

OUR TOWN

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Christine Schaumburg



Dear Clinton Community Members,

This year, we welcome Spring with exciting improvement projects in Clinton. I am pleased to announce that construction has begun on the Dam and Dike. We all look forward to these necessary flood control measures that are funded through a \$914,000 grant from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

The Board of Recreation Commission has been coordinating the restoration of the Gebhardt Field grandstands and dugouts with our Buildings and Grounds Committee, which will be funded by an \$80,000 Hunterdon County Open Space grant and trust

fund money from the Recreation Commission.

The Roads Committee is working with commercial property owners in our historic downtown to coordinate sidewalk improvements while a NJ Department of Transportation Grant will fund improvements to Lower Center Street and Main Street.

I continue to work at the State level on issues that are important to Clinton. Recently, I testified before the Senate Budget Committee regarding tax reform. In addition, I've met several times with Commissioners from the Governor's office regarding the same. I participate in monthly conference calls with Governor Christie where I have the opportunity to ask questions and relay suggestions. I continue to serve

on the Legislative Land Use Committee for the NJ League of Municipalities. Currently, we are focused on reviewing legislation regarding affordable housing reform.

Finally, our enhanced recycling program has been a great success. We continue to recycle an amount equal to the trash we tip, which is an impressive achievement. Please remember that you can co-mingle glass, aluminum, plastic, newspapers, junk mail and cardboard. Keep up the good work in protecting our environment while saving tax dollars!

All my best,

Christine Schaumburg

Save the date for Our Annual Town Picnic September 11



Come enjoy a fun filled family day!!!



Rubber Ducky Race

July 11 @ 2:00 pm

Come out to cheer on one thousands ducks as they travel over the Clinton Falls. For info: www.clintonsunriserotary.org

31st Annual "Sprintin' Clinton"



July 11 @ 6:30 pm

Great fun for the whole family!!!
For info
www.clintonsunriserotary.org

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SIGN UP FOR TOWN E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS

The Town of Clinton is pleased to announce a new e-mail alert service for residents who would like to be kept up to date regarding emergency announcements, local news, various events, meeting schedule changes, etc. To register send your e-mail address to clerk1005@earthlink.net. Any questions about this program please call 908-735-8616.

Thanks to all of you who already have signed up.

Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

Anchoring Fuel Tanks and Refuse Dumpsters

Have you received a letter indicating that you obtain a license for your fuel tank and/or refuse dumpster less than 6 yards in size? If so, this is due to a recent ordinance requirement that is the result of the past floods that Clinton has experienced. If you received one of these letters your establishment is within a special flood hazard area. Should your fuel tank or refuse

dumpster become buoyant due to floodwaters, these items could create a blockage within the water streams. Additionally, the potential fuel spill would create a hazardous cleanup matter within the waterway.

Therefore, it is very important that you contact the Zoning/Construction Office regarding this matter. The ordinance requires that the tank or dumpster be licensed (registered) and have the ability to be anchored in the event

of a flood event. There is no charge for the license regarding this matter and the anchoring system needs to be inspected to confirm adequate resistance to the floodwaters.

If anyone would like to speak to me please contact my office at 908-735-2275. I would be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

Jack Daniels, Code Official

Shade Tree Commission by Pat Goehle



ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION NAMES CLINTON A TREE CITY USA COMMUNITY

Clinton, N.J. was recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry.

It is the twenty-seventh year Clinton has earned this national designation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Clinton has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community. Tree City USA communities must have a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"We commend Clinton's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest" said John Rosenow, Chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities and make planting and caring for trees a top priority."

For Arbor Day a new tree was planted next to last years planting of Teddy the tree by the 3rd grade class.

A poem was written in her honor.

I like the maple, the cherries and even the elm

but to each of them I spoke

about my friendship for one in particular

Her name is Opal the Oak.

I find myself in awe

as her branches swing and sway

*She sings and holds the birds aloft
It looks just like ballet*

In winter time her arms are bare

In fall kids play in her leaves

In summer squirrels climb in her hair

While in spring she makes folks sneeze

I am so glad we are good friends

Two trees standing tall together

*you must come down and sit with us
we'll provide shade in sunny weather
signed Teddy the Tree.*

Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental and education organization of nearly one million members with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information on the Foundation and its programs can be found at www.arborday.org.

