

# OUR TOWN

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## From the Mayor's Desk...

**Janice Kovach**



Summer will be here soon, and hopefully so will the warm weather! As we all know, warmer weather brings more activities and visitors to Clinton, so I wanted to remind everyone that Clinton is a great walking community - we have a uniqueness that not many communities can claim. Let's take advantage and share our walkability as well as getting some great exercise.

With the school year ending soon, I would like to wish the graduates of Clinton Public School, North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools all the

best on the next leg of their life journey. Whether you are moving up to high school, going on to college, trade school, or even heading out into the working world, take each journey as a new learning experience.

I know that there has been a great deal of discussion around Affordable Housing litigation and the Moebus property in particular. As I have stated several times we have been working with the courts and the intervenor (Owner of the Moebus property) for several years. Because we are in litigation, some information cannot be made public but we have disseminated as much information as we can and will continue to do so. I'm

sure there will be many more issues and questions that come up and we will continue to answer as best we can. Please make every effort to attend our meetings or ask others to attend and share information. Every council meeting is your meeting - your "Town Hall".

Looking forward to a great summer in Clinton and I hope to see you around Town!

As always my cell is 908-399-8921 and email is [jkovach@clintonnj.gov](mailto:jkovach@clintonnj.gov).

### CLINTON TOWN PICNIC



**SATURDAY JUNE 9TH**

Music, Games and Firework

3:00pm to Dusk @ Hunt Mill Park  
(Rain Date June 16th)

### Saturday, June 2nd



**Town-Wide  
Garage/Yard Sale  
@ 9:00am**

**Come Together Music Every  
Friday Night and  
Saturday Afternoon**

Downtown on  
Main Street



### IN MEMORY OF EUGENE DE CLEENE

On Thursday, May 31, 2018, Clinton lost a dear son, Eugene De Cleene. Gene was born and raised in Clinton, the son of the then proprietors of the Clinton House.

As he grew up Gene was active in the community and in sports, becoming North Hunterdon High School's first football quarterback when the High School opened in the 1950's.

Over his long life Gene volunteered with the Clinton Fire Department, the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad, various boards and committees and was a multi-term member of the Clinton Town Council, serving as both a Fire and Police Commissioner for the Town. Gene could always be counted on to sell the most raffle tickets for the First Aid and Rescue Squad fundraisers, he was a staple on Main Street and at special events as the official Town Crier. Gene will be missed by the many who knew him and loved him.

## Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

### WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

It's times like this that we all need to be conscious of the needs of other folks around us and in our community. When a disaster strikes it is not the time to be figuring out what to do. What disasters may strike? Any sort of the following for the Town may occur that requires immediate relocation or assistance; fire, flood, major traffic accident involving hazardous material, plane crash, high wind event, or even a major ice related storm.

Any one of these may create havoc for the residents as well as the emergency responders. While the emergency responders are trained to deal with these issues, we have our families to be concerned with as well. Along these thoughts are those folks that are not able to care for themselves or have some level of disability that would prevent them from taking action to protect themselves when disaster strikes. Without having the confidential information regarding the location and needs of folks requiring special assistance, emergency

responders cannot be of any help to them.

There is however a way to address this though a program that has proven itself invaluable. It is known as "Register Ready" and is designed to provide confidential information that would allow emergency responders to assist folks with special needs. It is very important that you or your loved one be registered so that we can assist with your needs should a disaster strike.

This program is also part of the Emergency Management Plan for the Town and is completely confidential. If you know of anyone that has special needs, please have them register through the program website. Please note that this program requires registration annually so if you were registered but have not re-registered you are no longer on the list. The registration website can be accessed via the following link;

<https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds/Signin?ReturnUrl=%2fSpecialNeeds%2f>

### NEW SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

Please note that if you are selling your home you are required to obtain the Smoke/Carbon Monoxide/Fire Extinguisher Inspection Certificate. New to this inspection is the 10 year smoke alarm device requirements. Smoke alarms have a life span just as do most products. When I conduct an inspection associated with the sale of a residential property, I also check on the age of the devices. If they are outdated they must be replaced with new devices of the same type. The new smoke alarms will also need to meet the new 10 year requirement for the device.

