

OUR TOWN

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



Spring is almost over and the summer is almost upon us. School will be ending over the next couple of weeks and the summer season will be in full swing. As always the

town will play host to many events - the Farmers Market, Flag Day parade, Music on Main Street, Rubber Ducky races, Black Potatoe and Sprintin Clinton to name just a few. A reminder to always pay close attention whether you are driving or walking downtown - we have experienced several pedestrian accidents and with the increased activity there is the potential for more.

As you are aware the town lost a significant piece of our history when the Music Hall (also known as Clinton Center) burned down on Sunday, May 15. A huge thank you to all first responders - while we lost the Hall they managed to contain the fire to just that building - protecting the businesses and homes nearby.

The increased activity downtown also brings with it - increased trash - please be cognizant of where you are throwing your trash (especially on the weekends) and if you see trash on the ground please help keep our town beautiful by picking it up. If you are interested in volunteering to help keep the downtown clean and beautiful please reach out to the Clinton Guild - they are always open to volunteers assisting in maintaining trees, flowers and garbage cans.

In addition to keeping downtown clean - I would ask business owners and employees to remember that they should be parking in the Municipal lot, the Water Street lot or the Fire Department lot - keeping the spaces on Main, East Main, Halstead and the Lower Center Street lot available for visitors and shoppers looking to enjoy Clinton.

As always please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns 908.399.8921 or jkovach@clintonnj.gov

CLINTON TOWN PICNIC

SATURDAY

JUNE 4TH

COME JOIN IN ON THE FESTIVITIES!!!

Music, Games and Fireworks
3:00 PM to Dusk
@ Hunts Mill Park
(Rain Date June 11th)



Saturday, June 4th

Town-Wide Garage
/Yard Sale

9:00am



SAVE THE DATE MAY 20, 2017

CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT & CLINTON FIRST AID & RESCUE SQUAD ANNIVERSARY PARADE

On Saturday, May 20, 2017, the Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad will hold a joint anniversary parade in Town
The parade will mark CFD's 125th and CFARS 50th Anniversaries.

Please check out the website
www.clintonfirerescueparade.com to stay up to date.



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

Sometimes the Minimum Is Not Enough

Recently, the Town of Clinton lost one of its Historical Buildings; the Music Hall which dated back to 1890. Present day it housed several different businesses and the structure was considered a "business" use. Since this structure predates the Uniform Construction Code for the most part, the Uniform Fire Code had jurisdiction on the various types of fire protection components for this structure. With this business use some fire protection components are required while others are not. What was not required was an automatic or manual fire alarm system.

I call this out for several reasons;

1. To indicate there was no "requirement" to have these types of fire protection systems and,
2. To discuss that the codes only contain minimum requirements.

While the codes discuss what has been determined to be minimum requirements, there is nothing that prevents an owner or tenant of a specific space from going above and beyond what the code requires since the code is a minimum. That does not mean that you should just blindly leap forward without doing your research. That's where I can assist. Research regarding fire

protection will include many variables to determine the cost effectiveness of the desired installation or "upgrade". First, find out what type of fire protection component or system would best fit the protection desired. An automatic fire alarm system is always a good investment. If properly installed and maintained, it is designed to provide early warning of a possible situation that warrants a fire department response. There are some things that should be known about an automatic alarm system though. There will be a monthly fee associated with the monitoring of the system. Monitoring the alarm system is essential in order to have the quickest response time of the emergency responders. There is also the annual alarm inspection and report that is needed per the Uniform Fire Code. Note that this is only applicable to commercial type occupancies. On the flip side, check with your insurance company to determine what type of fire alarm would provide you with the most insurance premium reduction. Insurance companies wish to reduce the risk of a loss and will therefore give reductions in rates for certain "protection" systems.

By being knowledgeable and educated on this matter, you may find that the cost of installing the fire alarm will pay for itself in the long run through insurance premium rate reductions. You will also have "peace of mind" in that should some event occur, a quick response of

the emergency responders is far better than one where someone must first determine there is a situation and then react to it. The automatic fire alarm is that "person" that is waiting there to react to certain types of events within the structure. Without the alarm system within your building, you are simply gambling with the odds. The odds are that every building will have a fire at some point during its existence. Do you want to continue to gamble with that chance?

