

OUR TOWN

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Christine Schaumburg



Dear Clinton Community Members,
This summer I've worked with the New Jersey Conference of

Mayors to plan a Mayors Summit with Governor Christie and his cabinet. On September 17th, every Mayor in New Jersey will have the opportunity to discuss legislative reforms and revenue generating ideas with our Governor that are necessary for property tax relief.

While economic recovery and real property tax relief will not be immediate, I am encouraged by the actions our State

has taken recently to finally address our economic and tax crisis. I look forward to continuing to support reforms that will be vital to a healthy future in New Jersey.

Our Roads Committee, under Councilman Dan Shea's leadership, organized the sidewalk improvement project with our downtown merchants in an effort to improve Clinton's local economy. We look forward to the completion of this beautification project that both residents and tourists will enjoy for years to come.

Finally, I extend my best wishes to our Business Administrator/Public Works

Director, Bob Cutter, who announced his retirement after 15 years of exceptional service to the Town of Clinton. It has been my pleasure to work with Bob during more than five years as an elected official.

Enjoy the remainder of this beautiful summer. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Town Picnic.

All my best,

Christine Schaumburg



**SCHOOL'S OPEN
DRIVE CAREFULLY**

SENIOR SERVICES VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are seeking a volunteer to serve as the Town of Clinton coordinator to the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services. The meetings take place on the 3rd Friday of the month in Flemington for about 1 1/2 hours.

If interested please call the Clerk's office at 908-735-8616.



LEAF COLLECTION
Begins Mid October
to Mid December
Rake leaves to curb
No Bags

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Annual Town Picnic September 11

Music, Games and Fireworks Fun for the Whole Family



Saturday September 11 @ Hunts Mill Park
(Rain Date Saturday, Sept 25)

The start time is 2:00pm to dusk.
To volunteer, please call the Clerk's office 735-8616.

Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

HEATING SEASON: As the summer comes to a close, your heating appliances will need to function to provide you with the comfort that you desire. All too frequently, the Clinton Fire Department is called to a fire situation related to a malfunctioning heating appliance. Please take the time to have all of your appliances serviced by qualified personnel to ensure that these appliances are ready to operate when needed. This includes your wood burning appliances such as fireplaces

or stoves. Also take the time to verify that the area around all of these appliances have the necessary clearances from all combustible materials.

Check to make certain all openings that provide the necessary air to these units need to "breathe" and work properly (called combustion air) are not blocked and are working properly. Make your heating season a safe one without an incident that could have been prevented with a little preven-

tive maintenance. Fire Prevention is a year round process and not just the week of October 9th.

If anyone would like to speak to me regarding any of the above-mentioned information, please contact my office at 908-735-2275 or email me at jdaniels@clintonfd.org. I would be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

Jack Daniels, Fire Marshall

Shade Tree Commission by Dan Shea



According to the Arbor Day Foundation: When to Prune

This depends to a large extent on why you prune. Light pruning and the removal of dead wood can be done anytime. Otherwise, here are some guidelines, but recognizing that individual species may differ is important to remember.

Summer Pruning - To direct the growth by slowing the branches you don't want; or to slow "dwarf" the development of a tree or branch, pruning should be done soon after seasonal growth is complete. The reason for the slowing effect is that you reduce the total leaf surface, thereby reducing the amount of food manufactured and

sent to the roots. Another reason to prune in the summer is for corrective purposes. Defective limbs can be seen more easily, or limbs that hang down too far under the weight of the leaves.

Pruning Flowering Trees to Enhance Flowering

If your purpose for pruning is to enhance flowering for trees that bloom in spring, prune when their flowers fade. Trees and shrubs that flower in mid- to late summer should be pruned in winter or early spring.

When Not To Prune: Fall or Autumn - Because decay fungi spread their spores profusely in the fall and healing of wounds seems to be slower

in fall on cuts, this is a good time to leave your pruning tools in storage.

Winter Pruning - Pruning during dormancy is the most common practice. It results in a vigorous burst of new growth in the spring and should be used if that is the desired effect. It is usually best to wait until the coldest part of winter has passed. Some species, such as maple, walnuts and birches, may "bleed"—when the sap begins to flow. This is not harmful and will cease when the tree leaves out.

Now that you know when to prune your tree learn the basics of tree pruning at <http://www.arborday.org/trees/pruning/>

Clinton Public School Education Foundation

School is back in session and this means that the CPS Partners in Education Foundation is back at work trying to make a difference for our school, our students and our community. The Foundation has an open meeting on Monday, September 20 at 7:30pm in the CPS library. All members of the community are encouraged to come and

learn about the Foundation's projects and events. www.cpspie.org

Also, please watch for information about our Pepsi grant submission. This is an important grant that would provide much needed energy conservation opportunities for the school, as well as great stewardship opportunities for our children. How-

ever, the only way we can win the grant is by getting the most number of votes. This means we need you and everyone you know. Watch our website or follow us on Facebook to learn more information about when to vote.