If anyone would like to speak to me regarding anything dealing with fire prevention, housing or code enforcement matters, 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.

## Shade Tree Commission by Steve Kalleser

Caring for your new (and old) trees adapted from information provided by the NJ Tree Foundation.

Hopefully you planted a tree on your property on Arbor Day. If so, here are some tips for how to care for it. They also apply to older trees, too!

**WATER:** A lack of sufficient water will kill your tree. Water your tree the day it is planted and continue watering for the first two years. Slow, deep watering will encourage root growth. Set your hose on a trickle for 20 minutes or fill a 20-gallon watering bag once a week in spring, summer and fall. Can't tell if your tree needs watering? Poke an 8" long screwdriver

into the ground. It will go easily into the ground if the soil is moist, but it will be difficult to push into dry soil.

**MULCH:** Mulch retains moisture, prevents weed growth, and helps nourish trees. Mulch your tree each spring and fall. Evenly distribute the mulch, or form it into a doughnut shape with the tree in the center. Never heap up mulch around the tree trunk.

**PRUNE:** Proper pruning keeps your tree healthy and prevents future tree hazards.

Prune dead, damaged or diseased limbs any time of year. Winter is the best time to prune for aesthetics.

**WEED:** Pull weeds from around your tree. Weeds compete with the tree for soil nutrients and water. Weeds also make tree pits look messy, and they can collect trash.

**PROTECT:** Remove trash, animal droppings, and debris from your tree pit. Do not nail or staple into the bark of your tree. If you put decorations, including lights, on your tree, please remove them each year.

For more information, visit the NJ Tree Foundation online at [www.njtreefoundation.org](http://www.njtreefoundation.org).

TOWN OF CLINTON RESIDENTS SEWER RATE INCREASE FOR 3RD & 4TH QUARTER 2018  
FLAT RATE WILL BE \$120.00 PER UNIT / QUARTER

## Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



The 2018 Brush Schedule has begun. Small debris can be placed curbside in a bucket or garbage can. All brush, including any off season clean-up, will be picked up during your scheduled brush collection zone. Check [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov) for dates.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP DAY:** July 14, 9am to 1pm Rain or Shine, Route 12 County Complex

**COMPUTERS, COMPUTER MONITORS & TELEVISION COLLECTION DAY:** October 13, 9am to 1pm Rain or Shine, Route 12 County Complex

**IDENT-A –SHRED:** September 8, October 6, November 3, 9am to 12 noon, Parking Lot behind the Historic County Court House.

### Reminders

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 from 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.

**Grass Clippings:** While the Town does collect grass clippings each week, we strongly encourage residents to mow their lawns with a lawnmower that is equipped with a mulching blade. This achieves several things. First, the clippings actually help to improve the strength and health of your existing lawn. Secondly, by not bagging the grass clippings, the Town does not have to pay the trash hauler to dispose of them. The fewer bags to collect, the lower the collection costs to the Town. For more information on our trash, recycling, brush and leaf collection schedules, please visit our website at <http://clintonnj.gov/notices/recycling-brochure.pdf>.

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](http://www.clintonnj.gov)

Town of Clinton Police Department - [www.clintonnjpolice.com](http://www.clintonnjpolice.com)

Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad - [www.clintonems.org](http://www.clintonems.org)

Clinton Fire Department - [www.clintonfd.org](http://www.clintonfd.org)

Hunterdon County - [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us)

Hunterdon County Dept. of Public Safety - [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911](http://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 for purchase 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.

For those applicants interested in the affordable housing units for rent, the complexes themselves take care of the applications. For the Halstead Street Apartments, please call 908-526-6069 or go to [www.halsteadplace.com](http://www.halsteadplace.com) for more information. For the Twin Ponds Apartment Complex please call 732-892-4292.

For more information on affordable housing, please visit the Town's website at [http://www.clintonnj.gov/affordable\\_housing.html](http://www.clintonnj.gov/affordable_housing.html).



## Recreation Tennis Program by Jack Amabile



Clinton Summer Tennis!

I am very excited for this year's summer program.

I was an instructor for the past 2 years under Don Berkman's supervision and am happy to

take over for him this summer. The program welcomes all levels and is run in 2 week sessions. We cover forehand, backhand, serving, volleying, game play & strategy. While informative the focus is on FUN!

