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

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

Jennifer Breuer, Library Director
Carol P. Harpster, Board President
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

Available to use in-house with possible online component

Digitizing the collection will keep it accessible for generations to come

Town directories
Photos, maps and house files
Newspapers & yearbooks

Within the Library:

Document scanning techniques and to provide research space
digitizing the entire historical collection using state-of-the-art
technology

Goal: To preserve local history by properly archiving and

Library's renovation and restoration project.
The completion of the Historical Room is the final phase of the
As you can see, the condition of this bound edition is extremely poor.

Glen Ridge Paper C 1940
Harm

volume from the shelf or turning a page causes significant damage and at them due to their historical significance. However, removing the Our yearbook collection dates back to 1914. Many people enjoy looking Glen Ridge High School Yearbooks
The Joint Digital Archive of Scotch Plains and Fanwood

from 1963 to 2010, yearbooks from 1938-2000, and other relevant ephemera accessible through the Internet. Their digital libraries contain newspapers, books, and ephemera related to community archives.

The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Public Libraries have a joint digital archive.
Issue as many items are valuable and one of a kind.
and materials are not stored properly. Additionally, security is a potential
This is the current state of the Historical Room. Research space is inadequate
Glen Ridge Library Historical Room
Glen Ridge Historical Society
Friends of the Glen Ridge Library
Partnered with the:
For assistance and support, the Glen Ridge Library has already been offered.
An anonymous $25,000 matching challenge grant has
completed the Historical Room renovation.
Fundraising campaign to digitize the collection and
the kick-off to a year-long celebration and $1,100,000
Our opportunity to host the 2012 Glen Ridge Gala would be
For any Cala ever!

At the time, we raised the largest amount of funds the Children's Room at the Library.

Raised over $300,000 for the renovation and repair of Ridge Cala in 2007.

The Glen Ridge Library successfully hosted the Glen

Prior Success
to the public without harming the primary source documents.

Database will be keyword searchable, indexed, and available
deterioration and need to be preserved through digitization.
These important archives are being lost to time and
High School Yearbooks.
The entire collection of the Glen Ridge Paper and Glen Ridge
The Glen Ridge Library is the only holding institution for
much needed research and archival space.
Library's building renovation project and will provide
Renovation of the Historical Room will complete the
By residents.
Research on Glen Ridge history is requested on a daily basis

Conclusion