FREE RABIES CLINIC

Hosted by Town of Clinton & Clinton Township
Saturday, January 22, 2011 8:00 am to 11:00 am
Located at Town of Clinton Barn



Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Robert A. Cutter



Capital Improvements Project Update

1. Clinton Mills Dam and Dike Project - In progress.
2. Main Street Improvements - In progress.
3. Rachel Ct Milling/ Overlay - Awaiting bids.
4. Gebhardt Field Grandstand and Dugouts - Awaiting bids.

Water Company Improvements

1. New 2.5 Million Gallon Storage Tank - Scheduled for 2011.
2. Well 12R - September 2010.
3. Scada System Installation - In Progress.
4. BPU Energy Audit - Complete.

CHANGE IN TRASH/RECYCLING CONTRACTOR

On or about September 1, 2010 Kasper Disposal our current hauler will be taken over by PREMIER DISPOSAL INC. of HILLSBOROUGH.

During the month of September you may observe both Kasper's and Premier's vehicles operating simultaneously, during both trash days and recycling day collections. This process will allow a smooth transition for the new hauler to become familiar with the sequence of collections.

If any changes in the collection schedule are made, adequate notice will be provided to all residents.

GOING GREEN

The 1st Annual Green Fair will be held on Saturday, September 18, from 10am to 4pm at the Red Mill

"GO GREEN AT THE RED MILL" is sponsored by the Red Mill.

I will have a booth set up representing the Town of Clinton with information pertaining to our Award winning "Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program", "Recycling", "Water Conservation", and the "Town Wide Energy Audit".

Stop by and receive some valuable information on GOING GREEN.

PLEASE RECYCLE ALL YOUR CARDBOARD

Board of Recreation by Dan Shea



There ain't no cure for the summer time Blues --not true - since we had the summer recreation program.

Thanks to Tiffany and her band of camp counselors, there were no blues just smiling faces. We had 200 children register this year and had a stronger level of attendance throughout the program. Even with the increased fees, people realized the true value because Tiffany put together a great number of activities that the kids from Clinton and Glen Gardner and now a few other towns enjoyed. No couch potatoes here, just healthy, active and engaged kids enjoying some good old time playground fun.

40 - Love, we had a great Tennis program put on by Don Berkman now in its 10th year. The program, started

with the goal of teaching children a nontraditional sport and providing a different option for kids whose skills do not align with team sports, and thru the years has enrolled more than 500 children from Clinton and surrounding towns.

Don also has a separate program called The Ace Tennis Program. Its a partnership with Memorial School in Washington, Warren County, the Courtside Racquet Club and the United States Tennis Association (USTA). The program offers tennis scholarships to 16 students of Memorial School who exemplify strong academic achievement and consistent attendance during the school year. Ace Tennis participants are treated to a week long tennis clinic, courtesy of the Courtside club.

As Don explained "It's a great example of a town, a school, a local business and a national organization all getting together to do something terrific for local kids."

Summer in Paradise

Our Town Picnic is next, we look forward to seeing the whole town turn out at Hunts Mill Park on Saturday, September 11th. (the rain date is the 25th). It starts at 2pm, grills will be available for you to cook on, bring your picnic basket, BYOB, a chair, a blanket and some suntan lotion. It's a great event filled with music by Doctor D, slides, inflatables, tug of war and lots of room for frisbees and baseballs. Fireworks will end the evening at Dusk. Come on out and have fun with your neighbor.

ELECTRONIC COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, October 9



HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, November 13



Both events are from 9am to 1pm
County Complex Route 12, Flemington
For more information, call 908-788-1110

Board of Recreation asking for Community Input

How do you feel about a volleyball court and Community Garden?
Would you consider Hunt's Mill Park?

Call Clerk's office 908-735-8616

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION

As the new school year begins we ask that parents please review some important safety practices 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, if 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 and our 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 and frustrating when motorists or children are difficult and ignore their instructions, so the next time you see one of them please smile, wave and above all thank them for the very important 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 Clerk's Office.

POLICE NEWS AND ALERTS

If you wish to receive news, special event information, messages and other alerts from the police department via email you may sign up for them at www.clintonnjpolice.com.

Attention Town of Clinton Residents

Sun Ridge Ski Club is offering open membership.
A family Ski Club that skii/snowboards at Shawnee Mountain
for 6 Sundays in January and February.
For info e-mail Judy Zushma at jzushma@yahoo.com
or call 908-735-9717

SIGN UP FOR TOWN E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS

To register send your e-mail address
to clerk1005@earthlink.net or call
908-735-8616.

