

OUR TOWN

Clinton, NJ

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



I can't believe we are at the end of 2015 – this year has been an exciting one for the Town of Clinton with our 150th anniversary celebration. I would like to thank the

committee, Megan Jones-Holt, CeCe Gallo, Meredith Hyland, John Bohnel, Walter Hetzel and Ceil Covino, who worked so hard to create a fabulous event in May as well as the many other events hosted by our business and not for profit community such as the first Apple and Pumpkin Harvest Festival developed by Harvey Finkel. As we get ready to celebrate this holiday season I hope that many of you can look back on this past year as one to remember.

As we move into 2016 there are a number of initiatives that the town will be working on. We understand

the need for a food store in Town and we are working aggressively to find one to replace the A&P. If you have recommendations or have had conversations with stores interested please let us know. We will reach out to anyone interested in the conversation.

There has also been a great deal of conversation around the housing that has been approved over by the library – there is some confusion around affordable housing. I would like to clarify that there is a difference between Section 8 (subsidized housing vouchers) and affordable housing. While there are some individuals that receive Section 8 money in addition they are also eligible for affordable housing.

Single parent households, recent graduates and seniors most often utilize affordable housing. These individuals are screened based on their annual income

in order to receive the benefit of a reduced rental rate or purchase price. I would hope that we as a community can welcome those new residents. I'm sure there are more questions with regards to the affordable housing – please feel free to reach out, I am more than happy to discuss.

The holiday season is upon us and I want to wish all of you a wonderful, safe and healthy holiday season. As always please feel free to reach out to me or any of the councilmembers with questions or concerns.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!!!



29TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ 7:00PM



FREE RABIES CLINIC AT TOWN OF CLINTON BARN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16th

8AM TO 11AM



Clinton Town 8th Annual Yuletide Bonfire



Saturday, January 23rd
(rain date Jan 30th)

6:00 PM @ Hunts Mill Park

Come Join Your Fellow Neighbors



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

How Do You Sleep At Night?

How do you sleep at night? This is a question that you may not think about too often if at all. I would strongly recommend that you sleep with your bedroom door closed AND assure that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are functional. The following link provides valuable (and unknown to the lay person) information about how a closed door might be the only thing that saves your life in a fire. The test study demonstration will clearly

show how quickly the smoke and hot gases move throughout the home. Please note that this 8 minute NFPA video may be alarming to younger readers as it discusses and illustrates real life situations that have occurred. <http://nfpatoday.blog.nfpa.org/2015/11/new-ul-research-shows-how-closed-bedroom-doors-can-provide-life-saving-seconds-in-home-fires.html>

Please note that the Clinton Fire Prevention Bureau has **FREE** battery operated smoke detectors that can be provid-

ed to town residents in need of these life saving devices. These are made available via a program sponsored by the State Division of Fire Safety and Kidde. Please contact me in order to obtain these free devices.

If anyone would like to speak to me regarding anything of concern, please contact my office at 908-735-2275 or via cell @ 908-468-1696. I would be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Hello friends,

Following is information you might find helpful regarding your eligibility for State assistance with your prescription drugs.

State-funded prescription programs for eligible NJ residents

PAAD and **Senior Gold** are two state-funded prescription programs which help eligible New Jersey residents with the cost of prescription medications. Both of these programs cover only drugs approved by the Food & Drug Administration. Drugs purchased outside New Jersey are not covered – nor are any pharmaceutical products whose manufacturer has not signed a rebate agreement with the State of New Jersey.

PAAD eligibility: NJ resident; income less than \$26,575/single; less than \$32,582/married; you are 65 years of age or older, or 18 years of age and receiving Social Security Disability benefits; enrolled in Medicare Part D (if eligible). PAAD copay is \$5 for each covered generic drug and \$7 for each covered brand name drug. If you are eligible for PAAD, you may also be eligible to receive other benefits.

Senior Gold eligibility: do not qualify for PAAD; NJ resident; income less than \$36,575/single; less than \$42,585 married; 65 years of age or older, or 18 years of age and receiving Social Security Disability benefits; enrolled in Medicare Part D (if eligible).

For an application for either PAAD or Senior Gold, go online to:

www.njpaad.gov or www.njsrgold.gov. For further information, please call Pia Rey-Doklan, SHIP Coordinator, at the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services at 908 788-1361.

