

# OUR TOWN

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## From the Mayor's Desk...

**Christine Schaumburg**



Foremost in my mind is an appreciation of the overwhelming number of you who have recently volunteered your services to our Town. There is true excitement in Clinton about the upcoming changes that will have a direct and positive impact on our community. I'm thrilled that you want to contribute as we will need you. I am working with your Town Council members to make the following happen.

Our newest Councilwoman, Laurie Insel, has been busy preparing a grant application for our new Smart Growth Committee to hire a Planner to

develop a vision plan to address some of the biggest challenges we are facing in Clinton such as traffic, parking and development. We will develop and implement a plan that will increase the economic viability of our existing historic commercial district and eventually increase our revenues through improvements in the Old Highway 22 corridor. Laurie and I will also work with Councilwoman Janice Kovach to lobby our State officials for grant funding for road improvements, Community Center renovations and fire and rescue equipment.

Councilwoman Joelle Garber will work with Councilman Gene De Cleene and lead our new Emergency Services Foundation Committee to develop a non-profit organization that will exist to raise funds for fire and rescue equipment. This will have a direct impact on the taxpayers of Clinton while maintaining public safety through a

well-equipped Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad.

Councilman Jack Harrison has devoted much of his time working to develop a shared services program in Hunterdon County. Jack and I recently attended a meeting of Hunterdon elected officials and the Chamber of Commerce to open a discussion about sharing services. Our surrounding municipalities welcome the opportunity to explore our options to save taxpayer dollars.

This summer, you can expect to see the restoration of 47 Leigh Street into office space for our Water and Sewer Departments and Historic Commission. Councilman Robert Ragozine will lead our Buildings and Grounds Committee and work with the Historic Commission to see this improvement through to its completion in the next year.

In addition to committee

work, I have worked with our Council to produce a flat municipal budget for the second year in a row for 2006.

I want to thank Nancy Smith, our Chief Financial Officer and Tax Collector, for her 31 years of devoted service to the Town of Clinton. Nancy will retire on March 31 and looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren. I thank all of our very competent employees, especially Bob Cutter, Chief Brett Matheis and Ceil Covino for ensuring a smooth transition this year. We are very fortunate in Clinton to have a dedicated staff of professionals.

Please stop and see me during office hours on the first Monday of every month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm or make an appointment. I look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions for an even better Clinton.

Christine Schaumburg  
Mayor

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### Town-Wide Garage/Yard Sale - June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00am

Spring is really coming!!!! Clean out your attics, basements and garages.

Set up a table on your lawn and rake in the money!!!!

Cost is a \$10 registration fee (payable to the Town of Clinton)

Mail your registration fee to:

Town of Clinton P. O. Box 5194 Clinton, NJ 08809



## Department of Fire Prevention by Jack Daniels



**To ALL APARTMENT OWNERS and HOMEOWNERS:** A smoke detector/carbon monoxide/fire extinguisher inspection and certificate is required as soon as the apartment or home changes tenants or owners. Recently, the State Division of Fire Safety became the enforcing agency to verify that a FIRE EXTINGUISHER is installed in residential apartments and homes at the time of a change in ownership or tenancy. The local Fire Prevention Office is also responsible for this new law since it was enacted under the Uniform Fire Code. Therefore, I will now be checking for the presence of the proper fire extinguisher as well as the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors during my inspection. The following is the minimum criteria necessary for an approval upon a resale or change in tenancy.

### Smoke Detectors:

Any existing electrical type smoke detectors must be operational. If the device also has a battery backup feature, it too must be operational. If these devices are the type that are interconnected (when one activates they all will activate) then this feature must be working correctly. Where there are no smoke detectors present, a battery operated device is permitted to be installed.

Smoke detectors are required on each floor level in the

area of the stairs to the next floor. The idea is to detect the smoke BEFORE it starts ascending to the upper level. These devices are best located on a ceiling; however, they are allowed to be located on a wall. They should not be located in a kitchen, garage or within 5 feet of a bathroom door. Please follow the installation directions for the proper installation and location of these life saving detectors.