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Chad Newsome



Going back to school after a summer of fun can often-times be a difficult experience for both children and parents. After convincing

the child that a year of good times awaits them at school, safety is often over looked in preparing for the new school year. The Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad would like to remind parents to not forget a few simple safety tips when planning for a new school year:

Traveling to and from School:

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.
- Walk the route with your child beforehand. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there aren't many people around.
- Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone you or your children don't know well or don't trust.
- Be sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend or neighbor.
- Teach your kids, whether walking,

biking or riding the bus to school, to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers. Remind them to be extra careful in bad weather.

- If your child bikes to school, make sure he wears a helmet that meets one of the safety standards (U.S. CPSC, Snell, ANSI, ASTM). Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent.
- Teach children to arrive at the bus stop early, stay out of the street, wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching the street, watch for cars and avoid the driver's blind spot.
- Remind your children to stay seated at all times and keep their heads and arms inside the bus while riding. When exiting the bus, children should wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, exit from the front using the handrail to avoid falls and cross the street at least 10 feet (or 10 giant steps) in front of the bus.
- Tell your child not to bend down in front of the bus to tie shoes or pick up objects, as the driver may not see him before starting to move.

Be sure that your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your

work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.

On the Playground:

- Check the playground equipment at your child's school. Look for hazards such as rusted or broken equipment and dangerous surfaces. The surface around the equipment should be covered with wood chips, mulch, sand, pea gravel, or mats made of safety-tested rubber or fiber material to prevent head injury when a child falls. Report any hazards to the school.
- Avoid any drawstrings on the hood or around the neck of jackets and sweatshirts. Drawstrings at the waist or bottom of jackets should extend no more than three inches long to prevent catching in car and school bus doors or getting caught on playground equipment.
- Make sure that the school's athletic director or a custodian anchors soccer goals into the ground so they won't tip over and crush a child.

Teach children proper playground behavior: no pushing, shoving, or crowding.

As always, the squad offers CPR training and we are always looking for new members. Interested individuals or groups may contact the squad directly to arrange a class. Our phone number is 908-735-4012.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 2nd



**GENERAL ELECTION:
NOVEMBER 2, 2010
6:00 am to 8:00 pm**

Last day to register to vote is Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

Last day to apply by mail for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, October 26, 2010.

Thursday, October 28th County Clerk's Office (788-1214) is open until 7pm to vote by Mail in Ballot

Saturday, October 28th County Clerk's office is open from 9am to 1pm to vote by Mail in Ballot.

**Voting for Town of Clinton is at the Community Center
located at 63 Halstead Street**

Council Highlights by Susan Komorowski

May 11, 2010

~Adoption of Planned Residential Development Ordinance allowing increases in housing density from 48 to 61 units and allow for 12 affordable housing units. Additional landscaping and sidewalk requirements are also included (refer to actual minutes for more details).

~School Budget review: Clinton Public School cuts made in the amount of \$42,500 for Employee Health Benefits due to cut in staff and change in carrier. Cuts made by eliminating one administrator, two instructors, and one food service employee. Enrollment has dropped, so, with the cuts, efficient education remains.

~North Hunterdon-Voorhees budget reduction: additional \$406,000 cut and agreed upon.

~Rescue Squad report 166 calls for the month—and gained 23 new members over the last four months. Basketball game fundraiser raised \$800!

~Troop 121 held their Centennial Celebration May 1st—nice turnout, watching Scouts demonstrate skills, games, gear, and activities at the Red Mill.

~Board of Recreation—Senior Luncheon May 2nd was a great success---48 seniors attended!

~Shade Tree held annual Arbor Day Celebration w/CPS 3rd graders at Hunts Mill Park—planted Opal the Oak next to Teddy the Tree!

~Clinton Guild: Pansy Festival and bird-house contest huge success!

May 25, 2010

~Public hearing and adoption of Municipal Budget of \$3,620,490.18

~Summer Recreation 2010 program fees determined

~Adjustments to contract with Underground Utilities Corp. regarding 12 inch looping water main for new total of \$700,428.22

~Four town vehicles sold at auction for a total of \$5418 for the Town

~Town awarded Loss Control award for

2009 from Statewide Insurance Co

~Town wide garage sale scheduled June 5th
~Annual Flag Day parade June 11th on Main Street

June 8, 2010

~Introduction of bond ordinance to improve wells #12R and the new well #16. Final approvals received by the NJ Highlands Council

~Public hearing on 2.5 million gallon water tank to be constructed 30' east of the existing tank. Bidding would begin immediately, and a 9-month construction period is expected

~Summer Recreation attendance down—program to be opened to surrounding towns

~Emergency Services Foundation may be looking to dissolve—President Michelle Harrison has resigned---decision to be made before July 1, 2010

~Appears 70% of sidewalks on Main and East Main Streets will be replaced with new pavers

June 22, 2010

~Adopted Ordinance to provide redevelopment of Well 12 and the Construction of Well 16 with appropriation and authorization of \$2,675,000 issued in bonds or notes.