Clinton Public School Education Foundation

The Clinton Book Shop in conjunction with Cyndie Decowski of Tastefully Simple will hold a fundraising event for Clinton Public School Partners in Education Foundation on Tuesday, June 15 from 7:00-8:30pm at the book store. Local author MARYANN

MCFADDEN will also be there signing copies of her new book SO HAPPY TOGETHER. 10% of all book sales and 15% of all Tastefully Simple orders will benefit the education foundation. Orders for Tastefully Simple can be placed online

ahead of the event at www.cpspie.org. Come out and support local businesses and local education!



Public Works / Bus Administrator by Robert A. Cutter



Capital Improvements Project Update

1. Clinton Mills Dam and Dike Project - Began May 17th.
2. Main Street - Lower Center St improvements - Began May 17th.
3. Rachel Ct Milling/ Overlay - Summer 2010.
4. Gebhardt Field Grandstand and Dugouts - Summer 2010.

Water Company Improvements

1. New 2.5 Million Gallon Storage Tank - Scheduled for 2010.
2. Well 3 Upgrades - Complete.
3. Scada System Installation - In Progress.
4. BPU Energy Audit - In progress.

RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF PAINT CANS

LATEX PAINT:

1. Remove lid and allow paint to dry out.
2. Dispose of dried up paint in your trash.
3. Place your empty paint can in your recycling.

LEAD BASED PAINT:

1. Dispose of at a Hazardous Waste Facility. Our county's next Hazardous Waste Day is July 10 from 9am to 1pm. For more details see the information below.

GREEN TIPS

1. In order to save water each day, put a 1-liter plastic bottle full of water (smaller sizes can float) inside your toilet's water tank. Then, each time you flush, instead of using 6 liters you will use only 5 liters.
2. An easy way to save money and precious water is by simple cutting your shower time by 1 1/2 minutes per day. You will save an average of 150 gallons each month.
3. For more helpful tips about greening your home visit the web site, www.thedailygreen.com.

Board of Recreation by Dan Shea



The Recreation Commission had a great turnout at the Senior Luncheon on May 2nd. We had 50 people attend and enjoy a wonderfully catered meal by Craig Laskey. Everyone received prizes thanks to a number of donors (A&P, Shop-Rite and Walmart).

As we move closer to summer we have great expectations for the children's Summer Recreation Program. It starts on June 28th and lasts for 4 weeks. Due to the funding challenges we all face this year, it has been necessary to raise our attendance fees and reduce our costs. That said we still plan on providing a tremendous program that will provide the value, thanks to Tiffany's hard work. The children will love it and the daily ac-

tivities will provide them the ability to keep active and mentally stimulated.

Our revised fees are \$70 for the first child, \$50 for the second, \$30 for each subsequent child and \$5 per child per trip for bus trips.

Please remember that your last chance for registration is June 14th before late fees are initiated. The program will meet at Clinton Public School and run from June 28th – July 23rd from 9am-12noon, Monday – Friday. It is open to all children who have completed kindergarten through grade 8 and are residents of the Town of Clinton or Glen Gardner. Registration is open to the first 350 children who enroll.

The Tennis program starts on July 26 - Aug 19 and thanks to Don Berk-

man it has been a resounding success, so we hope you think about enrolling the children, who knows you may have the next Serena Williams or Andy Roddick in your midst. More registration and program information is available through the School handouts or call the clerk's office at 908-735-8616.

Some improvements in our parks have been made from safety screening in the Community Center playground and maintenance of our fields. In addition Gebhardt Field Stadium is still planned to be renovated this summer. We are currently awaiting a grant from the County to rebuild the stadium and maintain its look and feel.

We hope you all have a great summer and keep in mind the Town Picnic is scheduled for September 11th for fireworks and fun family entertainment.



Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day

HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, July 10, 2010 9am to 1pm

Hunterdon County Complex Route 12, Flemington

For more information, call 908-788-1110

14th ANNUAL BLACK POTATOE MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 8th thru 11th

Featuring 2010 Grammy Recipient for Lifetime Achievement, 95 years old Bluesman, David "Honeyboy" Edwards.

For more info: www.blackpotatoe.com

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



Summer Fun and Safety Reminders

Town Noise Ordinance – Chapter 101 of the Code of the Town of Clinton addresses “unreasonable and/or unnecessary noise” which travels across real property lines and it also specifically addresses that noise which is created by “sound reproduction devices”. Sound reproduction devices include but are not limited to musical instruments, radios, T.V.’s, tape recorders, phonographs, loudspeakers, P.A. systems or any other sound-amplifying devices. Let me start by saying that there are many activities that by their very nature will immediately violate this ordinance, therefore the ordinance contains provisions for exceptions (public safety, emergency work, construction activities, activities on public grounds under authority of Town Officials) or provide that the Town Council may grant a permit for a specific activity to be an exception to the ordinance for a specific period of time (concerts, merchant events, etc.). The nuts and bolts of this ordinance is “unreasonable noise” which is not an exception contained in the ordinance or authorized by Town Council. Unreasonable noise is defined as “any excessive or unusually loud sound or sounds which annoy, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities or which causes or has the potential to cause injury to animal life or damage to property or business”. Unreasonable noise can be many things to many people however the Police Department considers the following standards when determining whether there is a violation of the ordinance: volume, intensity, is the nature of the noise usual or unusual, is the origin of the noise usual or unusual, the volume and nature of any background noise, proximity to residential sleeping areas, nature and zoning of the area, time of the day or night, duration of the noise, is the sound source temporary, is the noise continuous or impulsive and whether the noise would disturb the peace

and/or be considered a common-law nuisance. Now I know your wondering what does all that mean right?

What it means is that what is “reasonable” at noon may not be reasonable at 4pm, and what is reasonable at 4pm may not be reasonable at 8pm, and what may have been reasonable at 8pm may not be reasonable at 10pm or later. The bottom line is that “unreasonable noise” traveling across property lines is a violation of the ordinance and the common sense rule of thumb that should be used is that as it gets later in the day the volume of any noise should continually be lowered until at some point the noise cannot be heard by your neighbors.

Fireworks – The Fireworks laws in New Jersey are VERY restrictive. In some States fireworks are permitted to be sold to the public however in New Jersey only paper or plastic caps for use in toy cap guns or legal. EVERY OTHER type of fireworks is ILLEGAL and will subject a person who possess or sells such a device to severe penalties upon conviction. Sparklers, novelty items such as cigarette loads, trick matches, trick noise makers, smoke grenades, toy propellants, snap & pops, poppets and champagne poppers as well as firecrackers, Roman Candles, rockets, etc. are ALL ILLEGAL in this State. Please do not be fooled by a salesman who tries to tell you that they are authorized or permitted to be sold by mail order houses or over the internet and please do not purchase fireworks and transport them into New Jersey from Pennsylvania or others States. Aside from being illegal fireworks are EXTREMELY unpredictable and dangerous. Each year many people young and old find themselves in emergency rooms around the State with severe injuries caused by the illegal use of fireworks. Fireworks are also a serious fire hazard. Please leave fireworks to the experts at officially sanctioned public and licensed displays and be reminded that the police department and our Fire Code Official have a

ZERO TOLERANCE policy for violations of the State’s Fireworks Laws.

Severe Weather / Flooding – Clinton is prone to flooding in several commercial and residential areas, and like all other places susceptible to high wind damage and storm related power outages. Although the Police, Fire, EMS and Office of Emergency Management Departments of the Town are available to respond and assist in emergencies, YOU the property owner/tenant are responsible to be aware of severe weather forecasts and to take those steps unique to YOUR properties to protect them in cases of severe weather and flooding. Please take the time NOW to create a plan for you, your family and your home or business to follow in the event of emergency. Resources are available to assist you at the following websites: www.state.nj.us/njoem , www.fema.gov and www.redcross.org . You are also encouraged to sign up for local alerts on the Police Department website www.clintonnjpolice.com .