Notary Public: Reminder - I am a Notary Public and will be happy to notarize documents for the senior residents of the town of Clinton free of charge. Should you be in need of this service, please feel free to contact me at 908 310-3312 or online at mrodenberger@hotmail.com

My best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy holiday season/new year.



HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, March 12, 2016 9am to 1pm
Route 12 County Complex For more information, call 908-788-1110



FREE ELECTRONIC & SCRAP METAL RECYCLING FOR TOWN OF CLINTON RESIDENTS

(Air conditioners & refrigerators—freon and any liquid must be removed)
Dumpsters are located at the Sewer Treatment Plant on Ramsey Road



Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



As winter is approaching, we want to remind all residents to remove all vehicles from the public roadways during a snow event. This will allow Public Works employees to safely and effectively plow all of the snow from the roads. For those residents with portable basketball net placed along the street, I would like to ask all residents to consider relocating the nets during a snow event as they can pose a hazard to municipal vehicles. Due to the physical size of the equipment needed to perform these services, it can be difficult to operate the vehicles while trying to maneuver around the basketball nets. The relocation of the nets will allow municipal employees to safely remove the streets of snow while ensuring that vehicles/equipment, as well as your basketball net, do not get damaged. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Residents are invited to take advantage of free scrap metal and electronic recycling offered by the Town.

Recycling dumpsters are located at the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant (2 Ramsey Road), and are open Monday through Friday from 7AM – 3PM and Saturday & Sunday 6AM—8AM.

The garbage collection services that are provided by the Town are for residential customers only, not commercial entities. Commercial entities are required to arrange for private collection.

NOTE: The trash cans located throughout the Town are for trash generated by pedestrians enjoying the Town, not for commercial or residential use.

There are many different ways to learn about what is going on in the Town of Clinton as well as the entire County. We recommend visiting the following websites and signing up for e-mail updates:

- Town of Clinton – www.clintonnj.gov
- Town of Clinton Police Department - www.clintonjpolice.com

Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad - www.clintonems.org

Clinton Fire Department - www.clintonfd.org

Hunterdon County - www.co.hunterdon.nj.us

Hunterdon County Dept of Public Safety - www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911

Additionally, several of the entities above have separate Facebook pages



feel free to “Like” them.

Affordable Housing - If you know anyone who may be eligible to qualify for affordable housing, please visit the Clerk's Office to fill out an application. These units offer a valuable opportunity for income qualified participants to become homeowners in Clinton. We encourage anyone looking for affordable housing to get “pre-qualified” through the Town so when units become available, you are ahead in the process.

Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka

When the Smart Growth Committee's Town Survey revealed the town's desire for more teen activities, Deena Roberts and Rebecca McComb's Girl Scout troop members Jessica Roberts, Katie McComb, Analise Kelly, Julia Apsel and Sarah Upwood made presentations to implement some upcoming fun **teen activities** as part of their Silver Award – look for more info soon. Also, Dan Mahony is organizing a **senior walking club**. If interested in joining, please contact him at kdmahon@comcast.net. Free reflective vests for the group will be provided by HART.

There were so many terrific fall events this year in Clinton, all honoring the Town's 150th anniversary. The Town thanks Harvey Finkel and his committee for organizing the first Fall Apple N Pumpkin Harvest Festival in October. With kids craft activities, music, food trucks, and beer/wine tent, everyone that came had a great time. On the same day, Sean Rogan had organized the third annual canoe races, this year known as the Hooper Canoe Races. There was a great turnout and everyone had a blast! Thank you to Ryan Pender for donating all of the canoes and gear again. This event is a revitalization of the canoe races Mr. Hooper started in the 1970's. Next year will

possibly bring back the “Huck Finn” races!

Clinton's Mayor and Council awarded a proclamation to Don Berkman for 16 years of organizing the summer tennis program, receiving accolades from parents and children alike, and providing exercise and excitement for our kids.

Look forward to more information soon on the 2016 Clinton Bonfire! Next year's picnic is also being tentatively scheduled for June 4th with a June 11th rain date. Please contact Kim Rogan or the Recreation Commission if you can help organize this great Clinton tradition!



!!! HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON !!!

