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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



We managed through another winter season and I am happy that the weather has warmed up. It is wonderful to see residents out and about around Town and to see

the downtown area has been a bustling hub of activity. As you know we have been celebrating our 150th anniversary and will continue the celebration throughout the rest of the year. There is an anniversary wine available as well as a t-shirt, hat and the poster "Faces of Clinton" mosaic. The 150th celebration calendars are still available as well at a reduced price. Pick one up for a keepsake of the photos taken of the beautiful Town of Clinton. Reach out to the municipal building to find out how you can purchase them.

I want to take this opportunity to remind residents to check the brush clean up schedule for your neighborhood and please do not put the brush in the street. It becomes a hazard for those who are biking, running or walking and also makes it more difficult when the street sweeper comes through. Another reminder is that the grass clippings bags should only contain grass clippings and not any brush - the garbage collectors will not take bags with brush. And one last final reminder - more for the employees and business owners downtown - to please leave the parking for customers and use the Water Street, Municipal Bldg., or Firehouse lots (which allow for all day parking). Moving a car every two hours is not fair to the businesses who would like parking spaces for their customers.

Now to end on a positive note - don't forget that Summer Recreation is still open as well as the Sports Camps at CPS if you are looking for some activities for your children.

As always stay safe and enjoy the summer. If you are traveling remember to notify the Hunterdon County non-emergency dispatch 908.735.8611 so that they are aware and our police department can monitor your home.

This summer also brings a number of events and activities to Town and I look forward to seeing you - if you have questions or concerns as always feel free to call or email me 908.399.8921 or jkovach@clintonnj.gov.

Clinton's 150th Celebration a Huge Success by Mayor Kovach

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who participated in our 150th Anniversary celebration. The merchants, vendors, volunteers and the visitors each of you made the day extra special. It was a beautiful day and the Town was buzzing with activity - starting at the firehouse with the NJ Hall of Fame Mobile Museum, the fire department and their very busy grill day, the Ship Inn for hosting the beer and wine garden. Moving up East Main Street to the many merchants and businesses showcasing their wares on the street and in the store, the local and county organizations with the kids showcasing their talent. Onto Main Street with the merchants and businesses there also advertising the unique flavor of Clinton, the Art Museum and their craft projects for the kids and the Red Mill Museum Village with the kick off of the 150th celebration exhibit. To the many musicians who gave freely of their time we are so grateful for your participation - the day would not have been the success it was without everyone.

Of course the day would not have happened if it wasn't for the 150th celebration committee: Megan Jones-Holt, Beth Sosidka, Ceil Covino, Walter Hetzel, CeCe Gallo, John Bohnel, and Meredith Hyland. A special thank you to the crossing guards who assisted in the pedestrian traffic ensuring that there were no casualties while everyone enjoyed the activities of the day. And of course an additional thank you to Shop Rite for the celebratory cake and Baked by Ally owner Allison ReFalo for the cupcakes - bakedbyally@gmail.com.

The activities started around 11am and moved continuously throughout the day, May 30, from the Red Mill down to the Firehouse and back again - there was not a moment in time when you couldn't find something happening. If anyone would like to view the Congressional Statement by Congressman Lance it will be on display at the municipal building and the flag that was flown over the capitol building will soon be flying at the municipal building.



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

During my frequent travels around and through the town, I have the opportunity to witness many things. I would like to call your attention to some of the matters that I have a responsibility for verifying compliance. This would include the posting of signs around town, extremely tall grass and debris upon properties and tanks/dumpsters along our floodways.

Free Smoke Detector Campaign: That's right, I said free. I have obtained battery operated smoke detectors as part of an ongoing campaign by the Division of Fire Safety and Kidde to reduce life loss due to fires. Residential home fires account for about 76% of all fatal fires. Having properly placed AND working smoke detectors can make the difference between life and death. I currently have 18 battery operated smoke detectors available for residents of Clinton that are in need of these devices. I will come to your home and determine

what is needed to provide the minimum level of protection (one detector per floor level including a basement). All you need to do is contact me either via email or phone; no questions asked. I typically can assist with the installation of these detectors as well. Please take the time to contact me at 908-468-1696 or jdaniels@clintonnj.gov. Doing so could just save your life. If you know of a neighbor in need, please speak with them and contact me for them.