Free Smoke Detectors: I still have battery operated smoke detectors that are part of an ongoing campaign by the Division of Fire Safety and Kidde to reduce life loss due to fires. The Clinton Fire Department has offered to assist with the installation of these devices in your home. All you need to do is contact either Chief Walter Dorf or myself via email or phone; no questions asked. Please take the time to contact one of us if you are in need of these life saving devices; Chief Walter Dorf - 908-735-8016 or wdorf@clintonfd.org or myself at 908-468-1696 or jdaniels@clintonnj.gov. If you know of a neighbor or someone else within the Town of Clinton in need, please contact us. Doing so may just save their life.



CAT & DOG LICENSING IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RENEWED FOR 2016 TIME IS PASSING

If you no longer have your pet contact us so we can remove the pet from our records. Thanks

MICRO CHIPS

Micro chips will be available at the next Town of Clinton rabies clinic in January 2017. The cost is \$72.00.

ATTENTION CLINTON RESIDENTS:



**CHIPPING AND BRUSH HAS
BEGUN
CHECK RECYCLING BROCHURE
FOR YOUR PICK UP ZONE**

DOG OWNERS

PLEASE CURB YOUR DOG



Protect the health, safety and welfare of your neighbors.

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



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.

Residents are invited to take advantage of free scrap metal 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 Town's website at http://www.clintonnj.gov/affordable_housing.html, or stop into the Clerk's Office to obtain 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.



Smart Growth Committee by Al Rylak

As a result of last year's Smart Growth Commission survey, a Town of Clinton Conservancy is forming with the mission to beautify the Town. A group of interested people are getting together on the first Monday of each month at 7pm in the Municipal Building to discuss formation of this 501(c)(3) entity along with beautification projects and fundraising. This independent group will work in conjunction with similar efforts by the Guild, the Shade Tree Commission, the Environmental/Green Team, and other Town Committees. Watch the 5 Welcome to Clinton entryway signs over the next couple of weeks – you may be surprised! Please contact Al Rylak for more information at 908-217-9381 or arylak@comcast.net

The initial theme will be to make the Town of Clinton a butterfly-viewing

destination by planting butterfly friendly plants wherever possible. In fact, all residents and businesses are encouraged to plant “chocolate cake” butterfly plants! “Chocolate Cake” is a designation given by Jane Ruffin of the NJ Audubon Society to top nectar producing flowers that are irresistible to butterflies. Google butterfly friendly plants, see [http://www.njaudubon.org/Portals/10/Education/PDF/Recommended Nectar Plants.pdf](http://www.njaudubon.org/Portals/10/Education/PDF/Recommended%20Nectar%20Plants.pdf) or choose a few butterfly friendly plants from this list: Aster, Ageratum, Anise Hyssop, Aster New York, Boneset, Butterfly Weed, Cardinal Flower, Chelone Turtlehead, Daylily Fire of Fuji Reblooming, Echinacea Coneflower, Grass Prairie Munchkin, Fennel, Goldenrod (seaside), Joe Pye Weed, Lantana, Lobelia, Mexican Sunflower, Milkweed Common, Milkweed Tropical, Mint, Mistflower, Monarda Bee Balm, Parsley, Phlox, Speedwell, Sage, Sedum, Zinnias.

Did you know that the NJ State Butterfly is the Black Swallowtail? It is found in all 21 counties – rural to urban – and lives its entire life cycle in New Jersey. You can plant common garden herbs like parsley, dill and fennel and it's very likely you'll attract adult black swallowtails to lay eggs. (From *NJToday.net: Black Swallowtail: New Jersey's official butterfly, March 18, 2016*)



Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



Summer Fun and Safety

Town Noise Ordinance – Summertime brings with it a lot of outdoor activity throughout our Town and with outdoor activity also comes noise. 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, so this ordinance provides for exceptions (public safety, emergency work, construction activities, activities on public grounds under authority of or sanctioned by Town Officials) and provides 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 mean 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, dura-

tion 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 considered a common-law nuisance. Now I know you’re 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 are 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 other 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 officially sanctioned public and licensed displays and be reminded that the police department and our Fire Code Officials 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

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Bucky Buchanan



There's a Role for YOU in What We Do!