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



WINTER ON-STREET OVERNIGHT PARKING

From November 15th to April 1st parking is prohibited on all streets in the Town between the hours of 2am and 6am parking when "snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the public road, street or highway". Vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance are subject to be towed and ticketed to facilitate snow removal operations. If you are in doubt about the weather forecast, we suggest that you play it safe and move your vehicles off-street. **If you have special parking needs or your vehicle is disabled during this period please contact the police department immediately so that we are aware and can try to accommodate your needs BEFORE you get a summons or get towed.**

WINTER OFF-STREET PUBLIC PARKING WHEN SNOW IS FORECAST

Overnight off-street public parking is available in the Water Street Lot, the Lower Center Street Lot, the Municipal Building Lot and in authorized spaces in the Firehouse Parking Lot. Please remember however that the Water Street, Municipal Building and Firehouse Parking Lots are 24 hour lots and your vehicle must be moved after each 24 hour period to facilitate snow removal. **If you have any questions please ask a police officer prior to making any assumptions regarding parking in these lots.**

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

So that school children and adult pedestrians can find safe passage on our sidewalks, Ordinance 115-1 requires that the owner or tenant of property abutting or adjacent to a sidewalk must remove all snow and ice from that sidewalk or public right-of-way within 12 hours of daylight from the time that the snow or frozen precipitation ceased to fall or accumulate.

Lessons learned from years past about snow/ice removal in Clinton include:

1. Its much EASIER to remove the snow/ice IMMEDIATELY after it ceases to fall than it is after it melts and re-freezes.
2. Don't count on the snow or ice melting and disappearing by itself within 12 hours of daylight after it ceased to fall (see lesson #1 above).
3. It is illegal to deposit snow or ice from your sidewalk or driveway onto the street after the street has been plowed. We highly recommend that you shovel the snow away from the street and not into it. You will be reported by the Public Works Department and you will receive a summons if you are caught doing this.
4. There are many seniors in Town who find it difficult if not impossible to shovel their sidewalks and driveways, so help a neighbor who may need it. This is also a great opportunity for teenage entrepreneurs to make some extra spending money. If you would like to be contacted to help someone in need of shoveling assistance please contact the Clerk's Office at the municipal building.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

On Friday December 4th at 7pm Clinton will once again host our famous Christmas Parade. Please PLAN AHEAD to make this night fun, memorable and safe for everyone.

1. The Halstead Street Bridge will still be closed to vehicular traffic, however pedestrian access will remain across the bridge. Your guests will be able to park on Halstead Street, at the Community Center and the County Library which are excellent places to park and walk into Town. Shuttle buses will also run regularly from the Community Church on Route 513 near Wal-Mart into Town.
2. There will be no parking on Main Street, East Main Street, Center Street and Leigh Street north of

Route 173 from 5pm parade day until its conclusion and all streets are reopened. Any vehicle parked on these streets after 5pm is subject to be towed at the owner's expense.

3. To avoid inevitable traffic congestion and delays please let your guests know that it is best to arrive in Town as early as possible. I strongly suggest unless it is absolutely necessary for them to drive into Town, that after 5:30pm they park as far from downtown as possible and take a leisurely stroll in.

4. Access to Center Street will be restricted and controlled by police from both ends beginning at 5pm. Every effort will be made to accommodate residents and your guests however after 5:30pm all access to Center Street must be from the east (McDonald's end).

5. Individual vehicles will not be permitted to make parade participant drop off's on Center Street after 6pm. Parade participants should be dropped off on perimeter streets such as Halstead, Georges Place, Leigh Street or Route 173 and then walk to their starting position or floats on Center Street.

6. For safety reasons, based upon the volume of pedestrian traffic in the downtown area Main Street, East Main Street, Lower Center Street and Leigh Street are subject to closure at anytime after 5:30pm.

7. Every year some residents and visitors try to reserve "their" seats on public sidewalks along the parade route, sometimes as early as the night before. Please remember that our streets and sidewalks are public property and space on public sidewalks and right-of-ways is on a first come basis only. Tickets are not sold to the parade and there are no "reserved seats" unless it's on your own private property.

8. Please remember that this is a family parade with literally thousands of children and young adults in attendance. **Consumption of**

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Shade Tree Commission by Ches Snider



As we head into winter months, keep in mind that it is a great time to prune. Since the tree is not active, the removal of limbs will be

less stressful to the plant. It is also easier to see the structure of the tree without its leaves to better find problem areas like rubbing branches, weak crotches, cracked or broken limbs and competing leader branches. The tree will have more time to seal the wounds before the growing season starts and there will be less sap running from the wounds.