Suspicious Activity – We have all seen something that “just did not seem right”. Too often people do not report suspicious activity for fear that they will have to “get involved” or suffer some form of retaliation. Many times suspicious activities are reported the morning after and sometimes many days after the fact when there is little if anything that police can do about it. If you see or are aware of anything suspicious in nature do not hesitate to contact the non-emergency number for the Police Department at 908-735-8611 as soon as possible. You will be connected to a live communications dispatcher who will accept your information ANONYMOUSLY (if you desire) and relay that information to a police officer who will immediately investigate the incident.

Alcoholic Beverages – If you are hosting a summer picnic or party, please be reminded that the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public

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Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Chad Newsome



With the arrival of summer, the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad encourages residents and visitors of the Town of

Clinton to be mindful of heat-related illnesses. While they usually progress in stages, if you are aware of the signs and symptoms of each stage, you should be able to prevent the development of a life-threatening situation.

The first stage is heat cramps, which are painful muscle spasms usually in the abdominal area, the legs or specific muscle groups being used during activity. The body overheats and the loss of water and salt from heavy sweating causes the cramps. Heat cramps should be taken as a warning. Move indoors or to a shaded area and drink plenty of cool fluids. If steps aren't taken to cool down and hydrate, the body will soon move into the next stage of heat-related illness.

The second stage of heat illness is called heat exhaustion. It is not always preceded by heat cramps, but almost always occurs during heavy activity in extremely hot and humid conditions. Profuse sweating causes further dehydration, but the sweat does not evaporate from the skin as it should (usually due to high humidity) and the body loses the ability to cool itself. Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion include:

- Heavy sweating or sometimes just moist, pale or red skin
- Headache, dizziness, lightheadedness

- Extreme thirst
- Nausea

Act immediately. If ignored, heat exhaustion can advance quickly into a life-threatening situation. Move indoors or to a shaded area. Drink plenty of cool water or a sport drink with electrolytes. Apply a wet cloth to skin or spray with cool (not cold) water from a spray bottle or even a garden hose. If feeling faint or dizzy, lie back and elevate legs 6 to 8 inches.

Heat exhaustion can easily progress to the most serious heat-related illness, heatstroke. Heatstroke is a severe, life-threatening emergency. It is a complete breakdown of the body's temperature control system. Sweating ceases, body temperature rises and vital organs begin to shut down. If immediate action is not taken, heatstroke will lead to shock, coma, brain damage and even death. Signs and symptoms of heatstroke include:

- Severe headache
- Rapid, weak heartbeat
- Rapid, shallow breathing
- High body temperature (sometimes as high as 105°)
- Cessation of sweating and dry, red, hot skin
- Confusion, fainting or complete loss of consciousness
- Seizures

Any person showing signs and symptoms of heatstroke should immedi-

ately be moved indoors or to a cool, shady place. Call 911 right away and begin to lower the body temperature by covering with wet sheets or spraying with cool water. Wrap ice or cold packs in a cloth and place in the armpits, neck and groin area. If alert enough, give cool fluids to drink.

Of course, the best treatment of all for heat-related illness is prevention. The Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad would ask you to follow some safety tips which can help in preventing this problem:

- Avoid vigorous outdoor activity between the hours of 10am and 6pm.
- Make sure to drink fluids throughout the day, instead of waiting until you're thirsty, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.
- Wear light-colored, loose clothing.
- Instruct children to do the same. Make sure they know how to recognize when they are too hot, even if they're not with you. Teach them that in these cases, they must go indoors right away and drink water.

Elderly persons and young children are at a higher risk for heat-related illness, as well as people taking certain medications such as diuretics. Extra care is required to prevent an emergency.