If you're looking for an important and exciting way to serve your community while making new friends that feel more like family, considering becoming a Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad volunteer!

CFARS members fill several vital roles. With the free training we provide our members, you could join us in one of them:

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) provide immediate care to the ill and injured and transport patients.

Rescue Associates rescue people

from life-threatening or hazardous circumstances, such as being trapped in vehicle after an accident.

Water Rescue Associates use specialized skills to make rescues during water-related emergencies, such as boating accidents or floods.

Cadets are our youngest volunteers, ages 16 and 17. Cadets receive much of the same training and serve in many of the same ways as our other volunteers, and can quickly become full-duty members at age 18.

The Power to Save Others is In Your Hands. Share it! Visit www.joinclintonems.com or call 844-4-Clinton to learn more.



Shade Tree Commission by Ches Snider



Greetings fellow tree huggers – I want to thank everyone who participated in what was one of the most well attended Arbor Day ceremonies in years. We were able to celebrate 2 time police chief, WWII veteran, long-time resident and volunteer Joe Manghisi with a Kwanzan Cherry on Leigh St downtown. Joe's family, friends, and fellow veterans all helped plant "Joey the Tree"

and were able to enjoy the CPS 3rd graders perform a song dedicated to nature and caring for earth – well done and cheers to all! Speaking of Kwanzan Cherries - the Kwanzan cherry is the most popular cultivar of all the double flowering cherries, thanks to its stunning pink blossoms, good fall color, lack of fruit and upright, vase-shaped form. It is a splendid specimen that can be planted in containers, along walks and streets and in buffer strips. The Kwanzan

cherry can even be used as a bonsai tree.

While it has a limited lifespan that typically doesn't exceed 15–25 years, the beauty of this tree makes it well worth planting.

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

Enjoy the summer – and happy planting!

Police Department (continued) by Chief R. Brett Matheis

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.

Alcoholic Beverages

Hosting a summer picnic or a party?, please be reminded that the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public (public property, streets, side-

walks, 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



CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT and CLINTON FIRST AID & RESCUE SQUAD ANNIVERSARY PARADE

MAY 20, 2017

WWW.CLINTONFIRERESCUEPARADE.COM

The Clinton Fire Dept. and Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad will be celebrating milestone anniversary years with a parade and celebration. 125 years for the fire department and 50 years for the rescue squad. These organizations have storied histories.

Please help us as we raise money to put on a parade to remember. We are currently soliciting area businesses and private citizens to place business ads and patron ads in our History/Ad book. Your ad will reach out to a broad area and is tax deductible. We are also selling T-Shirts for \$20.00 each with a beautiful print on the back. These shirts can be purchased from the fire department or the rescue squad. All the proceeds from these funds will go to finance the parade for marching bands, food, trophies for participants, etc.

If you would like to donate and help us, your check should be made out to Clinton Fire Dept and returned to PO Box 5062, Clinton, NJ.

Thank you for your support, Clinton Fire Dept. Parade Committee

BUSINESS AD

The Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad ask for your support in sponsoring our Anniversary parade. Your advertisement in our program brochure will reach residents of both Hunterdon County and numerous surrounding areas. Please make checks payable to Clinton Fire Department and mail to P.O. Box 5062, Clinton, NJ 08809. Your donation will be used to offset costs to host the parade.

- Full Page Ad \$200.00 _____
- 1/2 Page Ad \$100.00 _____
- 1/4 Page Ad \$50.00 _____

Please place my ad as follows: Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #: _____

You can also e-mail your business card or advertisement as you wish for it to appear to parade@clintonems.org.

PATRON AD

You may purchase a line in the fundraising advertisement book for \$10.00. this donation is tax deductible and will support the Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. Please make checks payable to Clinton Fire Department, mail to P.O. Box 5062, Clinton, NJ 08809. Keep this stub for tax purposes. Thank you in advance for your support!!!

How you would like your name or line to appear:

Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka

Recreation Commission

There are a few open volunteer positions on the Recreation Commission - sign up and make a difference in the Town of Clinton! Citizen involvement forms can be obtained from the Town of Clinton website

http://clintonnj.gov/forms/Clerk/citizen_involvement.pdf or see Ceil Covino at 43 Leigh Street or email her at ccovino@clintonnj.gov.