Also, insect and disease organisms are not active at this time, so it reduces the risk of infection or pest infestation, which is why birches and American elms should only be pruned in the winter. The worst time to prune trees

is late spring and early summer when their leaves are expanding and the tree is putting its energy toward growth.

For some helpful tips:

- Try to avoid removing large limbs over 6 inches in diameter because it will be difficult for the tree to close the wound before decay sets in.
- Young trees up to 8 to 12 inches in diameter need to be pruned properly for structure while they are still young to avoid the need to remove large limbs in the future.
- “Topping” trees destroys them - they will never grow back to their natural shape and every branch

that grows out of that wound area will be an accident waiting to happen. If a tree is too large for its location, consider having it removed and replanted with a smaller species rather than topping it.

Regarding Town trees, or those commonly located between the street and sidewalk, residents are allowed to undertake light pruning and the removal of dead wood anytime. Please do not undertake a job that looks too big – inform the town and we’ll have it professionally pruned.

For pruning techniques, please visit <https://www.arborday.org/trees/tips/keys-to-pruning.cfm>.

Stay warm!

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis

ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES is prohibited on all public sidewalks and streets. To help ensure a “good time by all” there will be zero tolerance enforcement of this ordinance parade night.

9. Above all, have any questions and/or concerns you may have answered or addressed well in advance of parade night because during the event parade organizers, police officers, firemen, EMS Personnel and other municipal officials will be very busy trying to bring you another enjoyable and safe holiday experience in

Clinton.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Please report any and all persons and activities that you may feel is suspicious or out of the ordinary to the Police Department immediately by calling 908-735-8611. This number is manned 24/7. Any delay in reporting minimizes what Police may be able to do regarding what you observed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AND ALERTS

Please visit the Police Department website at www.clintonnjpolice.com for

police news, parking, hazardous weather and other contemporary information about Clinton. You can also sign up to receive email alerts from the department on our site. You can also receive alerts and other notifications from the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management by visiting <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/communityalerts.html> and signing up. All you need do is to provide the phone number(s) you wish contacted at in a weather of other emergency which may impact our County.

CAT & DOG LICENSING

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS: All cats and dogs are required to be licensed in the Town of Clinton, even in-door pets. Animal licensing fees for 2016 are Dogs spayed/neutered \$10.20 non-spayed/non neutered \$13.20; for Cats spayed/neutered \$7.00 non-spayed/non neutered \$10.00. We are still below the average costs for pets. Also, late fees will be \$4.00 per month. Every year we have many delinquent pets and send letters, make phone calls, and as a last resort, Police issue summons. A summons may cost \$80.00 plus the cost of licensing your pets. Hopefully this will encourage all pet owners to quickly respond to their renewals that are mailed in December and due by January 31st.



**FREE RABIES CLINIC SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016
AT THE CLINTON BARN 8:00AM TO 11:00AM**



Environmental Commission by Jeff Schaumburg

Happy Holidays! While the Environmental Commission has been quiet with respect to active applications requiring formal review, The Town of Clinton Green Team has stayed busy through this Fall. As the year winds down, our focus has been planning for the upcoming year. We have several specific events and we also seek to support overall master planning that sustainably promotes the high quality of life we enjoy here in Clinton!

The mission of the Green Team is to promote and enact sustainable environmental practices and projects in our town. We seek to get a network of potential volunteers interested in serving in any capacity, from full time support to one time events that peak your interest. Interested parties can contact the Green Team at Clinton_Green_Team@outlook.com.

Since our Summer newsletter, the Monarch butterfly garden project has progressed from concept through re-

search and design, and we've learned a few things along the way. Monarch butterflies migratory and reproduction cycles have been threatened by loss of habitat along their migratory zone. The Green Team obtained Milkweed seeds to plant and initially contemplated two potential park sites that were ruled out for various reasons. Thanks to the assistance of a local garden expert, we identified an area of Pond Ridge where the garden will be best sited. Seeds are being cold stored for the winter and spring planting plans are underway. Stay tuned for dates if you wish to volunteer when planting day arrives.