Grass and Debris: There are always concerns and complaints when someone's grass gets to be too high. What is considered too high? Within the Town Code, there is a chapter that deals with this matter. It is chapter 45 and this chapter states that grass greater than 3" is a violation. Over the years I have had to send out violations regarding this matter many times. It is usually the "empty" lots and abandon properties that are frequent violators. In the recent

economy many foreclosed properties have the grass left uncut for weeks. There are far too many such locations within our Town. The concern is that the tall grass lends to breeding ground and habitat for ticks and other less friendly critters. I request your assistance this year with this matter in hopes that everyone will help to maintain the beauty of Clinton and maintain your property accordingly. Maybe we all can lend a hand to each other and help others less fortunate.

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 Marshal,
Housing & Code Enforcement

Historic Commission by Christie Wood

We Clintonites have much to look forward to as we continue to celebrate our 150th anniversary. Let's greet each other on Main St. at 11 am on the 30th for the huge block party with many attractions including the opening of a fantastic exhibit of Clinton's past at the Red Mill. The Tomson Gallery on the second floor of the Mill will literally come alive with

an expertly-devised array of wonders. Do not miss it!

The Mill will also have a fascinating talk on June 18th on past resident Foster Voorhees, place to be decided (possibly his former home). The presentation is part of the Mill's "Splash of History" series.

In early May, Clinton Public School art teacher Suzanne Lauricella brought a

group of eighth graders down to the mural on Main St. to help fill in some of the vast space. The Hunterdon Democrat did a story on the outing and I am very grateful to have gotten the able help of the students. The mural is about 75% finished.

Enjoy the events throughout 2015!

Smart Growth Committee by Al Rylak

The Smart Growth Committee reports that the tabulated results of the Town of Clinton survey are complete. A full copy of the results are on file with Ceil Covino, the Town

Clerk, and are open for public inspection. The tabulated responses have been summarized for ease of review and the Smart Growth Committee will

continue to meet and draw conclusions from the data. For everyone who asked about the results, have a look!



HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, July 11, 2015 9am to 1pm
Route 12 County Complex For more information, call 908-788-1110

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



Upcoming Projects:

Halstead Street Water Main Replacement

Beginning on/about June 22, 2015, the Town will be repaving Halstead Street from the Water Street parking lot to the Town line. As we move forward with the project, updates will be sent out notifying residents of any delays/detours so you can plan accordingly.

Reminders:

1. For residents with shrubs/plants that overhang into the sidewalks, we ask that you please trim them accordingly. The last thing we want is for a pedestrian to be forced into the street due to an overgrown shrub.
2. 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.

3. 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 as well, so feel free to “Like” them for additional updates.

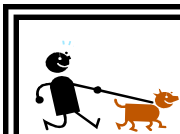
Affordable Housing - If you know anyone who may be eligible to qualify for affordable housing, please visit the Clerk's Office to fill out an application. These units offer a valuable opportunity for income qualified participants to become homeowners in Clinton. We encourage anyone looking for affordable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

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION FOR BRUSH AND LEAF COLLECTION

For the past two years we have changed our brush and leaf collection, and have realized there is still some confusion regarding the collections so we wanted to clarify some things for you. The brush collection runs from May to end of October with your appropriate zone pick up, after October you can take your brush pile to the Town's Composting Center located at 2 Ramsey Road (Wastewater Treatment Plant, Monday –Friday 7am-3pm, and Saturday – Sunday 6am -8 am). During collection all small brush/debris is to be placed in buckets or garbage cans, all large brush/debris (large limbs and branches no longer than 6 inches in diameter) will be placed at curbside facing the flow of traffic. Please do not place brush on top or underneath your leaf pile, for our leaf machine is not equipped to handle brush. **BRUSH AND LEAVES ARE NOT TO BE PLACED IN THE BROWN GRASS CLIPPING BAGS. THOSE BAGS ARE ONLY FOR GRASS CLIPPINGS WHICH THE TRASH HAULER WILL PICK UP.**



Our leaves will be collected from mid-October through December with multiple trips through all the neighborhoods. If your leaves are not out when the DPW goes by, they will be picked up next time. All piles must be 10 feet or further away from any storm drain inlet in order to prevent the basins from getting clogged. The leaf collection is subject to inclement weather and other municipal emergencies. A special springtime leaf collection will be the last week of March and first week in April, so please mark your calendar accordingly.



