

OUR TOWN

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Christine Schaumburg



Dear Clinton Community Members,
While I never wish away summer, I will be happy to say fare-

well to the bizarre weather patterns that have significantly impacted Clinton.

Many residents and business owners have asked why the Beaver Brook flooding has increased over the last few years. We believe there are several reasons. First, there has been a significant amount of development recently in the Beaver Brook basin in Clinton Township. Next, the NJ Department of Fish and Wildlife stopped allowing the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and our Public Works Department to trim the brush along the banks of the river. Finally, we've seen rainfall that we haven't seen before. The rainfall that caused the Beaver Brook to flood as it did on August 2nd was measured at five inches per hour.

What can we do?

After the brook flooded in July, Hunterdon County sent a crew at our request to dredge the brook near the Leigh Street Bridge in an effort to widen the channel. Unfortunately, another storm several weeks later eroded this area again. Our municipal engineer is currently working on a plan to stabilize the banks along the brook.

The Town and the NJDOT received permission to trim the banks of the Beaver Brook from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. This has been done and will be maintained unless Fish and Wildlife orders us to stop.

The Town Council and I asked our attorney to prepare an ordinance requiring that property owners in the flood plain secure dumpsters, oil tanks and propane tanks.

The Clinton Police Department has created a phone and email chain to help notify property owners within the floodplain of floods or potential floods. If you would like to be included in this, please contact our Police Department

at (908) 736-2665. This is not fool proof. Please protect your property when you are aware of severe storms heading in our direction. The Town has sandbags that are available to you free of charge. Move property and vehicles to higher ground prior to forecasted heavy rainfall and obtain a weather radio or monitor other weather media. Please by all means do not attempt to drive or walk through flood waters.

On a positive note, Clinton offers the best in emergency services. Thank you to the Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad for the countless volunteer hours spent helping Clinton recover from the floods this summer. Thank you as well to our Police Department and Public Works Department employees for their professionalism and dedication in handling these very difficult situations.

All my best for a beautiful Autumn.

Christine Schaumburg



**SCHOOL'S OPEN
DRIVE CAREFULLY**

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ANNUAL TOWN PICNIC

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

**Saturday September 12 @ Hunts Mill Park
(Rain Date Saturday Sept 26)**

The start time is 2:00pm to dusk.

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.

Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7 is Labor Day, typically the last official picnic day of the summer. **DO NOT** store your propane tanks or grills inside. This is a sure way to cause a great deal of devastation to you and the responding emergency personnel.

October 4 to 10 is National Fire Prevention Week – take the time to look through your home and business and correct anything that appears to be a fire hazard. Visit the National Fire Prevention Association website, www.nfpa.org, for all sorts of information.

October 31 is Halloween. Please be very careful at this time of the year. Many festive events occur at this time of year that have the potential to lead to a disaster. Do not become a statistic. Practice fire safety throughout the entire year but especially during this season.

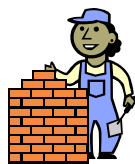
November 1 begins daylight savings time. This is when you need to change the battery in all of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

November 26 is Thanksgiving. As we give thanks for all that we have let's take the time to thank all of the emergency volunteers that dedicate their lives to helping others in need. Many times the sacrifice that they give is at the cost of their families and the time they could be spending with them. If you see an emergency volunteer, let them know you appreciate their service to the community.

December is the month for many of the religious holidays. This also begins the season for fires due to heating appliances, electrical overloads, and candle fires. As always practice fire safety all year round but especially during the winter season.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 908-735-2275 or by email at jdaniels@clintonfd.org.

Personalized Pavers are still available for purchase to complete the alleyway to Lower Center Street. Stop in the Clerk's office or go on the Town's website, www.clintonnj.gov, for an application.



Shade Tree Commission by Pat Goehle

PLANTING TIPS:

Fall and cool weather is approaching which means that it's a good time for planting shade trees in our yards. If planting spring flowering trees is your choice, make sure that they have already been dug by the nursery. If that's not the case, it's best to wait until Spring.



When mulching trees, it's advisable to keep mulch about 3 to 4 inches from the trunk of the tree and not placed on or "volcanoed" around the trunk.

Position Available

The Town of Clinton Planning Board is looking for a volunteer to serve on the Board. If anyone is interested, stop in the municipal building or go on the Town's website, www.clintonnj.gov, to obtain a citizen involvement form. The Planning Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Solid Waste Disposal Hunterdon County Transfer Station Saturdays, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

The Hunterdon County Transfer Station, located at 10 Petticoat Lane in Annandale, is open to Hunterdon County residents to dispose of bulky household trash Saturdays from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. You must be a private individual, using a privately licensed passenger or farm vehicle under 8,000 pounds gross weight.

