

# OUR TOWN

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## From the Mayor's Desk...

**Christine Schaumburg**



It's hard to believe that Fall is almost here and kids will be back to school by the time you read

this. It's been a wonderful summer in Clinton and I only regret that it's coming to an end.

Several projects will be underway this Fall in Clinton. New Jersey Department of Transportation will be resurfacing approximately 10 miles of Route 78 with rubberized pavement, including the portion that cuts through our Town. The project will begin in September and last approximately 13 months. While commuters will endure lane closures temporarily, the recycled rubber pavement is expected to reduce the noise level

approximately five decibels.

Phase II of the Clinton Knolls Improvement Project will begin in the Fall as well. Water mains will be replaced on Messig Road and Busher Place. Both roads will be resurfaced as well with the help of a \$150,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation. The work is expected to be completed by the Winter, weather permitting.

Finally, the Town will install a sidewalk on the lower portion of Union Road this Fall. We look forward to making the pedestrian access from the Knolls into Town safer.

Happy Fall everyone!

Christine Schaumburg



## ANNUAL TOWN PICNIC

**Music, Games and Fireworks  
Fun for the Whole Family**

**Saturday September 6  
Rain Date Sunday Sept 7**

The start time is 2:00pm. There are still many opportunities to volunteer.

The success of the day is based largely on your support.

If you are interested, please call the Municipal Building at 735-8616.



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**GENERAL ELECTION:  
NOVEMBER 4, 2008  
6:00 am to 8:00 pm**



Last day to register to vote is October 14, 2008.  
Last day to apply by mail for an absentee ballot is October 28, 2008.  
Hunterdon County Clerk's office (788-1214) will be open Saturday, November 1. from 9am to 1pm to handle absentee ballot voting for the general election .

## Code Enforcement Office by Jack Daniels

Recently, I have received many concerns regarding the enforcement of the sign ordinance and other aspects of the zoning regulations. It is extremely important for ALL of the folks within our Town (both resident and business owner) to take part in maintaining the Town as code compliant as possible. With that said, please check to see that your property complies with the zoning regulations. The following are some of the frequent violations that I have been advised of and witnessed for myself.

- \* Vehicles that are unregistered sitting on a property.
- \* Vehicles with plates on them that belong to another vehicle.
- \* Property with the vegetation growing to the point that infestation is a concern.
- \* Improper display of signs.
- \* Improper use of lighted signs.
- \* Improper use of lighting on a property after 11:00 PM.

These are just some of the items that I am aware of and have been attempting to correct. This is not an easy task since the sign ordinance

was recently modified. However, there has been an ample amount of notice and time given to allow the business community to come into compliance by the June 2, 2008 date. Many of the businesses have complied however there is still a sizable amount of non-compliant businesses. At this point I will be contacting all businesses to address this matter. Additionally, the properties around Town with the unregistered vehicles and the lots with uncut vegetation will be contacted too. The intent of any Town's zoning regulation is to maintain a pleasant surrounding that everyone can enjoy. Your assistance with this is needed in order to accomplish this task. I know that the people of Clinton are concerned with their Town and desire for it to be the best that it can be. We all have always displayed that effort countless times. It again is time to step up to the plate and do our duty and maintain our Town the way everyone expects their neighbor to maintain their property. If you think what you are doing will offend your neighbor,

then it is safe to say that there probably is a concern that needs to be addressed.

On another note, swimming pool safety needs to be mentioned. Although the season is closing, there are far too many "pools" that are not code compliant. Recently, a 2-year-old girl fell into an in-ground pool. It was reported that she was in the water for up to 40 minutes. She was listed in critical condition last I heard. This sad event brings to mind that we all need to pay close attention to any aspect of Mother Nature. Do not take anything for granted, please watch out for the children that don't know the dangers that might surround them. It only takes as little as 2" of water to cause someone to drown, adult or child.

Lastly, October 5 to the 11 is National Fire Prevention Week. The theme is "Prevent Home Fires". Statistically, every structure has a fire during the time it stands. This does not have to be a large fire.

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## Historic Commission by Christie Wood

Since the Spring of 2007, I have been the Secretary of the Clinton Historic Preservation Commission; a position I eagerly sought because of my appreciation for the history and visual appeal of this town.

Like me, most owners of historic homes have a sense of fascination and even reverence for the details that an old house has to offer. Many of us conduct in-depth searches in order to piece together our home's history, often finding very little.