DOG OWNERS PLEASE CURB YOUR DOG

Protect the health, safety and welfare of your neighbors.

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



Summer Fun and Safety

Town Noise Ordinance – Chapter 101 of the Code of the Town of Clinton addresses “unreasonable and/or unnecessary noise” which travels across real property lines and it also specifically addresses that noise which is created by “sound reproduction devices”. Sound reproduction devices include but are not limited to musical instruments, radios, T.V.’s, tape recorders, phonographs, loudspeakers, P.A. systems or any other sound-amplifying devices. Let me start by saying that there are many activities that by their very nature will immediately violate this ordinance, therefore the ordinance contains provisions for exceptions (public safety, emergency work, construction activities, activities on public grounds under authority of Town Officials) or provide that the Town Council may grant a permit for a specific activity to be an exception to the ordinance for a specific period of time (concerts, merchant events, etc.). The nuts and bolts of this ordinance is “unreasonable noise” which is not an exception contained in the ordinance or authorized by Town Council. Unreasonable noise is defined as “any excessive or unusually loud sound or sounds which annoy, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities or which causes or has the potential to cause injury to animal life or damage to property or business”. Unreasonable noise can be many things to many people however the Police Department considers the following standards when determining whether there is a violation of the ordinance: volume, intensity, is the nature of the noise usual or unusual, is the origin of the noise usual or unusual, the volume and nature of any background noise, proximity to residential sleeping areas, nature and zoning of the area, time of the day or night, duration of the noise, is the sound source temporary, is the noise continuous or impulsive and whether the noise would disturb the peace and/or be con-

sidered a common-law nuisance. Now I know your wondering what does all that mean right? What it means is that what is “reasonable” at noon may not be reasonable at 4pm, and what is reasonable at 4pm may not be reasonable at 8pm, and what may have been reasonable at 8pm may not be reasonable at 10pm or later. **The bottom line is that “unnecessary or unreasonable noise” traveling across property lines is a violation of the ordinance and the common sense rule of thumb that should be used is that as it gets later in the day the volume of any noise should continually be lowered until at some point the noise cannot be heard by your neighbors.**

Fireworks – The Fireworks laws in New Jersey are **EXTREMELY restrictive, perhaps the most restrictive in the Country**. In some States fireworks are permitted to be sold to the public however in New Jersey only paper or plastic caps for use in toy cap guns or legal. EVERY OTHER type of fireworks is ILLEGAL and will subject a person who possess or sells such a device to severe penalties upon conviction. Sparklers, novelty items such as cigarette loads, trick matches, trick noise makers, smoke grenades, toy propellants, snap & pops, poppets and champagne poppers as well as firecrackers, Roman Candles, rockets, etc. are ALL ILLEGAL in this State. Please do not be fooled by a salesman who tries to tell you that they are authorized or permitted to be sold by mail order houses or over the internet and please do not purchase fireworks and transport them into New Jersey from Pennsylvania or others States. Aside from being illegal fireworks are **EXTREMELY unpredictable and dangerous**. Each year many people young and old find themselves in emergency rooms around the State with severe injuries caused by the illegal use of fireworks. Fireworks are also a serious fire hazard. Please leave fireworks to the experts at offi-

cially sanctioned public and licensed displays and be reminded that the police department and our Fire Code Official have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for violations of the State’s Fireworks Laws.

Severe Weather / Flooding – Clinton is prone to flooding in several commercial and residential areas, and susceptible to high wind damage and storm related power outages. The Police, Fire, EMS and Office of Emergency Management Departments of the Town are available to respond and assist you in emergencies, however **YOU the property owner/tenant are responsible to be aware of severe weather forecasts and to take those steps unique to YOUR properties to protect them in cases of severe weather and flooding.** Please take the time NOW to create a plan for you, your family and your home or business to follow in the event of emergency. Resources are available to assist you at the following websites: www.state.nj.us/njoem , www.fema.gov and www.redcross.org . You are also encouraged to sign up for local alerts on the Police Department website www.clintonnjpolice.com as well as the official Town of Clinton website, Facebook and Twitter.