The July session has many openings,

however, the August session is nearly full. Registrations can be mailed to my home at 5 Manchur Court, Flemington, NJ 08822. Feel free to contact me at [jack.amabile@yahoo.com](mailto:jack.amabile@yahoo.com) with any questions. I'm looking forward to seeing your kids on the court!



## Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



### Enjoy a Safe and Fun Summer

Town Noise Ordinance – Summertime brings a lot of outdoor activity

throughout 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 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 are-

as, 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 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 what can be described as “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 our Country. Under the new Fireworks law passed last year New Jersey residents can now buy, sell and use some fireworks such as sparklers and ground based sparklers and novelty items including party poppers and snappers, however aerial fireworks such as “Roman Candles”, Firecrackers, Skyrockets and Bottle Rockets remain ILLEGAL. 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 so be cautious when using even those fireworks which are legal. Please leave the aerial 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 when they are brought to our attention.

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](http://www.state.nj.us/njoem), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). You are also encouraged to sign up for local alerts on the Police Department website [www.clintonnjpolice.com](http://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 municipal services for residents and visitors to Clinton so please do not hesitate to call on us 24/7/365 and if we cannot assist you we will refer you to someone who can.

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 & play-

## Historic Preservation Commission by Roger Mellick

Clinton's Historic Preservation Commission is a nine member volunteer board of local residents, appointed by the mayor, which was established to promote the conservation of historic areas and the preservation of culture, and to also preserve the cultural, social and architectural history in the Town of Clinton.

Created by ordinance in 1990, the commission has the responsibility to:

prepare a survey of historic sites, coordinate with the planning board as appropriate on historic sites, work with individuals, groups, and other political entities to further historic interests, study the advisability of historic districts within the Town, carry out such other advisory, educational and informational functions in order to promote historic preservation, establish a home for historic artifacts and provide leadership in the

community for the collection, display, and enjoyment of historic memorabilia and events.

The commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the Municipal Building.

There are currently 3 vacancies on the Commission. Richard Miller has been made the official Town Historian.

## Clinton Conservancy by Kathy Madden



It's an exciting time for the Conservancy and all those who helped plant the gardens at Millview Park last year. Spring was slow coming but the 2,000+ bulbs the Girl Scouts, their families and other volunteers planted finally burst forth and could be seen from the bridge on Halstead Street.

Now the work of the Boy Scouts, Sierra Club, Country Garden Club, Clinton Presbyterian Church volunteers and others is starting to show. The 553 grasses, shrubs and perennials planted last September along the riverbank and in a large perennial garden at the end of Water Street are making their appearance.

Every year the efforts of these 166 volunteers and an estimated 622 hours of service will be expanded as the bulbs and perennials increase in number.

Hopefully you will receive this newsletter prior to June 10<sup>th</sup> so you too will have the opportunity to volunteer and help plant the gardens at Hunts Mills Park and become part of the beauty brigade. Go to [clintonconservancygardens.com](http://clintonconservancygardens.com) to volunteer, catch up on what the Conservancy has been doing or get information for planting your own butterfly garden. You can also volunteer by going to <http://signup.com/go/BhuWYBO>.

For those newcomers or others who

may not know, the Town, with the help of the Green Team and Clinton Conservancy Gardens, received a \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey grant to create habitats for birds, butterflies and other pollinators and create living classrooms by placing markers identifying the plants. The gardens at Millview Park are completed. This year there will be additional gardens planted at Hunts Mills Park and DeMott Park.

Conservancy members and volunteers will also be assisting the Environmental Commission plant gardens at DeMott Park with a recently awarded \$1,500 ANJEC grant.



### Clinton Fire Department

### Friday Night Grill Night

June 15th



## Police Department (continued) by Chief R. Brett Matheis

grounds) 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 re-

gardless of where or from whom you were served the alcoholic beverages.

Police Department Website – [www.clintonnjpolice.com](http://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.

## Council Highlights by Caitlin Haughey

### February 13, 2018

- Jack Daniels was appointed as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

- Councilwoman Sosidka reported that the Environmental Commission has elected Patty Smeltzer as chair. There are two vacancies on the commission.