~Resolution to terminate Murray Hill Historic Contracting, hired to reconstruct the dikes and portion of the Clinton Mill dam, due to fraudulent activities.

~Flag Day Parade on June 11th was a success—free hot dogs, lots of fun!

~Board of Recreation approves bocce courts, but not volleyball courts or the Community Garden at the Community Center. Public opinion will be sought.

~Clinton Guild has recruited new members, donated 113lbs of food for the Food Pantry, and will be selling “Come Together” T-shirts depicting the Friday night music events for the summer

~Reconstruction of Gebhardt Field bleachers, grandstands and dugouts to be opened for re-bid as both bids received were over the expected amounts

July 13, 2010

~Town picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 11th, rain date September 25th

~Entered into Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Hunterdon County Education Services Commission. No cost to join, yet there are many benefits.

~Resolutions made regarding submission and approval of proposed financing through the 2010 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program for the replacement of water mains at Leigh St, construction of a water storage tank, and the repairs/maintenance of the existing tank

~Accepted bid from Adamsville Maintenance, Inc, to start work on the Clinton Mills Dam and Dike Restoration Project on August 1st

~Resolution made to assess liens on property owners who do not maintain properties per Town code, owners fail to respond to Town notification, and maintenance is addressed by the Town Public Works Dept.

~Sidewalk Paver Project continues—approximately 20 landlords on Main, East Main, and Leigh Streets are signed on

~Rescue Squad welcomes five new members!

July 27, 2010

~Public concerns addressed regarding notification of residents during recent E.Coli contamination of the water supply. Clarification explained that residents were in no danger during the discovery as the contamination was found in tests of “raw water”, not the processed water that people consume. While media outlets and reverse 911 calls were utilized, the Town is working to streamline the notification process.

~More public discussion regarding proposal to put the volleyball court and garden in the Pond Ridge area—parking and location are of particular concern, and residents are encouraged to attend the Board of Recreation meetings the third Thursday of each month for more information

~Letters of commendation to Patrolman Matt Thompson and Patrolman Leon Cohen for their assistance and professionalism

Around the Town

Sunday, September 3

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

Saturday, September 11

TOWN PICNIC

Music, Games, & Fireworks
At Hunts Mill Park
2pm to Dusk
(Rain Date Saturday, September 25)

Sunday, September 12

Blacksmith Hammer-In & Tool Swap
featuring our own blacksmith
resident Robert Bozzay
10am to 4pm

Red Mill Museum
908-735-4101

Saturday, September 18

GREEN FAIR AT THE RED MILL

Learn everything there is to know
about living greener.
30 plus vendors will be present
Swamp Grass Jug Band will perform using
all recycled objects for instruments.
10am to 4pm
Free Admission

Thursday, September 30

"LADIES NIGHT OUT"

In store-specials and refreshments,
food & wine tastings, drawings,
merchant discounts,
demonstrations & much more!!!

Come join the fun
at downtown Clinton
6pm to 9pm



Enjoy the upcoming fall weather.

!!!HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

Friday & Saturday, October 15, 16 October 22 & 23, and Friday October 29

THE RED MILL MUSEUM HAUNTED MILL!!!

The Ultimate Scary Event
with a haunted hay ride at the end
Doors open at 6:00pm for all nights.

Friday, October 29

PUMPKIN FEST: Pumpkin Carving

Come out and enter your favorite jack-o-lantern
Contest in Downtown Clinton
Free Event 5pm to 8pm



Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 26, 27, 28

DICKEN'S DAYS

Sales, costumes, carriage rides, music, food and more.
Clinton's Favorite Festive Weekend Event

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Donated decorated trees on view
Enjoy holiday music and entertainment
4pm to 9pm at the Red Mill Museum
For more info www.theredmill.org

Friday, November 26

LIGHTING OF COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Santa arrives by Fire Truck!!!
6:30pm at the Pony Truss Bridge

Friday, December 3:

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE
FLOATS - BANDS - HOLIDAY FUN
7PM TO 9PM

Sunday, December 12

SANTA on Main Street.
Come and visit the jolly old man!!!



1pm to 3pm in Downtown Clinton



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RECYCLING DATES FOR 2010

September 14, 28

October 12, 26

November 9, 23



Calendar of Town Committee Meetings at Municipal Bldg.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Located at 47 Leigh Street :

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

TAXES, FINANCE, CONSTRUCTION, PERMIT OFFICES

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