Suspicious Activity – We have all seen something that “just did not seem right”. Many times suspicious activities are reported the morning after and sometimes many days after the fact when there is little if anything that police or other Town departments can do about it. If you see or are aware of anything suspicious in nature do not hesitate to contact the non-emergency number for the Police Department at **908-735-8611** as soon as possible. You will be connected to a live communications dispatcher who will accept your information, and you may remain anonymous if you wish. The Police Department is “one stop shopping” for residents and visitors to Clinton so please do not hesitate to call on us 24/7/365.

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Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka



Clinton's annual Senior Luncheon was held on May 3rd at the Firehouse and was well attended.

Special thanks again to Craig and Karen Lasky for preparing the delicious food! Also thanks to their sons Hogan and Declan and volunteers Ben Sosidka, Jeff Gernon for serving.

A dedication ceremony for Clinton's new Fitness Trail was held on May 9th at Hunts Mill Park. Equipment was donated by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary Club. There are six workout stations and instructions on how to use the equipment at each station along the trail that connects the soc-

cer fields to Hunts Mill Pond. The ceremony was celebrated with Congressman Leonard Lance, Assemblyman Erik Peterson, Freeholder Matthew Holt, Mayor Janice Kovach and town council members Bob Smith, Al Rylak, and Beth Sosidka. Come try out the equipment and improve your health!

Information on the 2015 Summer Recreation program held at Clinton Public School is now available on the Town of Clinton website: www.clintonnj.gov. The program is run from June 29th through July 24th, Monday – Friday from 9-12. Registration will be open to all children who have completed kindergar-

ten through grade 7, and is open to the first 200 children who enroll. Any questions can be addressed to Tiffany Cinquemani, Summer Recreation Director, at tcinquemani@verizon.net or 908-310-9895.

The Community Center refinishd its floors last fall and will paint inside and do additional repairs this fall, making it look great!

The annual Clinton Town Picnic will be held on September 12th, rain date September 19th. Volunteers for that day are needed! Please contact Kim Rogan at kseigal@yahoo.com to help out.



RECYCLING NOTICE

Recycling should be in open trash cans (any size garbage can is acceptable)

No plastic garbage bags

REGISTER TO RECEIVE WATER NOTICES

You can register through Town's website for water/sewer emergency notices. Go to clintonnj.gov - under contacts choice water and sewer issues. Choose the link for Swiftreach.

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis

Alcoholic Beverages – Hosting a summer picnic or a party?, please be reminded that the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public (public property, streets, sidewalks, parks & playgrounds) is prohibited by ordinance. Please maintain an awareness of WHO is consuming your alcoholic beverages and HOW MUCH they are consuming at YOUR event. As the host you may be held responsible for

the actions of those that you have served in some instances. Please also remember that the Drunk Driving blood alcohol level threshold in New Jersey for those 21 and over is .08% blood alcohol content, however the limit for those under 21 is SIGNIFICANTLY LESS at .01% BAC. **So for all practical purposes this is a ZERO TOLERANCE for the consumption of alcoholic beverages**

if you are under 21 and operating a motor vehicle regardless of where or from whom you were served.

Police Department Website – www.clintonnjpolice.com You will be able to access police news, important information of interest to residents and visitors, Town ordinances and sign up for police alerts by using this site.



CLINTON TOWN PICNIC

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12th
COME JOIN IN ON THE FESTIVITIES!!!**

Music, Games and Fireworks
3:00 PM to Dusk @ Hunts Mill Park
(Rain Date September 19th)

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY JUNE 6th

9am to 2pm

Rain or Shine



Shade Tree Commission by Ches Snider



Greetings fellow tree huggers – I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's Arbor Day celebration. It was extra special as we were able to surprise longtime Town of Clinton employee Wayne Smith with a Korean Dogwood.

If you're not familiar with Wayne, he is the one we rely upon to ensure that visitors and citizens alike enjoy a beautiful, bucolic setting in Clinton year round.

Speaking of Dogwoods! Flowering dog-

woods range in color from white, to pink or red and generally bloom for about two to four weeks in early spring. They also add summer and fall color, with rich green foliage color in summer and reddish purple leaves during fall. This is oftentimes followed by brilliant red berries in winter. Proper dogwood care will bring these New Jersey friendly trees to their height of beauty.