-Councilman Rylak thanked Sean Rogan and family for running the bonfire held in January.

- Three new members for the Fire Department were accepted: Travis Hendon, Andrew Jefferson, and Connor Duda.

### February 27, 2017

- Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Don Berkman after 18 years of running the summer tennis program. Mayor Kovach thanked Don and his wife Monica for their dedication. They are moving out of town and will be sorely missed.

- Council approved three appointments: Steven Kallessen to Shade Tree Commission, Jeremy Padmos and David Kelleher to the Board of Recreation.

### March 13, 2018

- Mayor Kovach presented proclamations to Clinton Bagel and Dominick's Pizza for their generosity in donating food to residents displaced during the snowstorms.

- An ordinance was adopted to create an Economic Development Committee which will replace the Smart Growth Committee.

- Councilman Smith offered kudos to Paul Klitsch, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, for receiving an excellent report from the Dept. of Environmental Protection following their inspection of the facility.

-The Business Administrator reported that the Town remained operational during the snowstorms.

Improvements in infrastructure worked well.

-Council approved Connor Strohm as a member of the Fire Department.

### March 27, 2018

- Council approved the Board of Recreation request for a fireworks display at the Town picnic on June 9.

-A resolution was approved to hire two new DPW workers; Timothy Srnka and Tyler Stanbro.

- The 2018 Municipal Budget was introduced .

- Council appointed Christine Adornetto to the Environmental Commission.

- The resignation of Andrew Mileto, employee at the Treatment Plant, was accepted with regret.

- Jack Amabile will be the new director of the Summer Tennis Program.

- The senior luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 6, at the fire house.

- Timothy Hagen was approved as a new member for the Fire Department.

- Mayor Kovach reported that Hunterdon Happenings has awarded Clinton the #1 Downtown award, and the new film festival was named as the #1 Summer Activity!!

### April 10, 2018

- John Madden was appointed to the Environmental Commission.

- Council approved a resolution to enter into Mutual Aid agreements with other area fire departments.

- Councilman Smith reported that a Rescue Squad will be getting a new heavy-duty rescue rig.

- Councilman Rylak reported that the Clinton Fire Department and the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad have been in discussion about merging the teams.

-Councilwoman Karsh reported that Come Together, Music on Main, will begin May 19 and offer music downtown on Saturday afternoons this year in addition to Friday evenings.

### April 24, 2018

-Lou Spanner was appointed to serve as the Town Arborist.

-Mayor Kovach reported that the 2018 Farmer's Market will begin Sunday, May 6 and run through October. Coffee, bread and cookie vendors needed.

-Hunterdon County Freeholders distributed a new flag, KIA (Killed in Action) which is to be flown at government buildings.

-Clinton Public School will be featured on NJTV on May 20 and June 17.

### May 8, 2018

-Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jim Fania, Building Subcode and Fire Inspector.

-Councilwoman Johnson reported on the Shade Tree Commission's Arbor Day celebration that honored Matt and Megan Holt and included a song shared by the CPS 3rd graders .

-Council approved a leave of absence for Councilwoman Johnson from June 1 through September 3 due to the anticipated birth of her child. We wish her and her family all the best!

-Council approved summer hours. Municipal offices will close at 3:00 pm on Fridays from May 25 thru August 31.

-Bryan Lauber has been hired for the Treatment Plant.

-Council approved an increase in the sewer rate to \$480 yearly per unit.

-Chief Matheis announced that Patrolman Ollerenshaw was given the 200 Club Award for saving a man's life during an accident. 2 Rescue Squad members were also recognized or their efforts at that same incident.

# Around the Town by Caitlin Haughey

## Fridays, through August 31

### **Come Together Music**

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Downtown Come Together starts on the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend, and runs for fifteen consecutive Friday nights thru Labor Day Weekend. Four bands play in four locations on the sidewalks of downtown Clinton

## Saturdays, through September 1

### **Come Together Music**

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Downtown Four bands play in four locations on the sidewalks of downtown Clinton

## Sundays, through October

### **Clinton Farmer's Market**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Fire Department parking lot  
Come support local farmers and artisans! Visit [www.clintonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.clintonfarmersmarket.org) for more info