Keep in mind that the transfer station does not supply help with the off-loading. There is a fee which must be paid in cash.

Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners need a Freon removal certification. Construction debris must be in 4' sections or shorter. Liquids, hazardous waste, leaves, and grass clippings are not accepted.

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Robert Cutter



“Capital Improvements Project Update

1. Clinton Mills Dike and Dam Project - Bid - Fall 2009.
2. Union Road Milling & Overlay lower portion - Complete by September 10, 2009.

How To Save Water in the Bathroom

The bathroom is where most of the home's water is used, so it is the place where you can save and the most.

Toilets:

1. Flush only when necessary.
2. Install a water-saving displacement device.
3. Check overflow pipes to be sure that water is not draining. Simply add dark food coloring to TANK water. DON'T FLUSH! Check water in TOILET BOWL 15-20 minutes later. Color in the toilet bowl means you have a leak.

Sinks:

1. Fill sink with water instead of letting water run when you wash, brush teeth or shave.
2. Repair leaks and attend to drips promptly.
3. Install water saving devices. Try a faucet aerator to reduce amount of water used.

Tub or Shower:

1. Take shallow baths and plug the drain before you run water. Keep showers short with pressure at low force.
2. Install water-saving devices. Use a low-flow shower head, flow restrictor or cut off valve.

Do & Don'ts for Green Living

1. Replace your burnt out light bulbs with compact fluorescent energy saving light bulbs.
2. Turn off computers to save energy when not in use.
3. Set computer to go to sleep when it has been idle for more than 10 minutes. Screensavers may be pretty, but

they do not save energy!

4. Recycling is one of the basic practices of green living. Reuse is even better than recycling! If you can reuse or donate an item instead of recycling it, there will be less total waste and less energy used to produce a new item altogether.

OTHER TOWN UPDATES

The Roads Committee has decided to recommend to the Council to make changes to the Town's Winter Overnight Parking Rules this season. The proposal would allow overnight parking except on nights roads are snow covered. If we have snow-covered roads and cars are on the street, they must be removed or be towed. The status of the Council's ruling will be provided on the Town website by October and will also be addressed in the December Town Newsletter.

Keep up the great recycling efforts. Your time and due diligence is making a difference for the Town financially and environmentally.

Board of Recreation by Dan Shea

It was a wet summer but if you asked the kids, the Summer Recreation staff and their coordinator Tiffany Cinquemani made it a fun one. There was a good level of attendance and the popular field games and trips to rollerblade and swim kept the kids active and healthy. On top of that, our



Tennis program run by Don Berkman and his staff had more than a few future Wimbledon stars learning how to put it over the net. We are so lucky to have such great programs, staff and volunteers.

The next big event is the Town Picnic and the Committee wants you to

mark your calendars for Saturday September 12th from 2pm to Dusk. Prepare to picnic and participate in the Bake-Off competition and stay for the fireworks at Hunts Mill Park. Come on out and have fun with your neighbors.

Historic Commission by Rosemarie Platt

There is a saying, "Our past defines our future". Historic preservation not only helps us learn about our past but provides us with knowledge that can assist us with our future. Recently the Historic Commission provided historic photos to the Town of Clinton on Gephardt Field and the Clinton Falls. By having such specific photos in our

files we were able to aide the Town in saving thousands of dollars to hire an expert to confirm these historic sights. And in doing so the Town was able to obtain a grant for the restoration of the two sights.

Shortly, the Commission will be placing the photos of the Town into a database. If you would like to share his-

toric photos of the Town of Clinton, we would be delighted to add them into the archives. Please call the Town if you would like to view our fascinating photos. Leave a message at the Clerk's Office in the municipal building and we will be happy to set up an appointment with you.

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 still choose to drive your children to CPS please plan to leave EARLY. Morning rush hour Interstate 78 traffic is extremely unpredictable and it

DIRECTLY IMPACTS ALL TRAFFIC here in Town and 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 away from the curb 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 IMMEDIATELY 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.

NEW ORDINANCES

Smoking Prohibited by Minors in Any Public Place: Chapter 128 prohibits smoking in any public place by anyone under the age of 18.

Smoking Prohibited in all Parks, Playgrounds and Park Facilities: Chapter 105 prohibits smoking in all Town parks, playgrounds and other park facilities.

Established Hours of Operation for Town Parks and Playgrounds: Chapter 105 establishes hours of operation for all Town Parks and Open Space. Hunts Mills Park 6am to 10pm. DeMott Pond 6am to 10pm. Community Center and facilities 6am to 10pm or upon conclusion of sanctioned activities inside the Center. Basketball courts, tennis courts and baseball fields are open for play beginning at 7am until 10pm.