Imagine my delight and good fortune when in 2004 a woman pulled up to my curb and announced that she had been a 46-year resident of the house! For the next 45 minutes, then the verbose and super-sharp 91-year-old Ella Haver graciously supplied me with notes on 2 legal-sized pages about life on "The Haver Farm" from 1919 through 1965. Located at the corner of Leigh Street and Haver Farm Road,

the property once occupied 49 acres, with its western boundary being the



South Branch of the Raritan. It was the last of the Town's farms to shut down its business.

Ella shed light on early 20<sup>th</sup> century construction, social customs and commerce as well as curiosities such as multi-seat outhouses. Unexplained nooks and crannies were made sense of with her memories.

This initial meeting has led to a four-year relationship between Ella and me that has produced video documentation, scanning of photo albums, samples of plants whose ancestors once grew on my property and one newspaper interview.

A heartwarming friendship based on several common interests also contin-

ues to grow and Miss Haver can surely be considered a treasure to me personally as well as to the community.

Whether you have a burning or a passing interest in Clinton's history, we invite you to watch for the soon-to-be-open Historic Commission space at 47 Leigh Street, where you will be able to talk with a Commission member and also feast your eyes on the fascinating photos and artifacts that we are currently working on displaying. Visit Clinton's website for the opening date. You may also wish to visit us at our monthly meeting at said location on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

As you enjoy life in Clinton, please note that its beauty and charm are the result of a conscientious, voluntary effort-- a fortunate fact that should not be taken for granted.

## Dept. of Public Works by Robert Cutter



### “Capital Improvements Project Update

1. Clinton Knolls Water Main Replacement Phase II- Summer 2008.
2. Knolls Area Milling & Overlay Phase II— Fall 2008.
3. Clinton Mills Dike and Dam Project - Design Phase - in progress.

### Recycling Program

I would like to thank and encourage

everyone to continue your **TREMENDOUS** recycling efforts.

### Grass Clippings:

Grass clippings should be placed in biodegradable bags. **PLEASE DO NOT BLOW GRASS INTO ROADWAY.**

### Trash Receptacles:

Please take all necessary steps to keep your trash dry. Rain water adds additional weight to your trash. Less

weight keeps the disposal costs down.

### Leaf Collection

Leaf collection will begin in Mid-October and will continue until Mid-December. No brush will be picked up during this time.

**Reminder** I will be available for appointments in my office in the Municipal Building. 908-735-8616.

## Board of Recreation by Dan Shea

If you haven't noticed, go take a look at our Gebhardt ball field next to the Community Center. It has received a new coat of paint and some well deserved improvements in the structure. Thanks to our Department of Public Works Staff members Howie Deemer, Wayne Smith, Kevin Olsen, Art Dygart and our summer interns, the ballpark has had a nice facelift.



We wanted to make sure the field and stands were continuing to be in good order, and the Public Works crew has done a terrific job in making those improvements in a very cost effective manner. The Town acquired the property from the Gebhardt family in 1929 which in turn was called The Gebhardt Field. It is now home to our CPS Bulldogs baseball team, the American Legion Clinton Knights as well as some local youth community athletic teams and adult softball teams.

Over the years the ball field has served as a great outlet for our Town

and the surrounding community, but it has seen years of wear and tear and vandalism. "While the upgrades help us keep the facility working, we on the Recreation Commission are looking at further enhancements like the new scoreboard to be installed and other measures to provide a long term upgrade to the ballpark. So more improvements are on the horizon." says Councilman Rob Ragozine.



## Clinton Seniors by Sue Huntley

In June, the Senior Center held its mandated Public Forum. Although a senior, I have had little contact with the workings or scope of services that the Senior Center provides. I was impressed by their presentation of the variety and depth of their commitment to the health, happiness, and well being of our segment of the population.

Michael Doherty, NJ Assemblyman, spoke about his dismay that off-shore oil drilling had just been rejected. Yes, he noted, ten years are needed to

get that oil, but we need to start before China takes all of it. He also said that not one drop was spilled when Katrina hit.

One of our freeholders, Ronald Sworen, took the floor to discuss a rehabilitation program available to low income homeowners. A home needing repair can be updated with a property lien paid back on the home's sale or the owner's death. Information is easily available at the Center at 908-788-1361.

COAH was also discussed and the inherent problems which are now receiving much press was addressed.