## Saturday, June 2

**Town Wide Yard Sale**  
9 am -3 pm, Rain or Shine

## Sunday, June 3

### **Art on Tap**

Benefit for Hunterdon Art Museum 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Hunterdon Art Museum Fundraiser to support the Museum's free programs. Craft beer, wine and whiskey tasting, culinary delights from local eateries, live music and raffles. 21 years and over only. For tickets and info call 908-735-8415 or visit [www.hunterdonartmuseum.org](http://www.hunterdonartmuseum.org)

## **British Car Day**

Benefit for Red Mill Museum 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Red Mill Museum 23rd annual event featuring British collector and antique vehicles. For tickets and info call Steve Feld at 973-525-9054 or visit [www.theredmill.org](http://www.theredmill.org)

## Saturday, June 9

**Annual Town Picnic,**  
3:00 pm to dusk, Hunts Mill Park  
(Rain date: June 16)  
Music, games, fireworks and fun!



## Saturday, June 9

### **Clinton Elks Music Festival,**

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Elks Lodge, 211 Sidney Road, Pitts-town, NJ 16th Annual two day music festival June 9th & 10th. For tickets and info call 908-735-8531 or visit [www.clintonelks.net/clinton-elks-music-festival.html](http://www.clintonelks.net/clinton-elks-music-festival.html)

## Friday, June 22

### **Free Outdoor Yoga**

8:00 am, Red Mill Museum Village  
Hosted by the Ahimsa School of Yoga, free outdoor yoga on the Quarry lawn every Friday through August 24, except for 7/6 and 7/13



## Sunday, June 24

### **Classic Car Show**

Sponsored by Unity Bank 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Unity Bank, 64 Old Highway 22 Annual event benefiting Family Promise of Hunterdon. Classic cars, music, face painting, balloon art, games, prizes, food and fun!

## Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 15

### **22nd Annual Black Potatoe Music Festival**

The longest running independent music festival in the US. Dozens of bands on 2 stages at the Red Mill Museum Village. For tickets and info visit: <http://theblackpotatoe.com>

## Saturday, July 14

### **Sprintin' Clinton**

7:30 am, Clinton Community Center, 63 Halstead St 38th annual Sprintin' Clinton 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run sponsored by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary Club. Awards to the Top 3 Male & Female Overall and Top 3 in each age group. Call 908-279-0112 for more info

## Sunday, July 15



### **29th Annual Rubber Ducky Race**

2:00 pm, Clinton Bridge on the Raritan River  
Sponsor a duck for \$10 for a chance to win fabulous prizes and come down to root your duck on to victory! Sponsored by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary. Proceeds from this fun family event support the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Support Community

## Saturday, July 28

### **Annual Blood Drive**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm,  
Clinton Firehouse, New Street  
Sponsored by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary

## Saturday, August 25

**Free Kids Movie Night**  
at Red Mill Museum Village  
Call 908-735-4101 for information

# Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, June 2018



*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), Lorainne Linfante, Carl Sabatino, Charles Sampson*

Spring has finally arrived and curiosity, creativity, and compassion continue to abound at CPS.

Highlighting efforts to stimulate curiosity, Mrs. Ferro, Mrs. Grimm, and Dr. Cohen were recently interviewed on WRNJ about the infusion of making, designing, and building in the makerspace and through the new CPS middle school electives. Be sure to listen to the broadcast on Dr. Cohen's twitter feed found on the school's webpage. Mrs. Lascelle's science students once again released our home grown trout into the Raritan River, and our eighth graders showcased their inquiry projects at the school's science fair. Also, thanks to local community and business donations, our grade 8 students are going to the Franklin Institute to learn about everything from science to electronic gaming. These partnerships are a valuable contribution in providing enriched experiences for our students and the school is thankful for all of your support.

Creativity was particularly on display this year when CPS students became involved in an art exchange with Africa. Our students responded to and shared original works with students from Uganda. The Hunterdon Art Museum once again held a reception showcasing the works of many of our students, and the PTO has revived the CPS student talent show! CPS students, staff, and projects were also featured as part of the "Magic Fingers" project recently profiled in the NJEA Review and to be aired on NJTV's Classroom Closeup on June 17th. Additionally, June will bring an arts extravaganza as the school hosts its first "Arts on School Street" event featuring original student work on display followed by the annual Spring Concert.