As the old Benjamin Franklin saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis

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(public property, streets, sidewalks, parks playgrounds) is prohibited by ordinance. Please maintain an awareness of WHO is consuming your alcoholic beverages and HOW MUCH they are consuming at YOUR event. As the host you may be held responsible for the actions of those that you have served in some instances. Please also remember

that the Drunk Driving blood alcohol level threshold in New Jersey for those 21 and over is .08% blood alcohol content, however the limit for those under 21 is SIGNIFICANTLY LESS at .01% BAC. So for all practical purposes this is a ZERO TOLERANCE for the consumption of alcoholic beverages if you are under 21 and operating a motor vehicle regard-

less of where or from whom you were served.

New Police Department Website – The new Police website is located at www.clintonnjpolice.com. You will be able to access police news, important information of interest to residents and visitors alike as well as sign up for police alerts by using this site.

A Message from the County Board of Health

Most Human Rabies Treatments are Avoidable

More than once every year, a number of county residents are referred by their physicians for a series of injections to protect against possible rabies infection after getting involved with a rabid or suspect rabid animal. Regrettably, many of these treatments could have been avoided if the person just took some simple precautions.

While avoiding a bite from an aggressive wild or domestic animal might not always be possible, chances are good that avoiding a "non-bite" exposure is much more achievable with a little knowledge. What is a "non-bite" exposure, you ask? Simple put, it is the contamination of any open wound, mucous membrane (think: nose, mouth, and eye) or scratch with potentially infectious material (think: saliva from a rabid animal).

Here is an all too common scenario:

A dog being walked through the woods tangles with a raccoon (or a skunk, fox, woodchuck, etc.). The fight ends and the owner calls her dog back to

her side. She then runs her fingers through the fur of her pet, examining carefully to see if it has suffered any bites or other wounds. The owner has now had direct physical contact with potentially infectious saliva from the wild animal. Maybe she has a small cut or scratch on her hand. Or, she unknowingly touches her eyes, nose or mouth with the and that just combed through her dog's fur.

The following day—while reviewing the incident with her veterinarian, animal control officer, or the county health department—the possibility of her having had a non-bite exposure is raised. She cannot recall all the details. Fearing the worst, she contacts her physician who immediately directs her to the Hunterdon Medical Center ER where she begins a series of vaccine injections to protect her.

But consider if she knew this before her experience: Potentially infected saliva is inactivated after it has air dried. Had she waited long enough for any wet saliva to air dry prior to examining her

pet, she would have removed all worry. Better yet, the best option is to put on a pair of gloves prior to examining a pet, and then placing the gloves aside so they can air dry. Either way, eliminating potential exposure means eliminating any need for post-exposure treatment.

But in those cases where treatment is necessary it also helps to know the truth. Indeed, there are a lot of misconceptions about the process of getting rabies injections. Yet, that process is not that terrifying. Rabies post-exposure vaccinations comprise a dose of human rabies immune globulin and four doses of rabies vaccine given on the day of the exposure, and then again on days 3, 7, and 14. The vaccine is given in a muscle, usually in the upper arm. This set of vaccinations is high effective at preventing rabies if given as soon as possible following an exposure.

Rabies might be dangerous, and clearly, it is present in Hunterdon County. However, knowing the facts can go a long way in reducing anxieties and risks.

Clinton Seniors by Sue Huntley and Nancy Burgess

After 41 years of living in and loving Hunterdon County, I am moving to a beautiful 55 plus community in Bridgeville, DE where I will be closer to my sons and their families.

Whoever assumes my volunteer post as Clinton's senior coordinator will find it interesting, low-tech, and informative. This Hunterdon County group meets the third Friday of each month in the morning for about 1 ½ hours. We are kept apprised of what seniors are doing in their communities and learn of activities, helplines, and services available to seniors and other county residents.

Volunteer for this enjoyable position!!!

Sue Huntley

The Clinton Council would like to acknowledge and express gratitude to Sue Huntley for her role as the Senior Citizens coordinator for the Town of Clinton. She kept us informed of the senior citizen newsworthy events in the newsletter for almost 2 years. We wish her and her family the best of luck. She will be missed.