I learned much at this meeting: we have a valuable resource here in the county. If you do not receive the Senior Center newsletter, call 908-788-1361. You will be added to their mailing list. Additionally, there are brochures at the Center detailing all their activities, trips, and services.

I look forward to the new challenge of being your municipal coordinator.



### LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS

From Mid October to Mid December \*\*\* Rake leaves to curb - no bags.

## Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



### SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION

With the new school year beginning we ask that parents review these important safety practices themselves as well as with their children to help make this a SAFE year for everyone traveling to and from CPS.

The official walking routes to Clinton Public School are as follows:

**From the west** take the sidewalk along West Main Street past the Clinton House onto Main Street, turn right on Leigh Street south and continue across Route 173 with the Crossing Guard, continue south to the Crossing Guard at the CPS Bike Path and then up the hill to CPS. (DO NOT WALK UP SCHOOL STREET unless accompanied by an adult)

**From Halstead/Center Street** cross with the Crossing Guard stationed at Leigh Street at Center Street, continue south on Leigh Street and then continue as outlined above.

**From Alton Place or the South** cross with either the Crossing Guard at Alton Place or at the CPS Bike Path.

**Children are not to walk along Route 173 between the South Branch River and Leigh Street unless they are accompanied by an adult.**

The very nature of Leigh Street, School Street and the CPS parking lot itself is not conducive to the efficient flow of the traffic volume generated in the morning and afternoon by parents delivering or picking up children directly at CPS. However should you choose to drive your children to CPS please leave EARLY as morning rush hour Interstate 78 traffic is unpredict-

able and DIRECTLY IMPACTS ALL TRAFFIC here in Town and it will inevitably delay your arrival at CPS. To ease congestion in the CPS parking lot we strongly urge parents to allow their children to walk to school or to utilize Riverside Drive for drop off's and pick-ups. Parents that do choose to deliver children directly to CPS must immediately make their drop off and proceed as to not block other vehicles or buses. No vehicle will be permitted to park or stand in front of CPS in the Bus Lane or Fire Lane.

Our School Crossing Guards are worth their weight in gold to the Police Department and to the Town as the first line of protection for our children walking to and from CPS. Parents, please reinforce with your child the importance of obeying all instructions from our Crossing Guards. Motorists, please be courteous and patient with our Crossing Guards while they are at their posts safeguarding our children. Our Guards are empowered to report motorists who they observe breaking traffic laws to the Police Department for prosecution and to report improper behavior on the part of students to CPS Staff. The job of a Crossing Guard is hot in the summer, cold in the winter, wet when it rains, frustrating when motorists or children are difficult and ignore their instructions, so the next time you see one of them please smile and wave and above all thank them for the job that they do!

If a parent or a student observes ANY activity or behavior on their way to or from CPS that they feel is suspicious or "out of the ordinary" they should report it IMMEDI-

ATELEY to a Crossing Guard, a Police Officer or CPS Staff. Unfortunately suspicious activity is all too often not reported until "the next day" when there is little if anything that can be investigated or done about it. And one final reminder, although there are Police Officers on-duty and patrolling Clinton 24/7, Police Headquarters is not staffed fulltime therefore unless otherwise instructed, to immediately contact a Police Officer you must call our Communications Center at 908-735-8611 where you will reach one of our civilian dispatchers.

### COMMUNITY CENTER PROPERTY

Prior to this newsletters deadline, the Town Council was considering three (3) Ordinances that address smoking by those under the age to purchase tobacco products, smoking in Town parks and playgrounds at any age, and establishing hours of operation for all Town parks and playgrounds. Although the ultimate outcome of those discussions is unknown at the time of this writing, I wanted to remind everyone of an existing Ordinance that "prohibits smoking in, on or in the vicinity of the grandstands at Gebhardt Field" at the Community Center. The police department interprets that as the entire Community Center Property to include the tennis and basketball courts as well as the grandstand. If you are a smoker I urge you to check with the municipal building to determine the status of the ordinances that were considered in August prior to smoking in any of our Town parks and on Community Center property, and if you are UNDER THE LEGAL AGE to purchase tobacco, ANYWHERE in public



**SCHOOL'S OPEN**  
**DRIVE CAREFULLY**



### Hazardous Waste Cleanup

**November 8, 2008**  
**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

For info call 908-788-1110

### FREE RABIES CLINIC

Hosted by Town of Clinton &  
Clinton Township  
Saturday, January 17, 2009  
8:00 am to 11:00 am  
Located at Town of Clinton Barn

## Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Chad Newsome



With autumn fast approaching, more and more people in our area will be enjoying the change of the leaves and the cooler temperature. The Town of Clinton will have plenty of visitors creating memories that come with making their fall foliage tour. Unfortunately, some autumn-related weather activities such as hiking and camping, turning the furnace back on, cleaning the chimney, and trick-or-treating do present their share of hazards. To help ensure everyone in the community enjoys a safe autumn, the members of the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad (CFARS) offer the following tips and suggest you post them where they are likely to be seen by your family members and co-workers.