### Carbon Monoxide Detectors:

These detectors are required only when there are ANY gas or oil appliances (range, furnace, water heater, gas fireplace, gas dryer) in the building OR when there is an attached garage. The detectors may be battery operated, plug in style or electric. The location must be within 10 feet of ALL bedrooms. The best location is on the ceiling but they may be mounted on walls. Follow the manufacturer's installation directions regarding the proper placement on a wall or ceiling.

### Fire Extinguisher:

The minimum size is designated by how much fire the extinguisher is able to put out. The new law requires the minimum size to be **2A10BC**. However, this size is difficult to locate in stores. If the number on the extinguisher is larger then the extinguisher is able to put out a larger fire. As long as the number is larger then 2 or 10

respectively, the extinguisher is adequate. Additionally, ALL of the letters (A, B & C) must be on the label. The extinguisher must not weigh more then 10 pounds and must be **mounted** within 10 feet of the kitchen area. It is not allowed to be "hidden" in a closet, in a cabinet, behind a door, or in the garage. The maximum mounting height is 5 feet above the floor to the handle of the extinguisher.

Lastly, over the last 3 years, about 25% of the residential resale inspections fail the first time. Because of this high statistic, **an inspection must be conducted by the inspector from the Fire Prevention Office.** Until such a time as the failure rate is reduced, physical inspections of the Fire Prevention Office will be conducted. The notary option of the form should be disregarded. Remember to sign the form and submit it along with the appropriate payment as soon as possible to allow adequate time to schedule the inspection and if necessary, make any repairs. **It is imperative that this certificate be issued BEFORE the sale of the home or change in tenancy of an apartment.**

*As always, for information about any fire prevention matters please contact my office at 908-735-2275. I would be happy to answer any questions or assist you in any way that I can.*

*Jack Daniels, Fire Official*

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:** Spring is coming and the yearly South Branch River Clean-Up will take place on April 22, 2006. The Clinton starting location will be near the Mill side of the bridge, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. To register, and for any additional information, please call Don Goehe at 735-8108. We need to know the number participating so enough garbage bags and shirts will be available. We hope local businesses will also make an extra effort to participate in helping to keep our community clean.



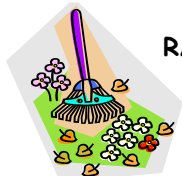
### TOWN-WIDE SPRING CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

**RAKE LEAVES TO CURB - NO BAGS TWO WEEKS ONLY (Weather Permitted)**

**MONDAY, MARCH 27TH THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH**

If you have any questions, please call the Dept. of Public Works on 735-8616.

(Leaves must not be less than 10 feet from storm drains.)



# Dept. of Public Works by Robert Cutter



## “Capital Improvements Project Update

1. County of Hunterdon Project – Halstead Street Bridge Summer 2006
2. State of New Jersey D.O.T. Project – Rt.173/I-78, Exit 15 In Progress
3. DeMott Pond Dam Construction - 2006
4. Fox Drive – Milling and Overlay 2006
5. School Street – Milling and Overlay 2006
6. 47 Leigh Street – Rehabilitation 2006
7. County of Hunterdon—Pony Truss Bridge, Main Street—Schedule to be determined.
8. Clinton Mills Dike and Dam Project—Engineering in process.

## Trash Receptacles

Please take all necessary steps to keep your trash dry. NO GARBAGE shall be put out for collection more than 12 hours prior to 12:01 a.m. of the day of regular garbage collection. NO PERSON shall place any garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish or other materials out for collection on any public street, road, thoroughfare, lane or alley of the Town Of Clinton or in such a way so as to block any public sidewalk or other public right-of-way.

## Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

Within the next several weeks, please visit the Town of Clinton Web site at [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov) for education information on our program.

## Brush / Yard Debris

Scheduled to resume on or about January 15, 2006.

Curbside—WEDNESDAY, the WEEK FOLLOWING RECYCLING DAY.

TREE LIMBS & BRANCHES to be placed at curbside.

RAKED DEBRIS to be in plastic bags ONLY—NO BUCKETS OR GARBAGE CANS. (see Town Trash & Recycling Card)

## Reminders:

I will be available for appointments in my office in the Municipal Building, every second Tuesday, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss any problems or questions that can't be handled during regular business hours. Please call Mrs. Peterson at the Municipal Office (735-8616) to arrange an appointment.