Flowering dogwoods can be grown in sun or shade; however, trees planted in partial shade generally perform

better. Those planted in full sun can be stressful, making them more susceptible to [dogwood borers](#) and heat stress. For care of flowering dogwood trees, dogwoods that are planted in full sun must also rely on frequent watering, especially during hot conditions.

For questions about planting and species recommendations, try www.arborday.org or www.njstf.org.

Enjoy the summer – and happy planting!

Environmental Commission by Jeff Schaumburg

Spring has sprung and summer is upon us. The Town of Clinton Environmental Commission has been busy this season. The Environmental Commission's primary role includes reviewing development applications and providing comments regarding Environmental aspects of the projects and/or general Town policies.

In addition to our plan review and advisory roles, we have formed the Town of Clinton Green Team to support sustainable activities and service in our community. 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 Clin-Ton Green Team@outlook.com.

On April 18, 2015, The Environ-

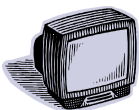
mental Commission and Green Team supported the Raritan Headwaters Association annual river clean up. We pulled substantial piles of general litter and debris from the river and its banks, helping to keep our downtown beautiful and protecting this important watershed resource. We have planned an additional "In-river clean up", using canoes and kayaks to reach areas in the water and steeper upstream banks for **Sunday July 26, 2015 at 9AM**. In past years, we successfully removed mounds of debris including large tires and various other garbage from the river. If interested in volunteering, please contact us through the Green Team email above, and spread the word.

The Green Team is also seeking volunteers to help plant and maintain milkweed pods for a butterfly garden at DeMott's Pond. Monarch butterflies annually migrate from Canada to Mexico and Florida, but their population has been threatened by loss of habitat along their migratory zone. We

have obtained milkweed seeds and are preparing to plant them in the existing rain garden at DeMott's Pond (and conduct spring garden maintenance) to help keep Clinton's piece of their migration route intact.

The Green Team Natural Remedies Workshop, led by several of our volunteers, Veronique Lambert; Jean Pierson; Deena Roberts; and Patty Smeltzer, was held on February 28, 2015. The workshop provided demonstrations and recipes for environmentally sustainable homemade laundry detergent, face scrub, silver cleaner and more.

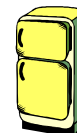
By the time you read this, the Green Team members also will have participated in the Town's 150th Anniversary Celebration. We intend to provide a litter patrol to help keep up with emptying garbage cans, providing recycling containers, and picking up litter that may be generated during the event. We hope to see you all there.



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



Council Highlights by Angela Hawes

February 24, 2015

~ Historic Commission will be working in conjunction with the Red Mill Museum Village to put on an exhibit for the 150 years of Clinton. A cabinet will be constructed to display items being donated in the 47 Leigh Street building.

~ Sewer Committee discussed budget requests, filter for the Wastewater Treatment Plant building, centrifugal blowers, heater, and a sludge press.

March 10, 2015

~ Lynn Arnold and Andy West of the Sunrise Rotary presented checks to the Clinton Police Department and the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad for their help with the Rubber Ducky Race and Sprintin' Clinton 5K Race in 2014. Police Chief Brett Matheis and Rescue Squad Deputy Chief, Matt Stiff accepted donation checks of \$500 each.

~ The "Irishtown" sign will be dedicated in front of the first Mulligan house at 28/30/32 Halstead Street.

~ Councilman Shea presented Council with his letter of resignation. Effective St. Patrick's Day, Councilman Shea will step down after serving nine years on council.

April 14, 2015

~ Mayor Kovach thanked the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's for their generous donation of new American flags on Main Street.

~Jonathan D. Wall, PsyD, of Center Street, wrote Mayor and Council to commend Jean Marie Pierson of Clinton's Green Team for her presentation to the Hunterdon South Highlands Sierra Club Group on April 1, 2015. A wonderful presentation!

~ Mayor Kovach submitted Pete Bross for the 200 Valor & Merit Award. Chief Matheis mentioned that Sgt. Jay Hunter will also be receiving an award that evening. Congratulations gentlemen!

~ St. Baldricks fund raiser that the Fire Department participated in last year will be repeated this year on September 27, 2015. The fire department and the police department will take part in the event if anyone would like to sponsor them.