The downside to these memorable times is the sea of leaves covering everything on the earth's surface; sidewalks, roads, driveways and lawns. On our local roads and highways, these leaves can make for treacherous driving conditions. Drivers must be especially vigilant when rain, coupled with the leaves on the ground, combines to create dangerous driving conditions. In some areas such as woodlands and gardens the leaves can be left alone to naturally recycle, but in others there are various reasons to remove this natural blanket.

Raking leaves is a strenuous task that can take its toll on the unprepared.

In addition to the obvious physical demands of raking, the fall environment can be a health concern for many of us. Damp leaves harbor molds that can produce allergic reactions such as headaches, runny nose, itchy swollen eyes, bronchitis and asthma. Burning leaves can complicate these problems and also contribute to air pollution.

Another hazard to avoid in the outdoors is the bites and stings of insects, spiders and snakes. Many of them are still present under leaves and plants as the temperature cools and they become less active. Serious bites are rare, but these critters are prone to defending themselves by attacking since they can't escape easily due to their slowed metabolisms. Just stay alert, wear gloves and other protective clothing and don't antagonize them if you have an encounter.

Chad Newsome, Public Information Officer for CFARS, points to one of the most frequent medical emergencies that the Squad responds to each fall. Raking those fallen leaves can have an impact upon many of us. Many of us are sedentary during the summer months and venture out for the first time with no prior preparation. Get in shape or take it easy. Otherwise, the stress and strain can be too much for the body to endure. Heart attacks and strokes often result from cold weather exertions such as raking leaves or shoveling

snow. Muscle aches and back pains are common occurrences when we over use unprepared bodies. Seek medical advice before beginning, especially older adults who are not normally physically active.

Always do warm-up exercises before beginning physical work. Stretching exercises will loosen tight muscles and help prevent stress and strain that can cause injury. Raking leaves doesn't seem like strenuous work but twisting, reaching, bending, lifting and carrying bags of leaves are actions that require conditioning in order to work safely. Don't overload the bags of leaves, especially wet ones and don't bend at the waist when lifting the bags. Bend the knees and keep the back in its natural curve using the leg muscles to lift.

After a day of working in the yard it's a good idea to do stretching exercises the next morning to relieve muscle tension. If you have someone willing to give you a massage, that's an extra beneficial therapy well earned. Take it easy and enjoy the pleasures of autumn.

Autumn should be framed by fulfilled memories for us all. Keeping the above suggestions in mind will help insure the safety of our residents and visitors. Just as we have for 40 years, the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad stands by to assist.

Our phone number is 908-735-4012 or e-mail me [cnewsome@clintonems.org](mailto:cnewsome@clintonems.org).

## Code Enforcement continued (from page 2)

Any fire can cause a great deal of smoke that will damage the furnishings and/or affect your health. It would behoove all of us to practice fire safety all year 'round. Take the time to check your place of residence AND business for fire safety concerns. Then have them corrected. Change the battery in all smoke detectors. Not sure if there is a fire safety concern? Call my office and I

will be happy to discuss any question you may have. Also remember to celebrate this week remembering our brave fire personnel both serving now and those that have served. I know from first hand experience how difficult volunteering for any organization can be. Not only the demand of time that is involved but also the countless hours of training and the risk involved when the alarm

sounds. We all should show our support for all of the volunteers that serve to make Clinton a safer place by their presence. If you see a firefighter, show your appreciation and support. Say thanks to them. If anyone would like to speak to me regarding any of the above-mentioned information, please contact my office at 908-735-2275.

Jack Daniels, Fire Official

## Council Highlights by Susan Komorowski

### **May 13, 2008**

~ Resolution adopted explaining several municipalities are working together to challenge the Council on Affordable Housing.

~Introduction of Capital Ordinance--Proposed funds to be used for sidewalk improvements and the installation of a sidewalk on Union Road.