The Green Team is also busy assessing the Sustainable New Jersey certification renewal process to evaluate continued participation in the program. The program recognizes municipalities for taking certain actions to promote sustainability in many forms in their community. In 2013 we applied on behalf of the Town and obtained Bronze Certification. The recognition

was primarily based on documenting many programs already implemented in the Town, such as hosting a farmers market and performing an energy audit and upgrades on the municipal buildings in 2010. The three-year certification expires next year and our team is assessing feasibility and efforts needed if renewal is pursued.

2016 promises to be a busy year for all. In addition to the Monarch butterfly garden planting, the Green Team will be supporting removal of invasive species including Water Chestnut and Autumn Olive at two sites in Clinton (efforts being coordinated by The Hunterdon Land Trust with local land managers' support) in the spring. Also keep an eye out for the annual river clean ups in April and July. Other plans to follow.

Have a great, safe and Sustainable Holiday- see you in the Spring!



CLINTON FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUAD

!!!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!

The Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad would like you to consider joining our ranks. This year, why not positively impact your family, friends, neighbors and even complete strangers. Choose to become involved in an organization that has been focused on helping others for over 40 years.

The Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad is volunteer-run, utilizing a hybrid membership of volunteer and paid personnel. This hybrid system ensures in-house staffing and some of the fastest response times in the county. The squad operates five ambulances, a heavy rescue truck, a special services vehicle, three boats, a command vehicle and a technical rescue support unit trailer. If interested please call 908-735-8234.

LEAF COLLECTION



Mid October &
Continues till the
New Year
Rake leaves to
curb.

No Bags.

There will be no chipping
during this time.

(Brush / Chipping will not
start till May 2016)

RESIDENT ADVISORY

NO PARKING WHEN ROADS ARE SNOW COVERED on any street in the Town of Clinton between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM from November 15th to April 1st, except on Main Street and East Main Street where the hours are 11 PM to 6 AM.

Snow & Ice are to be removed from sidewalks, parking areas and rights of way used by the public, by the owner / occupant of premises within 12 hours of daylight after the snow falls or ice forms.

Smart Growth Committee by Beth Sosidka

The Smart Growth Committee has finished its survey, presented the survey and results to the public and Council, and received public input as to the conclusions reached. Congratulations to all who participated. Your ideas are invaluable. We also appreciate all those who volunteered to form committees to implement some of the ideas raised. We have committees forming for teen activities, a Clinton Conservancy, pedestrian and bike friendliness, a senior walking club, senior housing, historic walking tours, donations for new trees, and new members interested in the

Clinton Green Team. If you are interested in any of these committees, please come to the next Smart Growth Committee meeting or contact Beth Sosidka at bsosidka@clintonnj.gov.

On Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 7:30pm, the regular meeting of the Smart Growth Committee will be held in the Council chambers at the municipal building to continue its function of analysis and implementation of the results and conclusions of the survey. All interested citizens are welcome to attend that meeting and any meeting held by the Committee. This is our Town and we want to try to be the voice of the

people as is our responsibility. We hope to see all interested persons at this next meeting. It will also give you a chance to meet the members of the Committee and to further express your views as to the conclusions reached and help organizing implementation of what we hope will be good things for Clinton Town. We know you all care so much about our town and so now is the time to get involved to whatever extent you wish. We look forward to seeing you.

The Smart Growth Committee

MEALS ON WHEELS "DRIVERS NEEDED"



Meals on wheels in Hunterdon needs volunteer drivers in your area. Serve your homebound senior neighbors a hot noontime meal. The commitment to drive is only once a month. It will take only an hour or tow to complete a route in your neighborhood. Call our office at 908-284-0735 or www.mowih.org to offer your time.

Help us, help others. Many Thanks

Meals on Wheels is a small, private, non-profit, charitable agency serving approximately 235 homebound seniors every day on twenty routes throughout Hunterdon County. We are one of the last meal delivery programs in the state of New Jersey to depend solely on volunteer drivers. In 2014 we served approximately 51,888 meals between all programs reaching 600 seniors in Hunterdon County. Our mission is to assist the homebound elderly / disabled of Hunterdon County maintain their independence by enhancing their nutritional health, thereby avoiding unwanted institutionalization.



Santa Claus is coming to Town.... Clinton Town, that is.

Santa will visit the various areas of Town on the Clinton Fire Truck from 7pm - 9pm:



Neighborhood

Date

Alton Place, Haver Farm Rd, Leigh St

12/21 (Monday)

The Knolls, West Main St & Center St, Rachel Court

12/22 (Tuesday)



Council Highlights by Nancy Burgess

Aug 11, 2015

~ Carol Beder, representing the Clinton Guild, came to promote the Come Together Music every Friday evening on Main Street.