CLINTON SENIOR COORDINATOR VACANCY

As a result of Sue moving, we now have a vacancy as Senior Rep. Please consider volunteering and being involved in your community. As Sue has stated it is one meeting a month at the Senior Center in Flem-

ington. Each meeting offers a speaker on a topic important to seniors, as well as the opportunity to exchange news from the 24 communities in the County. Responsibilities also include writing a short column in this quarterly newsletter on a subject of interest to our older population and assisting any senior who may contact you in getting answers to questions about programs or activities available.

This is an opportunity to meet people active in Hunterdon's life and learn about so many possibilities for service, support, and recreation.

If interested to volunteer, please contact Nancy Burgess or Ceil Covino at the Municipal Building 735-8616.

Historic Commission by Christie Woods

This year, our Town celebrates the 200th Anniversary of our treasured Red Mill. Through the years, its beauty and significance have been preserved by countless dedicated people.

Last month, at the Grand Colonial, a Gala was held to celebrate the Anniversary. Almost two hundred were in attendance for the event that honored

the Red Mill and three outstanding individuals. These three, Ella Haver, Frank Hooper and Allie McGaheran have made and continue to make contributions to our Town's history that cannot be overestimated.

These honorees were presented with beautiful crystal "Guardians of History" awards and each gave a touching and poignant acceptance speech.

Allie McGaheran is our Town Historian and is commissioned by the Mayor as a member of our Historic Commission.

Come meet Allie, a local celebrity in her own right, by dropping into our monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, in the 47 Leigh Street Town building at 7pm. We eagerly welcome all interested townspeople.

A Note from the Open Cupboard Food Pantry

After 16 years in High Bridge, The Open Cupboard Food Pantry moved to Clinton in December. The Pantry's purpose is to provide food to people in need in northern Hunterdon County. We depend entirely on donations of groceries, cash or items that can be sold in our thrift shop. The thrift shop exists to support the Pantry: all of the money made in the shop is used to defray our expenses and buy groceries for our clients.



The Pantry's motto, painted on our front window, is "neighbors helping neighbors". An army of volunteers from the community work tirelessly running the Pantry and shop.. Through our hard work, we strive to ensure that none of our neighbors suffers from a lack of food. In this affluent area, there are still those who cannot afford to feed themselves and their families. The Pantry is here to help.

The Clinton community has welcomed us graciously. We have added many new volunteers as well as many new clients. However we still need your help.

You can help by volunteering your time in the Pantry or shop. You can help by donating your new or old gently-used household items, clothes and books. You can help by donating groceries or money. You can help by shopping in the thrift shop. In all these ways you can help us to continue feeding our neighbors in need.

The Pantry is at 37 Old Highway 22, the former home of HBM Auto Parts, next to Rite Aid. The pantry is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30—11:30 a.m., Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5:00—6:30. The shop is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30—1:00, Wednesday from 9:30—2:00, Tuesday and Friday evenings from 4:30-7:00 and Saturdays from 10:00—1:30.

All donations are received through the back doors during open hours only.

MEALS ON WHEELS



Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers in your area. Serve your homebound senior neighbors a hot noontime meal. The commitment to drive is only once a month. It will take only an hour or two once a month to get that good feeling of giving. Call 908-284-0735 to offer your time or for more information. Help us, help others. Many thanks.

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency serving approximately 235 homebound seniors every day on twenty routes throughout Hunterdon County. We are one of the last meal delivery programs in the State of NJ to depend solely on volunteer drivers. Our mission is to assist the homebound elderly/disabled of Hunterdon County maintain their independence by enhancing their nutritional health, thereby avoiding unwanted institutionalization.

RECYCLE STICKERS FOR YOUR CONTAINERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE

**TOWN OF CLINTON
TREATMENT PLANT COMPOST HOURS
Mon-Fri 7am to 3pm Sat-Sun 6am to 8:30am**

Council Highlights by Susan Komorowski

January 26, 2010

~ Clinton Guild welcomed new merchant, Greens and Beans, but is saddened to hear the Old Riverhouse is leaving Town.

~ Approval of temporary Police Budget of \$5000 to purchase a video camera for the new police car.