# Parks & Playgrounds by Joelle Garber



The Parks and Playgrounds Committee brings some exciting events for the year of 2006.

## Senior Citizens Wanted...

Any senior citizen who lives in the Town of Clinton is welcome.

The annual senior luncheon will be held Sunday May 7, 2006 at the

Clinton Rescue Squad Building 1:00 p.m. So come join your friends for a relaxing afternoon, good food and lots of prizes. For reservations please contact Nancy Smith. (908) 735-2275.

The Town of Clinton will be sponsoring the summer recreation program at Clinton Public School, from June 26 thru July 21. Any child who has completed his/

her first year of kindergarten thru 8th grade from Clinton or Glen Gardner is welcome. Exciting trips and games are planned. Come join the FUN.....

Do you love to clean? Looking for a part-time job? A cleaning person is needed.

The Community Center is in need of some special attention. If interested please contact Nancy Smith at (908) 735-2275.

# Shade Tree Commission by Pat Goehe



After the past snow storm I'm sure everyone will be looking for that first sign of Spring. If you are thinking of planting any tree in your yard, here are a few tips from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

If a tree is planted correctly it will grow twice as fast and live at least twice as long as one planted incorrectly.

To plant a containerized tree, dig or roto till an area one foot deep and approximately 5 times the diameter of the root ball. The prepared soil will encourage root growth beyond the root ball and results in a healthier tree. In transplanting, be sure to keep soil around the roots. Always handle your tree by the root ball not by the trunk or branches. Don't let the root ball dry out. Help prevent root girdling by vertically cutting any roots that show tendencies to circle the root ball. After placing the

tree, pack soil firmly but not tightly around the root ball. Water the soil and place a protective 3-foot circle of mulch around the tree. Mulch will insulate the soil, retain moisture, keep out weeds, prevents soil compaction, reduces lawnmower damage, and adds aesthetic touch to a yard or street. Remove any grass within the mulch area, and area from 3 to 10 feet in diameter, depending on tree size. Pour wood chips or bark pieces 2 to 4 inches within the circle, but not touching the trunk.

## Clinton Seniors by Lois Terreri

I hope you are all taking advantage of the many services, activities and programs sponsored by the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services. We are very fortunate to have so much available to us. Two programs, in particular, deserve your consideration:

1. Health Screenings: They offer 45 different tests/consults. The two scheduled in our area are: April 12 – Voorhees High School in High Bridge Nov. 9 - Hunterdon Central High School in Flemington

Call 782-7224 for details.

2. Defensive Driving Course: This course is sponsored by AARP, and just by attending you will receive a discount on your car insurance. Between the high speeds on the highways today and the increase in vehicles on the roads, this program is a MUST.

The next course is scheduled for Monday, Mar. 20 & Thursday, Mar. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call 788-1361 to register.

Check your copy of **Seasoned Years** for a complete listing of everything

offered by the County to seniors.

### HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS

Please be careful when hiring contractors. If someone shows up at your door offering a service at a price that seems to be too good to be true, it is!

Home improvement contractors include those who work on residential driveways, sidewalks, swimming pools, patios, additions, landscaping, fences, porches, windows, doors, cabinets, kitchens, bathrooms, garages, finished basements, basement waterproofing, fire protection and security protection devices, heating and air conditioning equipment, water softeners, roofing, siding, flooring, and more.

\*Get written estimates from at least three contractors. Ask them how long they've been in business, what types of insurance they have, and whether they will be using subcontractors on the project.

\*Ask for, and then contact, their references. Ask whether the job was completed on time, whether there

were any unexpected costs, whether the workers showed up on time and cleaned up when they finished, and whether they would use the contractor again.

\*Investigate financing options for your project. Shop for credit and be sure you understand the annual percentage rate you will have to pay.

\*Do not pay for the entire job up front. The customary arrangement is one-third in advance, one-third halfway through the job and one-third upon completion. Do not pay with cash.

\*Obtain a written contract. Contracts for home improvement projects costing \$500 or more must be written and must include the legal name and business address of the contractor as well as a start date, a completion date, a description of the work to be done and the total price, as well as the contractor's registration number.