~ The Lease Agreement with the Fire Department was renewed with some changes. Changes are with the street sweeping arrangements, striping of the parking lot and the payment of the water and sewer bills.

~ Introduction of an Ordinance to Accept Easements for Block 29 Lots 3.03 and 3.04.

~ Council regretfully accepts the resignation of Angela Hawes, Adm. Assistant for the Clerk's Office due to her family relocating. She will be missed.

~ Councilman Smith stated the Road Committee recommend withdrawing the ordinance from the books regarding doing work on private roads. There are five private roads in the Town.

~ A complimentary letter from Kim Rogan was sent to the Recreation program thanking Don Berkman for the tennis program.

~ A Smart Growth committee will host a public meeting September 21 to discuss the Town's Survey.

Aug 25, 2015

~ Marjorie Nathanson, Executive Director of the Hunterdon Art Museum came to update Council on the latest happenings in Town.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka stated Police Chief Matheis alerted the Council that the Freeholders are proposing to close the Hunterdon County Jail and is contracting with Somerset County. The vote will be taking place tomorrow night, Wednesday, August 29, 2015. The Council was not against the Freeholder's plan but wanted the proposal.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the new fire truck is scheduled for

Friday, August 28, 2015.

~ Councilman Rylak announced a special meeting of the Smart Growth will be held at the Clinton Fire House, Monday, September 21, 2015 to discuss the result of the Town Survey.

Sept 8, 2015

~ Harvey Finkel, Clinton Book Shop, and organizer of the Clinton's Farmer's Market, presented an outline of the upcoming Apple 'n Pumpkin Harvest Festival scheduled for October 11, 2015.

~ Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation to Don Berkman for his time and effort as organizer of the Clinton Tennis Program. Don has just completed his 16th year.

~ Mayor Kovach informed Council and the public that A & P has filed for bankruptcy and the local store will be closing the week of November 12-15, 2015. Mayor Kovach said there has been interest for a Trader Joe's to come into the space. Council discussed options for the site. Mayor Kovach has been in contact with A&P real estate office and is awaiting a return phone call.

~ Introduction of Ordinance #15-15 Repealing Ordinance For Municipal Maintenance of George's Place Extension. Mr. Miller, resident of Georges Pl Ext requested to have a small delegation to meet with the Roads Committee to discuss history before any decision is made.

~ Councilman Smith reported the Rescue Squad had 242 calls for the month of August. 10% over last year and July calls were 256, 22% increase over last year's calls.

~ Councilman Smith reported the Roads Committee discussed scheduling for municipal lot repairs.

~ Councilman Pendergast stated the next Grill Night at the Fire House will be September 18.

~ Councilman Carberry stated the Board of Recreation would like to welcome a new member, Dan Melillo.

Sept 22, 2015

~ Mayor Kovach accepted three letters of resignation. Matt Perez, Land use Board member has moved out of Town. Jorge Blanco was appointed to fill his seat. Dorothea Baka, Historic Commission member resigned. Dave Sosidka was appointed to full her position. Finally Kevin Olsen, Public Works employee submitted his resignation. All were accepted with regret.

~ Resolution was adopted to support Delaware Township in opposing the PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC to construct a 36" diameter natural gas pipeline within Delaware Township.

Oct 13, 2015

~ John Bohnel, Town resident, photographer and creator of the 150th Face of Clinton requested space in the municipal building to hang a large mural. It will be hung in the back staircase going to the council room.

~ Mayor Kovach received a letter of resignation with regret from Travis Roop of the Smart Growth committee due to moving out of Town.

~ Discussion between Council about changing the date for trick-or-treating from Halloween day to the Friday before. Decision was to keep it on Halloween day.

~ Resolution for a grant submission to NJDOT for the Pedestrian Safety project for West Main Street in front of the Clinton House.

Oct 27, 2015

~ Ordinance #15-15 Rescinding the maintenance of Georges Place Extension was tabled.

~ Councilman Rylak reported the Smart Growth Committee will be hosing an informal public input meeting at the Clinton Fire Department, Thursday, November 12, 2015.

Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

Every Wednesdays starting November 18th

“Simply Senior Wednesdays”

Seniors 60+ are eligible for discounts & specials from over 25 Clinton Businesses!!!