Tennis Program with Don Berkman

The Town of Clinton is bringing back its Summer Tennis program for the 17th year and is accepting Clinton children who would like to learn the wonderful game of tennis. There are limited spots available in the program for children ages 6-14, so sign up today.

Tennis classes are 45 minutes long in the morning and are scheduled for two different sessions. The first session runs from Monday through Thursday starting on July 25th and running through Aug 4th and the second session runs from August 8th - 18th. Lessons will be held at the Clinton Community Center tennis court. There is no problem if your child cannot attend all of the lessons, the tennis instructors will adjust as necessary. Cost of the program is only \$60 for all 8 lessons, less than \$8 per lesson, and includes a tennis T-shirt. Simply request a sign up form from Monica Berkman at monicaberkman@gmail.com.

Summer Recreation

Registration is open for the Summer Recreation Program held at Clinton Public School. See the Town of Clinton Website, www.clintonnj.gov, on the Recreation Commission page for all of the information and forms. Looking forward to another summer of exciting trips, games, and time with friends! An 8am drop-off is being offered this year for \$5 per day. Weeks are flexible – sign up for any one week or get a discounted rate for all four!

Tire Swing for Halstead Street Park

The children's park on Halstead Street has been missing a tire swing for a number of years. During the Town's last Bonfire event, \$350 was raised to get a new one for the kids to play on. It has been ordered and should arrive and be installed in the next few weeks. A huge thank you to Sean Rogan and everyone who donated!

Town Picnic

The Clinton Town Picnic will be on June 4th (rain date June 11th) at Hunts Mill Park from 3:00pm until dusk. Come enjoy live music, inflatables, face painting, kids games, a bake-off contest, fireworks and many more fun activities!!! Pack a picnic lunch or purchase grilled food from the Clinton Fire Department. Hope you can make it to this great annual Town event! Volunteers are still needed for set-up or clean-up (the following morning). Please visit <http://vols.pt/3Y6p4> to sign up.

Senior Luncheon

This year's Senior Luncheon was held on Sunday, May 1st and a great time was had by all. Thank you so much to the volunteers who delivered food and prizes, set up and cleaned up, for this wonderful event. All the kids did a terrific job - Hunter Kovach, Jianna Colon, Jared Colon, Jack Menichello, Kelly Cardace, Kyra Hissner, Nick Rizzi, and Jack Schaffer. Special thanks once again to Craig and Karen Lasky for preparing the delicious meal and dessert!

Night Out hosted by Cadette Troop 80828

The grades 6-8 movie night held at the community center on May 13th seemed to be enjoyable to the tweens and teens that arrived! Everybody seemed to be friendly with each other and most enjoyed the movie and popcorn. There was overall a very friendly environment even though some people did not know each other. It was a very fun night!

It was a great turnout with 46 kids! Some even from Union Township school.

The Troop is already planning the next event to be held sometime in June. Watch Face Book and more posters for details.

Thanks everyone for supporting us and helping us earn our Silver Award we look forward to the next event.



PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 7, 2016

6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

@ the Community Center, Halstead Street



GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Council Highlights by Nancy Burgess

February 16, 2016 Budget Meeting

~ Council discussed the current funds budget for 2016.

February 23, 2016

~ Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation to the Clinton Public School 's Lady Bulldogs for an undefeated season.

~ A special event application was received for Rubber Ducky Race to be held July 17, 2016.

~ A resolution was adopted to authorizing the purchase of a tractor.

~ Councilwoman Dineen reported the Clinton Guild talked about a proposed dinner on the bridge event.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported the Girl Scout Troop 80828 is working towards a Silver Award: Teen Club. They will be organizing many events.

March 8, 2016

~ Mayor Kovach requested a motion to authorize the hiring of two police officers, Anthony Higgins and Alberto Bonilla, Jr.

~ Councilman Smith reported the Town is applying for a Pedestrian Safe Grant Opportunity to purchase new signs that stand in the crosswalks for pedestrian crossing.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported an Eagle Scott project to be undertaken by Jeremy Decker who will be restoring the shed in the back alley of the Clinton Fire Department.

~ Councilman Rylak presented the new Conservancy shirts now available. The Smart Growth Committee has formed this conservancy to improve the "look" of Clinton.