Three residents affected voiced their opposition to the proposed sidewalk--specifically the maintenance and liability concerns of having the sidewalk. Other residents voiced their support for the sidewalk, citing pedestrian safety.

~ Robert Cutter advised solid waste totals reduced 113 tons over a 2-year period, while recycling is 28 tons greater than last year.

### **May 20, 2008 Special Council Meeting**

~ Democratic Committee submitted three names to Council to fill the vacancy of Gene DeCleene. Maria Valenta of Fairview Avenue was appointed to complete the unexpired term

### **May 27, 2008**

~ Resident expressed concerns about construction of sidewalk on Union Road. Mayor explained Road Committee considered other alternatives, but safe pedestrian passage is needed.

~ Rescue Squad planning for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on August 23, 2008

~ Correspondence received from DOT Commissioner Kris Kolluri regarding commitment to repave I-78 with a rubberized asphalt within the next six months--thanks to the Hunterdon County Planning Board and Freeholders for having the finances restored from State Budget Cuts.

~ Kids Day to be Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 11am-2pm, at the Community Center

~Resolution adopted to amend 2008 Budget upon receipt of Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid from the State of NJ in the amount of \$20,533.

~Auditor present to address the State budget crisis. The Town of Clinton lost \$102,000 in state aid

this year, raising our taxes almost three cents to make up for that loss, and to balance an \$80,000 pension increase, a \$32,000 court cost increase, and a \$30,000 increase in electricity costs. The impact to the average Clinton homeowner is \$111.00. If the State restores municipal aid, it will go directly to property tax relief.

~Attorney Cushing provided overview on the June 2005 law that changes the term of a town Mayor from two years to four years. That change was to go into effect January 2006, following the election of 2005. The Town must comply with State Law, though it only recently was aware of this change. Council terms may also be changed to a four year term in a ward-type municipality. Attorney Cushing explained Clinton is not a typical-sized town to be divided into wards, therefore this option may not be practical.

~ Interlocal Agreement formalized for the Town of Clinton to respond to the Borough of Bloomsbury to help locate their water line leaks..

~ Adopted Resolution for the Town of Clinton, with 18 other municipalities at this time, to appeal to the NJ Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) with respect to their new Third Round Affordable Housing Regulations.

~Request approved for Boy Scout Troop 121 to hold Flag Retirement Ceremony June 14, 2008 at DeMott Pond.

### **June 10, 2008**

~ Graph presentation of changes to the Mayoral and Council terms, showing overlapping of terms, and consideration of a three-year Mayoral terms and four-year Council terms. Discussion to continue.

~After further public discussion of concerns and considerations, Ordinance adopted to proceed with the construction of a sidewalk along Union Road for the safe passage of pedestrians, particularly students walking to school.

~ The public is invited to nominate the Rescue Squad for the 2008 Outstanding Public EMS Agency NJ EMS Award by visiting [http://](http://www.state.nj.us/health/ems)

[www.state.nj.us/health/ems](http://www.state.nj.us/health/ems) website.

### **June 24, 2008**

~ Public Comments--suggestions for additional trash cans on Main St to avoid overflowing cans on weekends; requests for additional police presence on Lower Center St between 10pm and 2am to address increase of juvenile activity; requests for bike safety training for school children; request to address encroachment of store merchandise onto Lower Center Street sidewalks to maintain safe passage in front of those stores.

~ Further discussion of changes to Mayoral and Council terms--Mayor Schaumburg suggested reaching out to legislators for clarification of the terms, allowing a 3-year mayoral term, feeling two years is not enough, four years may be too much. Councilman Shea stated the staggering of Mayoral and Council terms would continue a balance in power.

~ Adoption of Ordinance changing Mayoral term to four years.

~ Clinton Guild--Beatfest very successful on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Clinton Guild is considering another similar event for the Fall.

~ Robert Cutter addressed saving gas costs by decreasing the driving days of the meter men. The Road Dept will try to limit vehicle use and increase workers sharing trucks whenever possible.

~ Civil Dynamics has begun the Clinton Mills Dam and Dike Design Phase.

~ Hand dryers installed in the Community Center.

### **July 8, 2008 Minutes**

~ Chief Matheis asked Council to consider establishing hours of operation for parks and the Community Center and facilities.

~ Motion carried to approve Shared Service Agreement between Clinton Town and Clinton Township for litigation expense and representation to legally challenge the validity of COAH regulations.