Finally, as part of this year's theme of service, our Seventh Grade students have joined in the county's Meals on Wheels effort coordinated by Jessica Latanzio-Crespo, and our students will also package thousands of meals as part of the Rise Against Hunger international program and conduct a Dance & Walk-athon.

As we have over each of the past six years, the school adopted its annual budget once again staying under the 2% cap and meeting the state's definition of fiscal responsibility. As always, the board invites you to attend our meetings to share your ideas and perspectives.

Sincerely,

The Board of Education

10 School Street, Clinton, New Jersey 08809 • 908-735-8512

Dr. Seth Cohen, Superintendent / Principal • Lisa Craft, Business Administrator

Jacqueline Evans-Turner, Assistant Principal / Curriculum Coordinator • Jenine Kastner, Supervisor of Special Services

[www.cpsnj.org](http://www.cpsnj.org)



# CPS in the News

## From the Superintendent/Principal *Dr. Seth Cohen*

Examples of collaborative goal setting and the power of shared purpose. Select examples of community service and service learning from the 2017-2018 school year! #CPSPrize

- ~ Made decorations for a nursing home, They visited with the elderly and decorated their rooms, read books about well-being to K,1,2.
- ~ Our CPS Soccer teams led a fundraiser for Hurricane Relief. Raised money for Habitat for Humanity and collected sports equipment for hurricane victims at Henderson Middle School Texas. Our CPS Basketball team participated in Points for Pain fundraiser.
- ~ Delivered 93 zentangles made from CPS students and staff to the Country Arch Care Center in Pittstown, NJ and made 3-D snowflakes for the nurses station.
- ~ Collecting pet supplies for the month of February, made homemade sweet potato dog biscuits and delivered all supplies to a small local pet rescue, S & L Pet Rescue in Pittstown, NJ.
- ~ Collected new and gently used books for the Bridge of Books Foundation.
- ~ Donated the penny wars funds connected to the 100 Book Challenge to the food pantry.
- ~ Collected socks and sneakers for the underprivileged and harvested apples at the Grow a Row.
- ~ Completed school beautification in the fall and spring by our Green Team and the community service elective included landscaping/gardening projects and recycling assessment.
- ~ School wide participation in annual AHA Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart fundraiser.
- ~ Created drawings for Color a Smile organization that sends greetings to injured/ill people and sent cards to a young boy battling cancer. Hosted a pumpkin decorating contest and all submission entry fees were donated to the local food pantry. Made holiday candy gifts for the Hunterdon Cancer Center.
- ~ One of the Service Learning projects offered to all of the 8th Graders this year was The Empty Bowl project to help fight Hunger in New Jersey. All 8th graders were invited to make their own ceramics bowl in the art room during Activity Period, and then glaze it when it was ready. Many 8th graders also volunteered to serve soup, salad, and desserts during the Empty Bowl evening, and well as set-up or clean up. It was a fantastic service project!
- ~ Rise against Hunger international food insecurity project—packaged over 5,000 meals.
- ~ Participated in the Meals on Wheels program.
- ~ Provided a service to the students of CPS. After reading and discussing the book Wonder in the beginning of the year my class wanted to help others by spreading kindness. Composed kind, uplifting messages to each other, colored small posers with uplifting and motivational sayings on them and hung them around the school.
- ~ Sang for the Veterans at the Veteran's Day Assembly and continued with the theme of Communication, Pride, and Service by working with Cynthia Ollemer, the founder and president, of a New Jersey chapter of Operation STAT, currently serving the local veterans at the Lyons VA Hospital. Each 1st grader made a place mat, colored red white, and blue, honoring the veterans, which were then collected and delivered to a Bagel Breakfast that was being held at the veteran's hospital. Operation STAT delivered 400 stockings, blankets, sweatshirts, and women's kits to the veterans as they enjoyed eating their breakfast on their specially designed placemats made by our first graders.
- ~ Collected gently used backpacks and school supplies.

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**ASSESSOR** — Office Hours are: 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** — 7:00 PM Third Wednesday of each month

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

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION** — 7:00 PM Second Monday of each month

**SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE** — 7:00 PM First Monday of each month

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