~ Letter of commendation from the High Bridge Borough Police Department. Officer James Crilly noticed a vehicle several weeks after a hit and run in High Bridge, notified their Police Department, and the owner of the vehicle was charged. Once again, the Clinton Police Department has been honored for their service.

~ Town Bonfire held January 23rd was very successful!

~ Grants Committee--\$3.84 million in grant applications went out, with more applications pending for Federal, State, and private funding opportunities.

~ Follow up with merchants regarding securing their dumpsters—concerns regarding garbage haulers not wanting dumpster secured, but Ordinance passed December 2009 for dumpsters to be secured or enclosed.

February 9, 2010

~ Annual Rubber Ducky Race and Sprintin' Clinton to be held Sunday, July 11, 2010.

~ Captain Walter Dorf, assisted by Chief Wintermute and Deputy Chief Higgins, received a \$5535 grant for the Fire Department—Good work!

~ Adopted Resolution amending membership provisions of the Smart Growth Committee and ratifying Smart Growth provisions as an Ordinance of the Town.

~ Board of Public Utilities grant to cover an Energy Audit of all Municipal buildings.

February 23, 2010

~ Nancy Burgess appointed Deputy Registrar!

~ Historic Commission applying for

Open Space funds for grandstand replacement at Gebhardt Field.

~ Grants Committee continually working to find new funding opportunities.

~ Resolution adopted urging State Legislature to pass reforms to the binding Arbitration process.

March 9, 2010

~ Motion to adopt Resolution supporting Mayors' Task Force for School Funding Reform advocating removal of educational funding from property tax and seek other state revenue sources.

~ Rachel Court construction going to bid before summer 2010.

~ Discussed needed "tweaking" of Exit 15 intersection.

~ Discussed recent news highlight on "Lock Boxes" for emergency personnel to access seniors living alone—pros and cons to be considered.

March 23, 2010

~ Mayor Schaumburg attends budget presentation in Trenton—Town's state aid to be reduced by \$41,000.

~ Amendments for COAH introduced, but details not available yet.

~ Passed Resolution requesting portion of Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund be used toward improvements for Gebhardt Field.

~ Introduced Ordinance to amend fee schedule for inspections, permits and certifications related to construction and the Uniform Construction Code.

~ Resolution passed authorizing Town to enter a shared service agreement with Clinton Twp Sewerage Authority for temporary operator services of its wastewater collection system.

~ Congratulations to Kathy Olsen, CFO, on approval to be a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA), thus increasing our bid threshold from \$17,500 to \$29,000.

~ Clinton Guild Membership decreased from 68 members last year

to 35 members this year, possibly due to some membership forms not yet submitted.

~ Recreation Committee discussing creating bocce ball area at the Community Center.

~ Discussed ways to increase Town recycling, including sending reminder letters to all businesses and apartment complexes. Increased recycling increases our percentage to gain more credits.

April 13, 2010

~ Approved Hunting Ordinance prohibiting the discharge of loaded firearms or other weapons.

~ Mayor to follow up on asking Governor and other NJ Legislative Members to veto the Time of Decision Bill granting developer protection against zoning changes as soon as their application is submitted, completed or not. Such protection deprives municipalities from correcting their land use ordinances.

~ Introduction of Bond Ordinance authorizing \$105,000 bonds or notes to finance part of \$295,000 for improvements to Rachel Court and Gebhardt Field.

~ Rescue Squad reported 134 calls for March, with a 6 ½ minute response time.

April 27, 2010

~ Awarded contracts to Civil Dynamics for engineering services, and to Murray Hill Historical Construction, for the engineering services and construction services, respectively, in the reconstruction of Clinton Mills Dam and Dike Project.

~ Authorized acceptance of T-Mobile's proposal for a cellular communications antennae to be located on the current water tank and bring possible revenue to the Town.

~ Town to receive the Clean Communities Grant for \$4500.

~ There will be one cent tax increase for the Town of Clinton, averaging about \$32 per year, per household.