April 28, 2015

~ Mayor Kovach announced a proclamation was written in support for National Day of Remembrance for Women given on April 24, 2015. This proclamation is to support July 14 as a National Day of Memory for Women and Girls killed in the name of honor.

~ Mayor Kovach announced a proclamation is to be given to Harvey Finkel on May 3, 2015 for his efforts on originating and organizing each year the Farmer's Market in the Town of Clinton. The Town of Clinton is proud to have the Farmer's Market return to open in its fifth season on Sunday, May 3, 2015. It has been a great success over these years.

~ Ms. Marjorie Nathanson, Executive Director, and Ann Villa, Development Director, for the Hunterdon Art Museum wanted to come to council to discuss the new offerings of the museum. The first expedition is a Contemporary Tapestry Expedition with 39 artists from 9 countries. In the summer there are 4 shows opening starting May 17. There are 300 classes and workshops for adults and children from two and a half and up as well as classes for people with disabilities. The Museum works with a program called Family Promise which deals with homeless families.

Ms. Nathanson mentioned there are 2 sculptures on the terrace by two world famous artist. The first sculpture is called New Direction by Tom Otterness and a second sculpture, Tree by Toshiko Takaezu. Toshiko Takaezu resided in Hunterdon County for 25 years and lived in Clinton for part of that time. She

was associated with the Museum for part of the time as well. Ms. Nathanson said they are in the process of putting in a smart code where anyone with a smart phone can scan the bar code and listen to information about the sculptures.

~ Mayor Kovach congratulated the Red Mill Museum for receiving a 2015 New Jersey Historic Preservation Award for the Rehabilitation of the Screen house at the Red Mill Museum Village. The award will be presented at the Historic Preservation Month Ceremony held on May 14, 2015

~Mr. Smith reported the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad's calls are up by 85 calls from last year March at this time. The members are currently doing extensive training for water rescues due to summer arriving

~ Ms. Dineen reported Arbor Day was held this past Friday, April 24. Many were in attendance including the 3rd grade class from Clinton Public School. The tree was planted on Water Street. This year's dedication was to our Road Foreman, Wayne Smith. Mr. Smith was very excited and thankful for the recognition.

~Mr. Rylak reported the Smart Growth Committee has closed the results for the survey that was sent out for ideas for bettering the Town. There have been 810 responses to the survey. 99% of the responses are positive and there are some negative responses to the questions. The binder with all the surveys is located in the municipal clerk's office for anyone interested in reading through them.

May 12, 2015

~Mayor Kovach read the Relay for Life Proclamation which encourages citizens to participate in the fight against cancer at Hunterdon Central High School on June 13, 14, 2015.

Council Highlights by Angela Hawes

~Mr. Smith and Mayor Kovach called up Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad Chief, Frank Setnicky, to present him with the Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation and recognize all that the emergency medical service teams do for all in need. A round of applause

~Patrick McGuire, Center Street, recognized Police Chief, Brett

Matheis, for his generosity in donating a prize he recently won to Readington Township for their use. A Star Chase GPS Pursuit Device which deploys a GPS device from an "air cannon" mounted on the front of a police car onto a vehicle being pursued whereby the fleeing vehicle can be tracked by GPS thus eliminating the need to continue a high speed pursuit.

~ Boy Scout Troop 121 is planning their annual United States Flag Retirement ceremony for Friday, June 12, 2015.

~ Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce announced the 2nd annual Community Day, Saturday, June 13, 2015 at the South County Park in Ringoes from 12:30 PM to 6:30 PM

"A Bridge Across Time"

Artist Christie Wood has been working on a mural in Town since mid-October. The finished product will depict the Town's history across a bridge, beginning with its incorporation in 1865 and continuing to the present. Clinton Public School students came out on Friday morning to help out.

The mural was commissioned by the Town 150th anniversary committee, which Wood, the president of the Town's artistic and historic commission, volunteered to paint after attending one of the meetings. The funds for the paint are provided by the historic commission.

The mural will depict the Red Mill as it appeared in the 1800's to the left of the mural and Hunterdon Art Museum during the present time at the right. Town icons Dave the Rave, Gene DeCleene the Town Cryer and the fire truck owned by Frank Hooper will also be featured.

The mural is located on Main Street through the alleyway between the Clinton Pharmacy and Hunterdon Christian Books.



Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

TOWN OF CLINTON 150TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

Check www.clinton150years.com for details on events and promotions

May 2015 through October 2015

Clinton Farmers' Market-Sundays, 9am-1pm, weather-permitting, at the Clinton Fire Dept. parking lot (1 New Street). *Fresh local farm produce, cookies, herbs, bath and body products, meats and MORE!*

Come Together Music - Every Friday Night

Starting May 22 to September 18
Come out and enjoy music from local artists
Downtown on Main Street

Saturday, June 6th

Town-Wide Yard Sale, 9am-2pm.
Rain or shine!

Sunday, June 7th

British Car Day 10am - 3pm
Red Mill Museum Village 735-4101



Friday, June 12th

Clinton Guild Flag Day Parade
Decorate your bikes, scooters - anything with wheels
Ceremony at 6:30pm - Parade downtown Clinton
entertainment, refreshments & music to follow!!!

Sunday, June 14th

Katherine Trubek Artmaking on the Terrace
11am - 2pm
Free arts and crafts project @ Hunterdon Art Museum
www.hunterdonartmuseum.org

Thursday, June 18th

Splashes of History Lecture series
Honoring Clinton's 150th Anniversary, Peter Osborne, author, historian, former Red Mill Curator will present on governor Foster Voorhees
7pm @ Red Mill Museum



Sunday, June 28

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

10 to 3pm at the Unity Concourse Bldg
For more info call 908-339-1053 or go to
www.unitybank.com/carshow
If bad weather please call for update

Thursday through Sunday, July 8th-12th

19th Annual BLACK POTATOE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Featuring 36 acts over 4 days
located at the Red Mill Museum

Come enjoy some wonderful music
for more info www.blackpotatoe.org

Saturday, July 11

SPRINTIN' CLINTON

1 ml. Fun Run and 5K Race at 8AM
at the Clinton Community Center
Sponsored by Clinton Sunrise Rotary Club
Questions: (908) 279-0112
For info: www.clintonsunriserotary.org

Sunday, July 12 !!

THE GREAT RUBBER DUCKY RACE

Pick your duck and be at the Dam
at 2PM Rain or Shine!
Advanced ducks sales prior to and day of
at 10am on Main St.
For info: www.clintonsunriserotary.org



Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2nd^d

Revolutionary War Days

18th Century Camps, Drills, Skirmishes, guided tours,
and educational demonstrations
Red Mill Museum 10 to 4



Friday, July 31st (application deadline)

"3rd Annual Me and My Mango Contest"
at Balic of Clinton! Participants 21 yrs.+ can submit
food or drink recipes using Balic's Mango Wine and
WIN prizes! Tasting and judging of prepared submissions
will be Sunday, August 10th. For more info, call
908-713-9463 or email www.balicofclinton.com.

Sunday, August 9th

Tasting and judging of submissions for "Me and My Mango Recipe Contest", 1pm-3pm, Balic of Clinton. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places!
www.balicofclinton.com

Saturday - September 12

Annual Town Picnic
Hunts Mill Park
3pm to dusk



Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, June 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

Bob Moul, Brendan McIsaac, Erin Roop, Charles Sampson and Craig Sowell

Students have finished with PARCC testing for the year and the board wants to thank all the teachers and staff for a successful first administration.

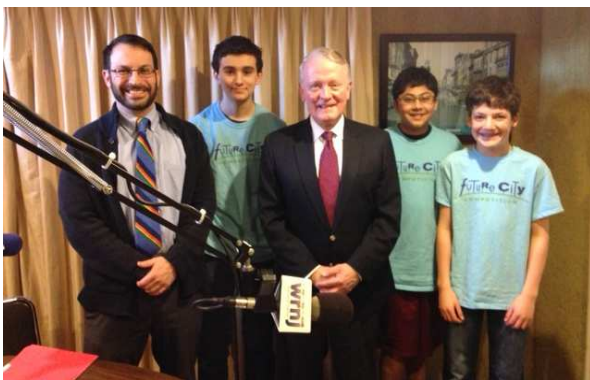
Our facilities projects continue as the HVAC systems continue to be integrated. Given the exceedingly high bids received for the lighting projects, the board is re-strategizing both the bidding and the timing of that project. We will also explore starting some of the roof work during evenings or weekends in order to expedite the summer work and ensure the completion of the roof for September.