Should you have any questions about the law or problems with your project, call the Hunterdon County Office of Consumer Affairs at 806-5174.

## From the Tax Collector by Nancy Smith

The State has mailed out the applications for the 2005 property tax reimbursement (PTR) to senior citizens and disabled residents who may be eligible for the PTR Program. The deadline for filing the applications is June 1, 2006.

The PTR Program, now in its eighth year, reimburses qualified applicants for the property tax increases they incur each year. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the property taxes due and paid in the "base year" (the year they first became eligible for the program) and the property taxes for the cur-

rent year. Applicants must continue to meet all the income eligibility and residency requirements and must file an application each year to receive the reimbursement.

There are two different versions of the property tax reimbursement application. Form PTR-1 is for applicants who are filing an application for the first time (or who filed an application last year that was not approved for payment). Form PTR-1 applicants must provide income and property tax information for both 2004 and 2005. Form PTR-2 is sent

to applicants who received reimbursement checks for 2004. Residents applying for the 2005 reimbursement must have a total income for 2004 that was *less than* \$40,869 for single applicants and \$50,113 (combined income) for married couples, and total income for 2005 that was *less than* \$41,972 for single applicants and \$51,466 (combined income) for married couples.

Copies of the Form PTR-1 are available in the Office of the Tax Collector for residents who have not filed an application before and are eligible.

**Overcrowding Ordinance:** The Town of Clinton recently adopted an Ordinance regulating the rental of housing units. All landlords must register each rental property with the Town Clerk. Applications are available on the Town of Clinton website or at the Municipal Building.



## Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



### The "WHALE PROGRAM."

While driving to a store with her infant daughter, a young mother lost control of her car and crashed into a tree. The mother was knocked unconscious, while the child appeared to be uninjured. Due to her injuries, the mother could not identify herself or her child. She was also unable to provide vital medical information about her daughter. The child because of her age, was unable to communicate with rescue personnel. While both victims received the best care possible, the emergency services personnel felt their rescue and treatment could have been more effective and efficient...IF THEY ONLY KNEW THE CHILDS NAME AND ANY PERTINENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION.

In 2005 over 3,000 children age four and under were injured in automobile accidents in New Jersey. Some of those children were not riding in the same vehicles as their parents or guardians. Today, children may ride with a babysitter, grandparents or other caregivers. In the event of a

motor vehicle accident that incapacitates parents or other adult passengers, emergency service personnel have no source of information to identify the child or his/her special medical needs. Also, efforts to identify and contact the child's next of kin may be significantly delayed. In some cases, rescue efforts may proceed more smoothly and efficiently if emergency personnel know the name of the frightened child they are treating. This is where the WHALE (We Have A Little Emergency) program can make a difference.

The WHALE Program is an identification and information package for child car safety seats created by Connie Day, a caregiver from Richmond, VA, who wondered what would happen to the children in her care in the event of an automobile accident. The first program of its kind in the United States, WHALE is currently used in 33 States. It requires the use of four self adhesive stickers and one information label. One information label attached to the rear of the car seat provides important information about the child in the seat, such as

name, date of birth, medical history, and who to contact in case of an emergency. Two WHALE car seat stickers, attached to the sides of the child safety seat and two WHALE vehicle stickers, attached to the rear windows of the vehicle, depict the WHALE logo and alert rescuers that the vehicle occupants participate in the program.

The WHALE Program was brought to our attention by a concerned parent who has a child with special medical needs. This parent made it her goal to ensure that every child safety seat in New Jersey is a participant in this program.

The Clinton Police Department is proud to participate in the WHALE Program and we maintain a supply of WHALE Packages both in our headquarters and in the Town Clerk's Office. If you would like to participate in the WHALE Program please stop in and pick up your WHALE identification and information package.

## Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Chad Newsome



The Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad recently installed their new officers for 2006 at their annual banquet on

January 21<sup>st</sup>. The new officers are as follows:

### Administrative

Melinda Stortz, President  
Dan McTiernan, Vice President  
Treasurer, Matthew Mitschele  
Secretary, Erica Frechette

### Line

Chief, Joseph Olivo  
Assistant Chief, Frank Setnicky  
Rescue Captain, Danny Jankowski  
EMS Captain, Mike Gallas  
Rescue Lt., Robert Hoffman  
EMS Lt., Doug Rega

On behalf of the entire membership of the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad, we welcome our new officers and wish them well as they guide the squad into its 38<sup>th</sup> year of providing Basic Life Support (BLS) and Rescue services (vehicle extrication, water rescue, and technical rescue) to the

Town of Clinton, and portions of Clinton Twp., Lebanon Borough, Franklin Twp., and Union Twp.

The squad covers approximately 48 square miles, and answers over 1400 calls per year. They utilize a combination of paid (6am-6pm, M-F) and volunteer (remaining hours) Emergency Medical Technicians, with approximately 80 volunteer members at this time. The squad operates 4 ambulances, a rescue truck, a marine support vehicle, 3 boats, a command vehicle, a technical rescue services trailer and a first responder car.

### Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day

**Saturday, March 11, 2006 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Route 12 County Garage, Hunterdon County Complex Flemington, NJ 08822

Any questions, call 908-788-1110 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm

## Historic Preservation Commission by Holly Lione

The first thing people say when they find out I am a member of Clinton's Historic Preservation Commission is "Can you tell me how to research the history of my home?" The answer is the Historic Commission is surely here to help out with that.

The place to begin is with your very own deed to your home. Read it carefully and locate the portion that states when the deed for the sale previous to yours was recorded in the Hunterdon County Clerk's office. This section will state the name of the person you purchased your house from and the name of the owner before them. The wording will then go on to list the date that sale was recorded and, the most important information you are looking for, the book number and page number of that deed. It will read something like "recorded April 9, 2001 in the Hunterdon County Clerks office in Book 1998 page 810." This information is the key you need to begin unlocking the door to your homes past owners.

Now, run don't walk to the Hunterdon County Hall of Records located at 71 Main Street, Flemington, next to the Courthouse with your book number and page number in hand, (even better bring a copy of your deed). This building is open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30. The Search room is on the first floor of the building, and there you will find books containing all the deeds recorded in Hunterdon County. You will now need to follow the numbering system and locate the book on the shelves that is sited in your current deed. Once you locate the book, turn to the page number

listed in your deed. Now, before celebrating your first successful trace, read the new deed carefully and see that names and property description match the deed with which you started out. Now, this new deed will also list a book and page number for the deed preceding it. You follow the same steps and locate the new book and page number. Continue this process as far back as you can. If you hit a roadblock, the desk staff will answer some simple questions but I found fellow researchers to be most helpful and willing to point me in the right direction. Copy machines are located in a small room off the search room, it is best to copy each deed as you find it as some may be hard to read and you will want to decipher them later at home.

Once you have gleaned all the possible nuggets of information from your deeds you have the tools you need to find out a whole lot more about those who roamed your floors before you. Census records, the internet, and local cemeteries can all be a font of information about those who lived in your home. Your computer will give you access to all kinds of places to find information. For access to census records go to <http://www.hclibrary.us/ref/ebSCO.htm>. This link will take you to the Hunterdon County library website. Click on "Heritage Quest" and it will ask for your library card number. Type it and hit enter. On the next page that comes up click "Search Census" then it will prompt you to enter the known information about the person for which you are searching. The 1880 census is not on

Heritage Quest for that input this link and search:

[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameSet\\_search.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameSet_search.asp). At the library, you can also search on Ancestry.com through their system. They have censuses as well as immigrant lists, newspaper stuff, and tons of other indexes which may reveal information about the people for which you are searching.

Input this next link to go to Hunterdon County Democrat archives 1838-1886 or so. <http://www.njsuttonfamily.org/Newspaper/paperhistory.htm>. There is a search form at the bottom of the page. The Hunterdon County Justice Center has a lot of records including wills and death inventories.. Death Inventories, which were taken in the 19th century, list the contents of a home at the time of the owners death. All inventoried items were assigned a value in order to pay any debts the owner had. We were able to find out the contents of our home in 1861 and 1875 through death inventories, right down to the sleigh and grey mare in the back yard. Finally, take a stroll through our local cemeteries for things like birth and death dates of your homes residents. Many who lived here are buried here.