Around the Town by Danielle Badiali

Spirits of the Red Mill

Evening Tours offered throughout Spring & Summer
Call The Red Mill for Details 735-4101

Starting Friday, May 28

Clinton Guild Friday Night Music, "Come Together"
Enjoy musicians on the streets of Clinton
Every Friday May 28-Sept 3

Saturday, June 5

Town of Clinton, Town-wide Garage Sale
9AM Start

Sunday, June 6

BRITISH CAR DAY
Red Mill Museum 10 to 3PM

Friday, June 11



Clinton Guild Flag Day Parade

Decorate your bikes, scooters -
anything with wheels!

Ceremony at 6:30PM—Parade Downtown Clinton
Entertainment, refreshments & music to follow!

Saturday, June 12

Red Mill South Branch Watershed Day
Free Admission 10 to 4pm
Presented by the South Branch Watershed Association

Movies In The Park

Hosted by the Evangel Chapel
June 19th Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
July 24th Planet 51
August 21st 21st-Up
Held on Gebhardt Field at the Community Center
All is free. Bring a lawn chair or blankets
Games & activities start at 7:00pm
Movie with free popcorn starts at 8:30pm



Saturday & Sunday, June 19, 20 and June 26, 27

2010 NJ Renaissance Kingdom

at The Red Mill Museum by Dunn-Ley.
Celebrate 20 magical years at a new location.
Children can enjoy special games, fairy tale
performances and arts and crafts.
Call 732-271-1119 or visit www.NJKingdom.com

Sunday, June 27

CLASSIC CAR SHOW
10 to 3pm at the Unity Concourse Bldg
For more info call 908-339-1053 or go to
www.unitybank.com/carshow

Thursday through Sunday, July 8-11

14th Annual BLACK POTATOE MUSIC FESTIVAL
Featuring 36 acts over 4 days
for more info www.blackpotatoe.com

Sunday, July 11

DOUBLE HEADER!!!

THE GREAT RUBBER DUCKY RACE

Pick your duck and be at the Dam at 2PM
Advanced ducks sales day of at 10am on Main St.



SPRINTIN' CLINTON

1 ml. Fun Run at 6:30PM
5k Race at 6:45PM



Both races begin at the Clinton Community Center
For info go to: www.clintonriserotary.org

Saturday, July 31

Red Mill Bluegrass Festival
Call 735-4101 for further info

Saturday and Sunday, August 7-8

REVOLUTIONARY WAR DAYS

18th century camps, drills, skirmishes,
guided tours, and educational demonstrations
Red Mill Museum 10 to 4pm

Friday thru Sunday, August 13, 14 & 15 CLINTON'S ANNUAL SIDEWALK SALE!

Saturday August 21

Red Mill Wine & Spirit Tasting
For more info call 735-4101

Wednesday, September 1

20th Annual Great Tomato Tasting
Sponsored by the Rutgers NJAES Snyder Farm
3:00pm to Dusk
For more info call 908-713-8980.

Sunday, September 3

Clinton Guild "Come Together" Music
Come see the season's Grande Finale
Downtown Clinton

Friday, September 10

Newcomers/First Aid Chili Cook Off

Running May 23, 2010 - September 12, 2010

Hunterdon Art Museum
Tuesdays through Sundays 11 to 5
"Botanica"
"Katherine Mangiardi: Reflected Absence"



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RECYCLING DATES FOR 2010

June	8, 22
July	6, 20
Aug	3, 17, 31



Calendar of Town Committee Meetings at Municipal Bldg.

ASSESSOR — 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Every Thursday

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT — 7:30 PM Fourth Monday of each month (as needed)

BOARD OF RECREATION — 7:30 PM Third Thursday of each month

COUNCIL MEETING — 7:30 PM Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month

EMERGENCY SERVICES FOUNDATION — 7:00 PM First Thursday of each month

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION — 7:30 PM Fourth Monday of each month

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE — 7:30 PM Third Wednesday of each month

PLANNING BOARD — 7:30 PM First Tuesday of each month

SHADE TREE COMMISSION — 7:30 PM Third Monday of each month

SIGN COMMITTEE—7:30 PM Second Monday of each month

SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE — 7:30 PM Second Thursday of each month

Located at 47 Leigh Street :

BUILDING INSPECTOR — Every Tuesday 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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