Yoga, dining apparel, jewelry, hair and beauty services, floral, art, music and media, candles, lotions, plates and gifts, antiques and MORE!!!

For a list of participating businesses, contact Joan at Balic of Clinton, 908-713-9463 or balicofclinton@att.net

Friday, November 27th thru December 6th

Red Mill Museum Festival of Trees

Donated decorated trees on view in the Mill with holiday music/entertainment.

\$5 admission, member and kids under 12 are free
Call The Red Mill for more info
908-735-4101

Friday, December 4th,

CLINTON GUILD'S 29TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

FLOATS - BANDS - HOLIDAY FUN

One of the largest holiday parades in Hunterdon County with over 40 floats!!!
www.clintonchristmasparade.com
Starting at 7PM (Rain or shine)

Saturday, December 19th

Santa Claus is comin' to (Clinton) Town! **10am-2pm,**

via Clinton Fire Department

Register to have Santa visit your house with pre-purchased gifts for your family!

Suggested \$35 donation,
pre-purchased gifts must be dropped off at CFD Monday, December 14th from 6:00-8:00pm.
Limited to 35 families.

See Clinton Fire Department website at www.clintonfd.org for details.

Thursday, December 10th

Candlelight Night in Town: late-night shopping, carriage rides, streets lined with luminaries,
5pm-9pm



Sunday, December 13th

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

Santa arrives on Main Street, 1pm-2pm
Come down and say hi to the Jolly Fello

Sunday, December 13th

Meet the Illustrator: Reading and Workshops with Children's Book Artists

Santiago Cohen

Hunterdon Art Museum
2:00pm - 3:00pm
908-735-8415

Friday, December 18th

Famous Artist Friday
Henry Matisse, a master at using colors, props, and patterns.

Hunterdon Art Museum
1:15pm to 2:30 pm
FREE

Saturday, January 16th

Annual Rabies Clinic

8:00am to 11:00pm
Located at the Town of Clinton Barn

Saturday, January 23rd

CLINTON TOWN YULETIDE BONFIRE

Hunts Mill park 6:00PM



Horse & carriage rides (Clydesdales), live music, hot chocolate, and cookies.
Rain date: Saturday, January 30th

February 7th through 14th:

SWEETHEART WEEK IN DOWNTOWN CLINTON

Come out for a chance on several drawings and prizes.

Sunday, February 22nd

Weaving Demonstration and Guided Tour

2pm at the Hunterdon Art Museum
A tour with curator Carol K. Russell.
Registration is required as space is limited.
Free with admission



Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, December 2015



The mission of Clinton Public School is to inspire our students to become contributing members of society who are independent, innovative, life-time learners equipped with the necessary skills to meet the demands of our ever-changing world.

Notes from the Board

Robert Moul (President), Brendan McIsaac (Vice President), Craig Sowell, Charles Sampson, and Tim Cutarelli

Quite a bit has been accomplished at CPS over the past six months. One district goal has come to a close as the roof and HVAC referendum projects have been completed. Our two academic district goals of improving math articulation with the high school and providing professional development for language arts reading and writing units of study are both well under way. We have also successfully completed negotiations, and the board would like to thank the teachers' association for working through the process. One new enhancement for students that we are excited about is a weekly early morning opportunity for enrichment and extra help.

The district will soon be developing a new facilities plan to re-imagine and optimize the learning spaces in and around the building as we explore new service learning opportunities for students and integrated arts, sciences, technology, engineering, and math initiatives. As always, we invite you to attend our regular board meetings to share your thoughts and learn about what is happening at the school. In closing, we would like to thank Bob Moul and Tim Cutarelli for their service to CPS and welcome Carl Sabbatino and Lorraine Linfante as new members. The new year looks to be an exciting one as the board will begin strategic planning and seek your input as we forge a collaborative vision of the future of education here at CPS.

From the Superintendent / Principal

Dr. Seth Cohen

Winter is time when we slow down, reflect upon our progress and give thanks for all of the opportunities and supports that we have received over the past year.