We all love our homes, but knowing a little more about those who came before us somehow makes us appreciate our house all the more. Feel free to contact the Historic Commission through me at [lione@rcn.com](mailto:lione@rcn.com) for help or more information and Happy searching.



### 2006 ELECTION INFORMATION PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 6, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 7, 2006



**Please Note:** Last day for filing of petitions for the Primary is April 10, 2006;

- Deadline to change party affiliation - April 17, 2006 ; and
- Last day to register to vote in the Primary, May 16, 2006.
  - School Board Elections - April 18, 2006

## Newsletter and Website Committee by Pat Hatalla



**Subscribe Now to Resident Notification Feature!!!**

The **Resident Notification Service** has been implemented to make the web site experience more proactive. You will receive an email notification when the web site has been updated and a link will be provided directly to the updated/new page. This will be applicable for notification on agendas, meeting minutes and any other updates. Register via the home page on [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov)

Ever wonder who your Town Council representatives are? Not only can you contact them via the website, but their pictures are online so you can easily identify them around the town.

The Newsletter/Website Committee has been restructured. The newsletter functions will now be assumed by Nancy Burgess, who is on the staff of the Municipal Clerk office. Many thanks for the support by the previous members: Tony Hatalla, Sue Bolash, Pat Goehe, Ann Holt, Maria Valenta & Lou Pennucci. Their

hours of dedication to the newsletter and the start-up of the webpage is very much appreciated. Council Highlights will continue to be managed by Colleen O'Reilly. We also welcome Danielle Badiali who will now assume the responsibilities for Around Town.

Any submissions to the newsletter and be forwarded to Nancy Burgess at [nbwater@earthlink.net](mailto:nbwater@earthlink.net).



## Council Highlights by Colleen O'Reilly

### October 24, 2005

~Mayor Holt commented on the Hunterdon County Municipal Officers' Association Fall Dinner/meeting on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>; NJ US Attorney, Christopher Christie was the guest speaker.

~The Clinton Fire Dept. delivered bid specs for the new fire truck. This will be discussed at the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

~A recommendation was received from Don Goehe, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, to appoint Bill Kruetel to the commission.

~Council discussed a request for a waiver of registration fees from the Clinton United Methodist Church. Council decided to waive the United Methodist fees and all other houses of worship in Clinton.

~A letter was received from a downtown merchant, complaining about juveniles loitering and skateboarding on his property. Sgt. Kubinak addressed the concerns and is putting together an article for the newsletter to inform residents. Building and Grounds will heck properties where skateboarding might be allowed.

~Councilwoman Schaumburg sug-

gested that Building and Grounds should remind town employees to wear their employee identification so they are identifiable to residents.

~Councilwoman Pendergast discussed that Parks & Playgrounds met at the Community Center to go over a list of things that require attention, i.e. backboards, bathrooms & refrigerator.

### November 7, 2005

~Mayor Holt discussed the North Hunterdon Municipal Court and the intentions of Clinton Township to withdraw from the Court.

~ The Planning Board has resubmitted a study regarding the Wargo tract, block 23, lot 13 (next to Krauszers). It is currently owned by A&P, whose main goal is working for the best interests of the town. The Planning Board will develop an RFP for developers.

~ A board of Adjustment position was open due to John Harrison being appointed to the Council. Therefore, with the opening posted, seven local residents applied for the position. Louis Tranquilli was advanced to a permanent seat, Mrs. Gallo put in as Alt. #1 and Eric Trepkau as Alt. #2.

~Two grants of \$10,000 each were

awarded to the Town for a Streetscape Plan and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

~NJ DOT requested permission to conduct nighttime work on the exit 15 reconstruction. Mayor Holt has contacted them for further details.

~Acting Governor Codey acknowledged receipt of our Senior Tax Freeze; it will be given attention and consideration.

~Overnight Parking Ordinance for Snow and Ice removal is in effect from Nov. 15 through April 1<sup>st</sup>.

~Parks & Playground Commission received high praise for the successful Trunk-or-treat event at Hunts Mill park and the Fall firework display.