If you have any questions regarding the provisions or enforcement of these or any other Town Ordinance please inquire with the Police Department or the Town Clerks Office.



Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day

Saturday, November 14, 2009

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

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Chad Newsome



September ushers out the end of summer and, for children, welcomes in the arrival of a new school year! As your children start their new academic year, the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad reminds parents to take a moment to introduce or review general child safety tips.

Whenever children are outside playing, there are questions we need to ask our children and ourselves:

1. Is your child safe playing outside?
2. When your child is playing outside, do they know how to be safe?
3. Does your child know what to do if an emergency occurs?

Do you know what to do if your child is injured?

Do not assume that your children know how to play safe and that they would know what to do in an emergency situation. Children need to be taught what to do. Listed below are a few things you should talk to your children about:

- Do not talk to strangers and tell your children why it is dangerous.
- Always play in groups and never by themselves.
- Always wear a helmet and pads when riding their bikes, scooters, skateboards and roller-blades. Explain to them what could happen if they fall and strike their head.
- Always inform an adult when they are playing away from the house and make sure that they know how to get help if an emergency arises.
- Call or have someone call 911. Make sure to give all information about the injury to the 911 operator.
- Keep the injured child from moving and have them lay still until the ambulance arrives.
- If the child has a bleeding wound, cover it with a clean cloth and apply direct pressure to the wound with your hand.
- If the child appears to have a fracture to either their arm or leg, ensure that the extremity does not move.

Review how to get an ambulance if an emergency happens.

Do you know what to do if your child becomes injured while playing?

- The first thing for you to do is to stay CALM. If you are calm, it will help your injured child stay calm and not increase any chance of further injury.

If the child is found to be unconscious, leave the child in position found and call 911.

While September is filled with school, sporting and extra curricular events, take a moment to review these general safety tips with your children. On behalf of all of the officers and members of the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad, we thank you for taking the time to review them with your children!

Clinton Seniors by Sue Huntley

Recently I accepted a cable company's offer to consolidate my media usage into one package. After the introductory period I will see if I am still happy. BUT my cell phone is independent of them. Thank



goodness! When the cable company loses power, I still have a way to communicate. And my new cell phone does not offer stuff I don't want. It does have an ICE button (in case of emergency), as well as a 911 button. What you and I must

remember is to carry the charged cell phone at all times. I am learning to keep it with my keys. Unless you want or think you need a life-line monitor, it is always good to keep your charged cell phone with you.



2nd ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT

"Bet Like Your Life Depended On It"

Come out and enjoy an evening of "Vegas-style" entertainment.

October 9th from 7:30 pm to Midnight

At the Beaver Brook Country Club

Sponsored by: The Clinton Emergency Services Foundation
For more information call Michelle Harrison @ 908-730-6409,
Mary Iazzetta @ 908-730-6409 or e-mail clintonesf@gmail.com.



Council Highlights by Susan Komorowski

May 12, 2009

~Preliminary discussion of development of the former Moebus Tract presented to the Planning Board. Next step is the fiscal impact analysis for the use of the property.

~Mayor Schaumburg has been appointed to the Conference of Mayors Executive Board and is a Vice President and Treasurer. She will be testifying before our Legislature on a regular basis and working on our behalf.

~Mayor Schaumburg reported a one-cent increase in this year's budget, with a 2.3% increase in our tax levy. State aid decreased by \$5182.

~Roads Committee continues to sell engraved bricks to be used in the renovation of the walkway between Main Street and the Municipal Parking Lot.

~Clinton Rescue Squad has gained two new members, reports 183 dispatches for April, and their new rig is expected to arrive by the end of the month.

May 26, 2009

~Introduction of amendment to Ordinance regarding water rates to address concerns by residential multi-family dwellings with bulk meters.

~Roads Committee reviewing plans for Union Road. Brick sale ongoing for alleyway, and two benches have been ordered.

June 9, 2009

~A Resolution was made to participate in the Local Government Energy Audit Program.

~Knights of Columbus and the Newcomers Club has scheduled their annual Chili Cook-Off for September 12th at the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad Building.

~Richard Miller was appointed to the Historical Preservation Commission.

June 23, 2009

~Public comment—concerns expressed regarding violations for temporary signs posted in town. Mayor suggested a closer review of the temporary sign section of the Town sign ordinance with regard to residents.

~Mr. Cutter reports recycling is a huge savings for the Town—he would like to see residents recycle more of the cardboard that is being thrown in their regular trash.

~The North Hunterdon Rotary is helping to lay the bricks in the alleyway.