March 22, 2016

~ Representatives from the Hunterdon County Veteran Services gave a presentation to educate Council and the public of their services offered.

~ An ordinance was introduced to amend the municipal maintenance of Georges Place Extension pertaining to private roads.

~ A resolution was adopted to provide fireworks at the Town picnic to be held on June 4, 2016.

~ A letter of resignation was received from Drew Glaser of the wastewater treatment plant with regret.

~ Councilman Smith reported the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad & the Clinton Fire Department have received their first shipment of T-Shirts for their anniversary to be celebrated in 2017. They are \$20.

April 4, 2016

~ Harvey Finkel, owner of the Clinton Book Shop, announced the 6th Season of the Farmer's Market will begin May 1st.

~ John Leonard, born and raised in Clinton Town and former employee presented a photo to the Town named "Hoar Frost". It will be displayed in the municipal building.

~ Mayor Kovach stated The Town was notified we will received \$174,000 from the NJ Department of Transportation under their Fiscal Year 2016 Municipal Aid Program for the West Main Street Pedestrian Safety Project

~ The public hearing of the municipal budget took place.

April 26, 2016

~ An ordinance was introduced for the installation of rapid access key boxes to allow entry to structures for fire and/or life safety purposes.

~ Mayor Kovach received a letter from YMCA giving discounts to County First Aid, Fire and Police Departments.

~ Councilwoman Dineen reported Arbor Day is Friday, April 29, 2016. This year's tree will be dedicated to a longtime Town resident, Joe Manghisi, former two time Chief of Police of the Town of Clinton, Proud Navy Seabee/World War II Veteran and Recreation Commission Member.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported the Girl Scouts will be having a movie night at the community center for their Silver Award, May 13, 2016.

~ The Historical Commission posted the "Clinton Then and Now" pictures on the Town's web site.

~ Councilman Rylak reported the Smart Growth Committee will discuss doing different plantings around Town.

May 10, 2016

~ Tara Shepherd, Executive Director of HART (Hunterdon Area Rural Transport) discussed a program called Street Smart NJ which is a public education, awareness and behavioral change campaign.

~ A resolution was adopted to appoint Eli Pieretti as waste water treatment plant laborer.

~ An ordinance was introduced amending the parking hours for municipal lot #7.



HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

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

Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

"Simply Senior Wednesdays"

Every Wednesday seniors 60+ are eligible for discounts & specials from over 25 Clinton business owners/merchants!!!

For a list of participating businesses, contact Joan at Balic of Clinton 908-719-9463 or balicofclinton@att.net

The Clinton Farmer's Market Returns

Sundays, 9am - 1pm
@ Clinton Fire Department parking lot.
Local farmers, vendors, & products through October

Saturday, June 4

Town Wide Yard Sale
starting at 9am
Rain or Shine

Saturday, June 4

ANNUAL TOWN PICNIC



@ Hunts Mill Park
3pm to Dusk

Sunday, June 5th

British Car Day

10am - 3pm
Red Mill Museum
908-735-4101

Sunday, June 5th

Art on Tap: Beer and Food Tasting

2pm - 5pm
@ Hunterdon Art Museum

Over 15 craft beers with culinary delights from local restaurants to enjoy with live music and viewing the art exhibits.

Tickets \$35pp in advance, \$45pp at the door



Friday, June 10th

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 26th

Classic Car Show



10am to 3pm at the Unity Concourse Bldg
For more info call 908-3391053 or go to
www.unitybank.com/carshow
If bad weather please call for update

Friday, June 17th

Clinton Fire Dept. Grill Night
5:30pm at the Fire House



Monday, June 20th

Ham Summer Camp begins
Hunterdon Art Museum, Lower Center Street

Saturday / Sunday, July 9th & 10th

Doing Clinton: a Tropical Adventure

12pm - 4pm
Local businesses & eateries will feature tropical flair
and flavors, colors and designs!!!