~Clinton Detective, Jay Hunter, a Staff Sergeant, was honored for receiving his second purple heart in his second tour of duty in Iraq. Councilwoman Kovach read a letter of commendation from Senator Corzine acknowledging Sgt. Hunter's accomplishments and duty to our country.

~Sgt. Kubinak reported that electric scooters may only be ridden on private property, not on roads or sidewalks.

## Council Highlights (Continued) by Colleen O'Reilly

~Mrs. Garber was congratulated on the great success of the Hair cut-a-thon fundraiser for the Clinton Fire Department. Mrs. Schaumburg recommends Mrs. Garber to be the next Fire Commissioner for Council. Mrs. Garber thanked all of those involved and presented the fire department with a check for \$825.

### **November 22, 2005**

~Mayor Holt commented on the Tax Assessors meeting held on Nov 21 at the Fire Department. Approximately 100 residents attended.

~ Fire Chief Langston reported that estimates are proceeding for the renovations of the firehouse and when full proposals are ready, Council will receive copies.

~Councilwoman Schaumburg reported on Building & Grounds committee discussing Beaver Brook flooding issue and the drafting of a letter to the DEP to suggest performing a study.

~ A relocation of a handicapped parking space took place in the Lower Center St. lot.

### **December 13, 2005**

~Clinton Sunrise Rotary presented Mayor Holt the highest award in the Rotary, the Paul Harris Fellowship award. Mayor Holt was commended for his many years of service to the rotary.

~"The Pearly King", Tony Shephard delivered a letter to Mayor Holt from the Mayor of Lewes, England. Mr. Shephard has been in the Christmas parade for 6 years.

~Nancy Smith, CFO/CTC is resigning from her position as of 3-31-06 after 31 years of service. Mayor Holt thanked Nancy for her years of dedication.

~After being asked by the Hunterdon County Municipal Alliance to become the "Lead municipality", responsible for receiving grant funds and paying bills for the alliance, the Council agreed to take on

this role for the County Alliance.

~It was decided to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the 100' firetruck in the amount of \$849,879.

~Police Chief Matheis completed his training at the FBI National Academy.

~Town received \$942.47 from the State for replacement of Police Body Armor.

~Councilman DeCleene discussed attending the meeting regarding the Exit 15 Interstate 78 interchange; alternate improvements were discussed and open to the public.

~Board of Health Rabies clinic to be held on Jan. 14 from 8 am to 11 am.

~Councilwoman Kovach reported that the Highlands Commission one year anniversary was Dec. 15. A draft of the Master Plan will be ready in March and the final plan is expected June 16, 2006.

~Councilwoman Garber thanked Ann Holt for her years of dedication as Ann is retiring this year from the Newsletter committee.

### **December 29, 2005**

~Patrolman Jeff Glennon resigned as of 1-22-06.

~Mayor Holt read a proclamation to Bill Langston for 60 years of service and Bill Wintermute for 45 years of service to the Clinton Fire Department.

~State of NJ sent confirmation to the town that the requested signal revisions at Route 173 and Leigh St. have been reviewed and have been sent to the Electrical Bureau to complete.

~The next S.W.A.C meeting will be held Feb. 21, 2006.

~Police Chief Matheis returned from his FBI Training and thanked the Mayor and Council

for allowing him to attend--it was the highlight of his career. He also thanked Sgt. Kubinak for keeping the Department running smoothly in his absence.

~Mayor Holt addressed the Council and audience with his farewell speech, stating "It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the people of Clinton."

### **January 1, 2006-Reorganization Meeting**

~Mayor Christine Schaumburg was sworn in by Attorney Richard Cushing, with her husband and children looking on.

~Attorney Cushing also swore in Councilman DeCleene and Councilman Ragozine.

~Mayor Schaumburg reviewed the current state of affairs in the Town and addressed projects being planned for the year ahead.

~Mayor Schaumburg thanked Fire Chief Langston for accommodating the Council for the Reorganization meeting.

### **January 10, 2006**

~Mayor Schaumburg announced that she will hold office hours the first Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 pm beginning in February.

~Fire inspection fees were discussed and it was agreed that all non-profit organizations would be charged a reduced fee of \$35.