~Passed Resolution to announce the Town of Clinton's intent to withdraw from participation in the Municipal Court of North Hunterdon.

~Peter Ball appointed as Building Sub-Code Official and Alternate Building Inspector.

~Kevin Fleming appointed as Construction Official and Building Inspector.

July 14, 2009

~Mayor Schaumburg discussed amending the current peddler's license.

~Mayor Schaumburg explained the Bond Ordinance to cover several projects, including the water storage tank, rehabilitation of the existing water tank, Leigh Street water main replacement, and well disinfection.

~A resolution was passed to create a Green Team to satisfy one of the requirements on an application to Sustainable Jersey for a grant.

~Mr. Shea reported that volunteers will be installing the bricks in the alleyway this coming weekend.

~Mr. Cutter reported on starting a community garden in the Town.

July 28, 2009

~Mayor Schaumburg updated Council regarding the abolishment of the Glen Gardner Board of Education, effective July 1, 2009.

~Adoption of Ordinance to amend Chapter 75 of our code to exempt filming crews of four or fewer persons.

~Alleyway on Main Street completed—next is replacement of benches and street lamps, and paving the lot.

~Emergency Services to host Casino Night and Raffle October 9th at Beaver Brook Country Club.



GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 3, 2009 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Last day to register to vote is October 13, 2009.
Last day to apply by mail for an absentee ballot is October 27, 2009.

Hunterdon County Clerk's office (788-1214) will be open Saturday, October 31 from 9am to 1pm to handle absentee ballot voting for the general election.

FREE RABIES CLINIC

Hosted by Town of Clinton & Clinton Township
Saturday, January 23, 2010
8:00 am to 11:00 am
Located at Town of Clinton Barn



HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONIC COLLECTION DAY

September 19, 2009 from 9am to 1pm.
Hunterdon County Complex
Route 12, Flemington

Around the Town by Danielle Badiali

Friday, September 11:

Exclusive PREMIER—1 Hour Showing
“Paranormal INVESTIGATION”
NJ Paranormal Research
6PM & 8 PM

Friday, September 11, 25 & Nov. 6, 13:

Spirits of the Red Mill - Evening Tours
Tour our grounds with a Spiritual Medium
or by a Red Mill Guide
Call for details at the Red Mill Museum
908-735-4101

Saturday, September 12:

TOWN PICNIC

Music, Games, & Fireworks
At Hunts Mill Park
2pm to Dusk

(Rain Date Saturday September 26th)

Saturday, September 12:

Chili Cook-Off
At the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad
Doors Open at 4:00pm
For more info 732-735-7380

Sunday, September 20:

Quilt Show—Call for details
Red Mill Museum
908-735-4101

Sunday, September 27:

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



Saturday, October 3:

ART PARTY 2009
Moon Glow Gala Fundraiser
Elegant evening of dining, dancing & cocktails.
Hunterdon Museum of Art
Call for details (908) 735-8415

Friday & Saturday, October 16 & 17, October 23 & 24 and Friday October 30!

HAUNTED MILL!

The Ultimate Scary Event!!!!
Red Mill Doors Open at 6:00PM
For All Nights.



Friday, October 30:

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

Friday & Saturday, November 27, 28 & 29:

DICKEN'S DAYS

Sales, Daily performances, carriage rides,
holiday decorations & more!
Clinton's Favorite Festive Weekend Event

Friday, November 28:

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

Friday, December 4:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE:
7PM to 9PM



Thursday, December 10 thru 13:

Red Mill Museum Festival of Trees

Donated, decorated trees on view in the Mill
with holiday music and entertainment.
Call for details

Sunday, December 13:

Clinton Guild hosts Santa on Main Street at 1PM!

Hunterdon Musical Arts - Messiah Concert

Clinton Presbyterian Church,
Center St. at 3 p.m.

**The Following Exhibits are at the
Hunterdon Art Museum
Tuesdays through Sundays 11 to 5**

Call for Opening Reception (908) 735-8415

October 11 Running through November 22:

Laura McClanahan: Planktonic Constructs

October 11 Running through November 29:

Holli Schorno: Collecting Samples

October 11 Running through January 24:

Knitted, Knotted, Netted

2009 Annual Members Exhibition



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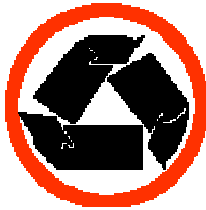
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RECYCLING DATES FOR 2009

Sept 1, 15, 29

Oct 13, 27

Nov 10, 24



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 (Renovated Building):

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

TAXES, FINANCE, CONSTRUCTION, PERMIT OFFICES

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