~ Ordinance introduced regarding revisions to the sign ordinance that now covers billboards and free speech signs, and the approval process for

standing signs and off-site temporary signs. Public Hearing to be held August 12, 2008.

~ Motion to adopt Resolution urging NJDEP and Legislature to adopt laws and regulations addressing truck noise and muffler system modifications.

~ Adopted Resolution to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with William Brinton, Esq., to review Town records and provide consultation services regarding Constitutional issues.

~ Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad has a new President, Angela Dean. Daniel McTiernan has resigned.

~ Robert Cutter and the Town Public Works commended for sprucing up the ball fields.

#### **July 22, 2008**

~ Public Hearing and subsequent adoption of Ordinance regarding Clinton Knolls Water Main Replacement--Phase II--appropriating \$855,000, including \$435,000 from various reserve funds, and authorizing the issuance of \$420,000 bonds or notes of the town to finance part of the cost thereof.

~ Introduction of Bond Ordinance to appropriate \$125,000 for sewer line repairs on Messig Road.

~ Bond Ordinance introduced regard-

ing Clinton Knolls Milling and Overlay Phase II Project appropriating \$580,000 and authorizing issuance of \$430,000 bonds or notes to finance part of the cost thereof. Public Hearing scheduled August 26, 2008.

~ Public Works Employee Art Dysart has begun renovations in the Police Department.

~ Emergency Services Foundation is planning a Casino Night October 10, 2008, at the Holiday Inn. Advanced tickets will be \$40, or \$45 at the door. Raffle tickets are \$20 each.

~ The Gebhardt Field scoreboard is soon to be installed.

## **Around the Town by Danielle Badiali**

### **Saturday, September 6:**

TOWN PICNIC  
Music, Games, & Fireworks  
At Hunts Mill Park 2pm to Dusk  
(Rain date Sept 7)



### **Sunday, September 16:**

Quilt Show—Call for details.  
Red Mill Museum



### **Sunday, September 21:**

HOT ROD CLASSIC CAR SHOW  
Red Mill Museum 10AM to 4PM

### **Saturday, September 27:**

ART PARTY 2008 Gala Fundraiser  
Elegant evening of dining, dancing & cocktails.  
Hunterdon Museum of Art  
Call for details (908) 735-8415

### **Sunday, September 28:**

Blacksmith Hammer-In & Tool Swap  
The art of the blacksmith featuring  
the Museum Blacksmith Shop  
10AM to 4PM



### **Sunday, October 5:**

Clinton Guild's Retro Music Fall Festival.  
Live band, food, shopping and fun in an open-air mall  
Downtown Clinton's Main Street!  
Free event—Noon to 6PM

### **Friday & Saturday, October 17 & 18 and 24 & 25:** **HAUNTED MILL!**

The Ultimate Scary Event!!!!  
Red Mill Doors Open at 6PM All Nights.

### **Friday, October 24:**

PUMPKIN FEST: Pumpkin Carving  
Contest in Downtown Clinton  
Free Event 5PM to 8PM

### **Friday, November 24:**

LIGHTING OF COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE  
Santa arrives by Fire Truck! 6:30PM

### **Friday & Saturday, November 28 & 29:**

DICKEN'S DAYS  
Sales, Costumes, Horse Rides, Music, Food, Theater  
Clinton's Favorite Festive Weekend Event

### **Friday, December 5:**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE: 7PM to 9PM

### **Thursday, December 11:** **CANDLELIGHT NIGHT.**

Luminaries line the streets,  
carriage rides & late-night shopping.  
Shops serve holiday refreshments.  
Downtown Clinton. 6 to 9PM

### **Sunday, December 14:**

SANTA on Main Street.  
Free event 1 to 3PM  
in Downtown Clinton



### **Running through January 4:**

The Following Exhibits are at the  
Hunterdon Art Museum  
Tuesdays through Sundays 11 to 5  
Hank Murta Adams: Sculpture  
2008 Annual Members Exhibition



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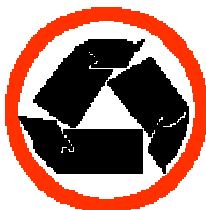
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#### RECYCLING DATES FOR 2008

Sept 2, 16, 30

Oct 14, 28

Nov 12, 25



## 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 Third Wednesday 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 (Renovated Building):**

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

**TAXES, FINANCE, CONSTRUCTION, PERMIT OFFICES**

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