~It was agreed to enter into an Animal Control Contract with the Hunterdon Humane Animal Shelter for 2006 at a cost of \$3,708.60.

~Councilman Ragozine reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee. They met on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussed proposed improvements for DeMott Pond and possibly a new floor for the Community Center.

~Laurie Insel was welcomed to her new position as Councilwoman.

~Mayor Schaumburg announced that Budget meetings will be held on 1-12, 26 and 2-2, 9 and 16 at 6 pm.



## Around the Town by Danielle Badiali



### Tuesday, March 7:

THE CAROL HEFFLER QUARTET  
Starting at 7:30pm  
North County Branch Library

### Opening Sunday, March 12:

Hunterdon Museum of Art  
BENNETT BEAN: INFLUENCES AND OBJECTS  
Tuesday thru Sundays 11 to 5pm

ILENE SUNSHINE: MEDIATING THE VOID  
Tuesday thru Sundays 11 to 5pm

### Sunday, March 12 & 26

BOOK DRIVE  
North Country Branch Library  
in Clinton  
Please call for information



### Saturday, April 1:

RED MILL MUSEUM  
Opening for the 2006 Season!

### Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2:

CIVIL WAR DAYS  
Reenactment brings history to life  
Drills, weapons,  
music, parade on Saturday.

RED MILL/MULLIGAN QUARRY DAY  
on Sunday at the Red Mill Museum

### Saturday, April 1:

POETRY READINGS  
from Local Poets  
Clinton Book Shop  
1 to 3pm

### April 1 thru October 12:

RED MILL MUSEUM EXHIBITS  
Dollhouse Magic 100 Yrs.  
Of Miniature Homes Exhibit

Bottled Up Exhibit thru mid-April in  
Gallery One McEldowney collection of  
glass bottles from 1830-1920.

Special Exhibition Mid-April thru October  
A pictorial 19th century history of the  
Red Mill & Mulligan Quarry.

### Saturday, April 22

STREAM CLEAN-UP DAY 9 to 12pm  
Meet at the Main Street Bridge  
To volunteer or get information, call  
the South Branch Watershed Association  
at 782-0422

### Wednesday, May 3:

CPS/PTA GOLF OUTING  
Beaver Brook Country Club  
For more Info, Registration & Sponsorship  
Call Steve Bulger—537-4996



### Friday, May 5:

MOTHER & DAUGHTER NIGHT  
An evening out for middle school grade gals & moms  
Talk with three 1st time authors of Random House  
Prizes & Cinco de Mayo refreshments  
Clinton Book Shop 7 to 9pm

### Saturday, May 6:

THE GUILD GARDEN PARTY  
A Celebration of Spring  
Downtown Clinton's Dressed in it's Flowery Best  
An all day event

### Sunday, May 7:

CLINTON SENIOR LUNCHEON  
To be held at Clinton Rescue Squad  
Good food & prizes  
1 pm



### Sunday, May 7:

Country and primitive dealers on the  
Red Mill Museum grounds  
9 to 4pm

### Saturday, May 13:

REVOLUTIONARY WAR BUS TOUR  
to Fort Lee  
Call Red Mill Museum for information.



### Saturday, May 13:

VICTORIAN DOLL TEA  
Formal tea for ages 7-11  
with their favorite dolls.  
Dollhouse raffle, craft activities.  
Call Red Mill Museum for information.

### Friday, May 19:

RED MILL MUSEUM  
Local folk, jazz and light rock concert of local artists.  
7 to 10pm



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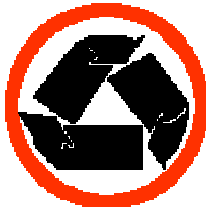
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#### RECYCLING DATES FOR 2006

March 1, 15, 29

April 12, 26

May 10, 24



## Calendar of Town Committee Meetings at Municipal Bldg.

**ASSESSOR** — 4:30 to 5:30 PM Second Wednesday of each month

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

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

**BUILDING INSPECTOR** — 7:00 to 8:00 PM Every Wednesday; 9:00 to 12 Noon Thursdays

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

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

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

**PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS** — 7:30 PM Third Thursday of each month

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

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

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