Please support your local schools by attending a board of education meeting. If you are interested in serving as a board of education member, petitions for the fall election are due to the county office by July 27th.

From the Superintendent / Principal

Seth Cohen

While waiting to discuss their Future Cities competition experience with Joyce Estes on the WRNJ program Newslines, students at Clinton Public School had the opportunity to meet Congressman Leonard Lance on April 2. Lance (NJ-07) was scheduled for the half hour prior to the Clinton Public School Program and invited the students to sit in on his interview. He discussed our relationship with Cuba, the indictment of Sen. Mendez, health care and the federal budget.



From Left to Right: Dr. Seth Cohen, Andrew Tota, Congressman Leonard Lance, Abhay Bhatt and Michael Shannon

100+ Book Challenge Award Ceremony:

June 16th

During the school year, students in grades PreK through fourth have been keeping track of the books they have read. As students reach each 25 book incremental benchmark, they receive a collectable key chain marking their achievement. Those students who complete the 100+ Book Challenge will be awarded a "gold" medal on a red/white/blue ribbon at an assembly to be held on Wednesday June 16th at 9:00 AM in the APR.

In addition to each student's personal goal, there is overall goal of reading 19,000 books total. If the goal is reached by the time of the award assembly, the students will witness our assistant principal kissing a pig! This is a challenging goal and the students have a way to go to accomplish it. Even if a student has reached their personal goal of 100 books, they should keep reading and adding to the overall number to help us reach the 19,000 mark.



CPS in the News



On Friday May 8th, 10 CPS students, under the supervision of CPS art teacher Suzanne Lauricella, helped paint a mural entitled "A Bridge Across Time" depicting the Town's history, beginning with its incorporation in 1865 to present.

Pictured left to right:

Sophia Brotons, Jessica Galloway, Erica Harmon, Christine Worning, Alicia Romero

Congratulations to Alaina Boutilier

Alaina composed a poem in the Creative Communication magazine. Alain's poem titled, A Regular Day in Nazi Controlled Germany, is a heartfelt and powerful synthesis of content from her seventh grade language arts class facilitated by Mrs. Latanzio-Crespo.

Clinton Sixth Graders are Making a Difference for Those With Autism

Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder characterized by severe deficits in social interaction and communication, by an extremely limited range of activities and interests, and often by the presence of repetitive, stereotyped behaviors. In New Jersey, 1 in 49 children are diagnosed with Autism. It is more common than cancer, AIDS, and diabetes put together.

April has been designated as Autism Awareness Month for nearly a quarter of a century. This year, the goal of Autism Awareness Month is to go beyond simply promoting autism awareness to encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in movement toward acceptance and appreciation.

One of many examples of great initiatives at Clinton Public School is Ms. Lunger and her sixth grade language arts class. Talya Findikli, Emily Czerw, Isabelle Layding, and Damiano Palladino (*pictured below*) are determined to make a difference and touch the lives of those with autism. They started a fundraiser they call "Motions for Emotions" and are raising money for autistic charities.

Their inspiration began by reading an article from Storyworks magazine titled, "Kevin and Daisy." This article was about an autistic child who was coping with autism and used equine therapy to help. After reading this article, the students initiated additional research, put together presentations, and took action to begin their fundraiser. In April, this group of amazing students presented their initiatives to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee.

To raise money this group of dedicated students, started a fundraiser by designing and selling tee shirts and collected money during school lunches. Collectively, they decided all of the profits will be donated to a nonprofit, equine therapy organization, called Mane Streams in Oldwick. Mane Stream (manestreamnj.org) offers adaptive horsemanship for individuals with disabilities and equine assisted therapy. Donations are still being accepted. To help, send money to Clinton Public School, 10 School St., Clinton, New Jersey 08809 (make sure to write "Motions for Emotions Donation" on the envelope). Donations can also be made directly at the Mane Streams web site.

At Clinton Public School, students and staff continue to send messages and demonstrate acts of acceptance and understanding of those with autism. These actions make such a difference in the lives of those with learning differences.



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Calendar of Town Committee Meetings at Municipal Bldg.

ASSESSOR — Tuesday 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
(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

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

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

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