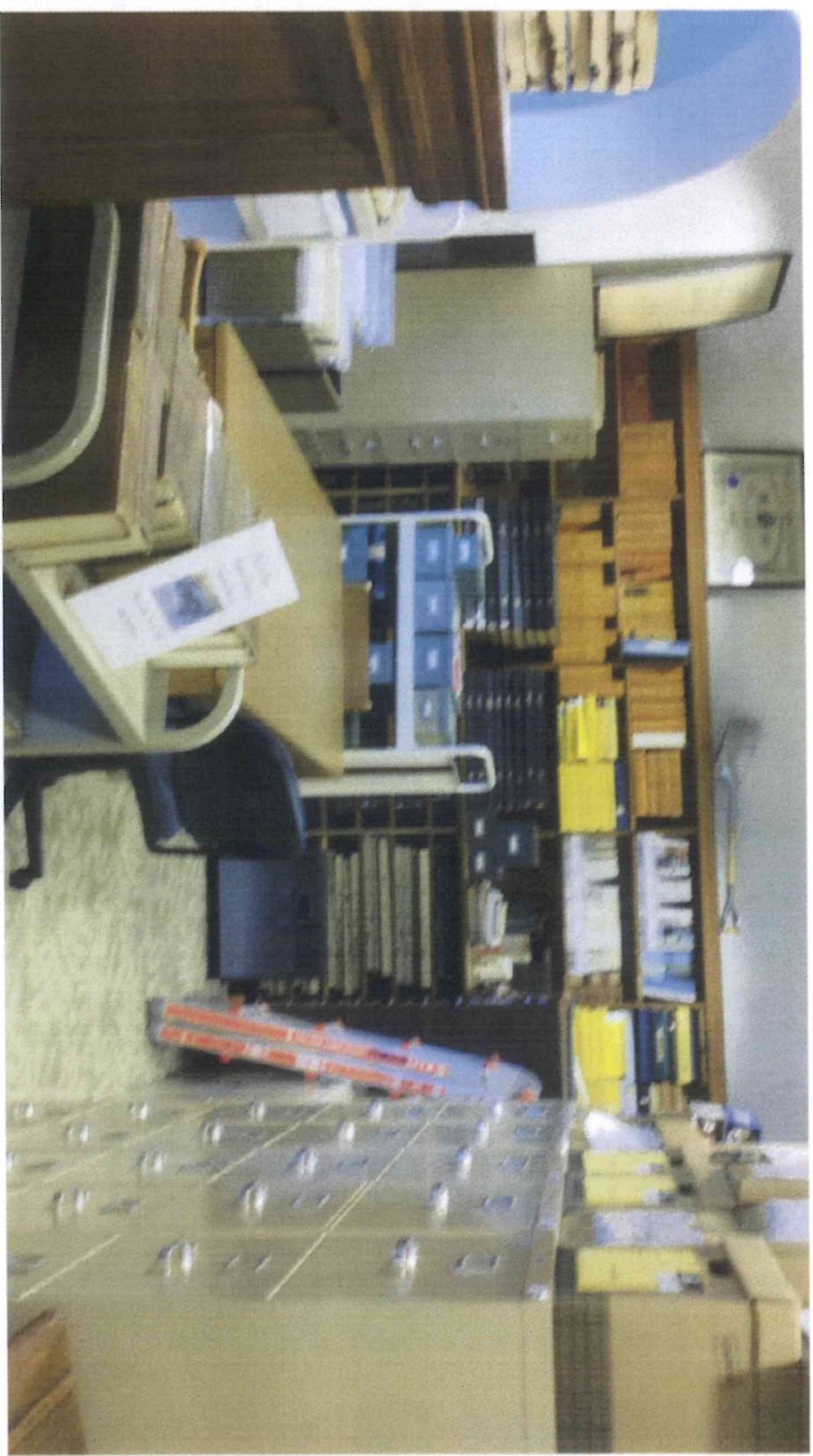
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Glen Ridge Library Historical Room

This is the current state of the Historical Room. Research space is inadequate and materials are not stored properly. Additionally, security is a potential issue as many items are valuable and one of a kind.

Glen Ridge Gala



- œ Our opportunity to host the 2012 Glen Ridge Gala would be the kick-off to a year-long celebration and \$100,000 fundraising campaign to digitize the collection and complete the Historical Room renovation.
- œ An anonymous \$25,000 matching challenge grant has already been offered.
- œ For assistance and support, the Glen Ridge Library has partnered with the:
 - œ Friends of the Glen Ridge Library
 - œ Glen Ridge Historical Society

Prior Success



- œ The Glen Ridge Library successfully hosted the Glen Ridge Gala in 2007.
- œ Raised over \$30,000 for the renovation and repair of the Children's Room at the Library.
- œ At the time, we raised the largest amount of funds for any Gala ever!

Conclusion



- ❧ Research on Glen Ridge history is requested on a daily basis by residents.
- ❧ Renovation of the Historical Room will complete the Library's building renovation project and will provide much needed research and archival space.
- ❧ The Glen Ridge Library is the only holding institution for the entire collection of the Glen Ridge Paper and Glen Ridge High School yearbooks.
 - ❧ These important archives are being lost to time and deterioration and need to be preserved through digitization.
 - ❧ Database will be keyword searchable, indexed, and available to the public without harming the primary source documents.