We continue our purpose driven work and push ourselves to grow as educators. We have additional English Language Arts professional development scheduled and continued articulation with the North Hunterdon Voorhees Regional School District. The Clinton Glen Gardner Board of Education held a retreat in the Spring of 2015 with the purpose of developing goals to help guide and inform many of the important annual tasks we must complete. Our Clinton Public School goals for the 2015-2016 school year are:

- Continue to implementing the math program and improving articulation with the high school.
- Review the language arts program with a focus on curriculum and professional development.
- Revise the facilities plan to reimagine and optimize the learning spaces in and around the building.
- Develop a plan to provide service learning opportunities to all CPS students

Each teaching staff member of Clinton Public School developed a Professional Development Plan connected to our Clinton Public School goals along with the professional standards for teachers found in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3 and the Standards for Professional Learning in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-15.3. Our CPS teachers also contribute to Professional Learning Communities (PLC) that are connected to our goals and geared to teaching and student learning. Our staff is awesome!

Bulldog Nation and #CPSPrize was on display this fall as our athletes worked hard and competed. Our CPS Boys Soccer team battled into the final round of the NHVRSD tournament and placed second after a double overtime and eventual penalty kick match with Tewksbury. Our Volleyball team placed second in the final tournament. Cross Country boys finished third and the girl's team placed fourth. Our Lady Bulldog Soccer team finished the season with a strong victory over Bethlehem. Did you know that over 30% of eligible students in grade 5-8 participate on a fall CPS sports team! Our students are awesome! If you want to keep updated with CPS news and highlights, please follow me on twitter @dr_scohen.

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CPS in the News

From the Assistant / Curriculum Coordinator

Jacqueline Evans-Turner

The fall has been a busy time at CPS with the activities inside our building mirroring the colorful transformations outside! Our language arts, social studies, and science teachers attended a workshop entitled Teacher's as Writer's on October 13th facilitated by the Rutgers University National Writing Project designed to help our teachers experience writing as a learner. As a follow up in November, the National Writing project facilitated *Elementary Writers' Workshop: The Nuts and Bolts of Writing*. So far, we are seeing the seeds of our writing initiative blossom as students increase their capacity for detail and sustained writing. Studies confirm significant gains in writing performance among students of teachers who have participated in NWP programs. In fact, NWP is the only federally funded program that focuses on the teaching of writing. We are looking forward to our next workshop in January, which will focus on mentor texts and mini-lessons.

Reading and writing with independence and confidence will remain master arts in the information age. Experts in education state that "The explosion of media and technology...has made it all the more important that students master the core skills of gathering and evaluating evidence." At CPS, we are taking this information to heart as we invest time in professional development for teachers and informational sessions for our parents such as the Wilson Reading and Dyslexia Workshop hosted this month.

Our after school Lego Club is well underway, last week students exercised their imagination by sharing their "Lego stories" after free building time. Student engagement in language arts can be challenging, but through Lego Stories students have an opportunity to kick start creativity and engage in speaking and listening skills in a low risk environment.

Our 100 Book Challenge is off to an excellent start, so please ask your K-4 student about how they plan to help meet our goal so that we can take advantage of all the wonderful end of year activities!

As the temperatures turn chilly, consider taking advantage of the extra indoor time to turn off the television and technology and engage in story telling or a read aloud with your child! We are looking forward to a productive winter as we continue to reap the benefits of the instructional seeds we have been planting and carefully cultivating in all our classes.

Clinton Public School Celebrates Veteran's Day



Scout Color Guard...Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts from Clinton Public School form the honor guard for the American flag at a Veterans Day ceremony on November 10, 2015.

Clinton Public School honored 15 local Veterans at an all-school assembly on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. A color guard of 31 Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts opened the ceremony, which featured patriotic songs, a story of why the poppy is the flower of remembrance, and introductions of each veteran including a short biography of their military service. School Superintendent/Principal Seth Cohen and Veteran Carl Sabatino were featured speakers. Veterans were provided an opportunity to connect with each other and share experiences afterward at a reception.



Sergeant Jody Rodgers is the aunt of sisters Madison & Olivia Hayes of Clinton and served 19 years in the U.S. Army. She currently is a member of the Coast Guard.



Kindergarten student Adyson O'Neil of Clinton is accompanied by her grandfather, Robert Hunter who served in the U.S. Navy from 1963-1970.



Career U.S. Navy veteran Colonel Dean Wright served in both World War II and Viet Nam. Grandson Aidan Casey of Clinton was his escort.



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(call the office at 908-735-8616 prior to stopping in)

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

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

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

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

LAND USE BOARD — 7:00 PM First and Third Tuesday of each month

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