Sunday, July 10th

"Kids Day"

12pm - 5pm Red Mill Museum

Wednesday through Sunday, July 13th - 17th

20th Annual BLACK POTATOE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Featuring 36 acts over 4 days
located at the Red Mill Museum
for info and tickets: www.blackpotatoe.com

Saturday, July 16th

"Sprintin' Clinton 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

Registration 7:30am Start time 8:00am
Clinton Community Center, Halstead Street
Sponsored by Clinton Sunrise Rotary Club
Questions 908-279-0112
For info: www.clintonsunriserotary.org

Sunday, July 17th

27th Annual RUBBER DUCKY RACE

2pm @ downtown Clinton
Purchase duck for \$10 to support the
American Cancer Society
For info: www.clintonsunriserotary.org



Sunday, July 24th

3d Wire Looping Workshop

With Lindsay Ketterer Gates
10am - 4pm
Hunterdon Art Museum

Saturday & Sunday, August 6th & 7th

Revolutionary War Weekend 18th Century Camps,
Drills, Skirmishers, guided tours,
and educational demonstrations
10am - 4pm Red Mill Museum



Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, June 2016



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

*Brendon McIsaac (President), Craig Sowell (Vice President),
Lorraine Linfante, Carl Sabtino, Charles Sampson*

At CPS we recently celebrated Teachers Appreciation Week to acknowledge all of the great work our dedicated staff does with our children everyday. Teachers have continued their efforts on this year's goals including ongoing language arts professional development and exploring service learning opportunities such as the great trout rescue of 2016 (ask Dr. Cohen or Mrs. Lascelle for details :).

We also had our annual budget hearing (available on the homepage) and we are proud to announce that we were able to stay within the 2% cap (the state's definition of fiscal responsibility) while maintaining and expanding learning opportunities thanks to efforts with flexible staffing and the smart use of reserves. Also on the home page, you can find our new mission statement as our action teams continue to create plans for revising curriculum; forging partnerships with community and outside organizations; re-conceiving our learning spaces, and developing opportunities for student discovery and growth. Our plan is for these goals to help our children become curious, creative, and compassionate learners who help to build the future.

Dates to Remember

June 16 12:45 Dismissal Last Day for Students

June 16 Grade 8 Graduation

September 1 First Day of School for Students



Substitutes - CPS is looking for substitutes for teacher/aide, school nurse and custodians

If you are interested in substituting as a

teacher/aide or school nurse

please call Tonya Reese in the

Main Office 908-735-8512.

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CPS in the News

From the Superintendent/Principal

Dr. Seth Cohen

As we enter June 2016, I am happy to report that we are ending the 2015-2016 school year strong and focused! The annual PARCC administration is complete and we have set the final school dates for students, staff and graduation. The last day for students is a 12:45 dismissal on June 16 and our eighth graders will graduate on June 16 in the CPS Gymnasium. The 2015-2016 school year was an important year for our school community as we joined hands to craft a strategic plan to chart our course for the next five years. Our new mission statement is powerful and will serve as the foundation of work: *The Clinton-Glen Gardner School District is a community which values traditions, nurtures and cultivates each child to be a compassionate, curious, and creative thinker entrusted and empowered to build and lead the future.* We are completing site visits and developing focused and engaging action plans to guide our work. Year long themes, specific pedagogy to support our mission and an unwavering commitment to our children will serve as the foundation to the 2016-2017 school year. If you want to stay updated, please follow me on Twitter @dr_scohen or you can view updates on the CPS homepage.

From the Assistant Principal

Jacqueline Turner

May is the month where students get to show off what they know by presenting to their teachers and peers. Students are busy selecting, editing, and revising final pieces for their writing portfolios. Students are able to tell you the story of their journey as a writer from September to the present through the various drafts in their "Works In Progress" folder. It is very rewarding to see students grow in their confidence to achieve set goals! We invested a great deal of resources this year to improve our writing program, and it is satisfying to see the roots of writers' workshop take hold as our elementary students followed the frameworks of Opinion, Narrative, and Informational writing. Our literacy program addresses the necessary balance between reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Presented in a workshop format, our program creates a structure that fosters creativity and independence. Writers' Workshop provides the instructional components for teachers to support students who are learning to read and write in the earlier grades, and to consolidate and extend that learning in the later grades. At our May Board Meeting, students at various grade levels will be presenting to the board in a celebration of their journey as writers! It takes a strong relationship between home and school to maintain high student academic success, and at CPS we are fortunate to have the tireless resources of our PTO and extended community to support our efforts. We are so proud of the progress of all students as we near the end of another amazing school year!!!

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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 — 7:00 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 — 7:00 PM First Monday of each month

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