

# OUR TOWN

Clinton, NJ

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## From the Mayor's Desk...

**Janice Kovach**



I'm counting the days until spring - hoping that we manage to survive the remainder of winter without a severe weather event.

The town had a fabulous holiday season - it was wonderful to see visitors and residents spending time downtown. The weather helped in getting more of us outdoors for the many events that took place throughout the season.

Thank you to everyone who supported and continues to support our small business community. We are forever grateful to our community members and visitors that continue to "buy local" when it can be easier to shop online.

Now as we gear up for spring and the continuation of our active social

calendar, we are also busy working on the municipal budget (my budget letter will be out as soon as we introduce the budget - February 28), looking at opportunities for the designated redevelopment area on West Main Street as well as continued investment in our infrastructure - including for water and sewer.

We are always happy to see new businesses open in town and while we said goodbye to a few who have been staples in our community we welcome all the new business owners who have decided to make Clinton their home.

We are excited to celebrate with our Fire Department and Rescue Squad their 125th and 50th anniversaries - the celebration will take place on May 20th beginning with a parade and ending with a celebration at Hunts Mill Park. Any opportunity we have to

applaud our volunteers is call for a celebration.

As always our community is so great because of the residents, businesses, and volunteers that give so much of their time and energy. If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of our boards or committees please feel free to complete a citizen involvement form - we are always looking for individuals willing to serve. Feel free to call or email with any questions or concerns [jkovach@clintonnj.gov](mailto:jkovach@clintonnj.gov) or 908-399-8921.

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### 4th ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



SUNDAY MARCH 12th

3pm down Main Street  
 Presented by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick  
 of Hunterdon County.

Come out and enjoy the Irish festivities!!!

### Saturday, June 3rd

Town-Wide Garage/Yard Sale  
 @ 9:00am \$10 registration fee  
 (payable to the Town of Clinton)



Mail your registration fee to:  
 Town of Clinton

P. O. Box 5194, Clinton, NJ 08809

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 125<sup>th</sup> and CFARS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries. Please check out the website [clintonfirerescueparade.com](http://clintonfirerescueparade.com) to stay up to date.

## Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

### Your Help is Needed!

Do you know what to do in case of a large scale health hazard alert? Do you know where to go to obtain the specialized medication needed to counter the effects of a health related natural or terrorist event? If you're reading this you will be one of the informed!

The Clinton Office of Emergency Management (OEM) along with the Hunterdon County OEM has a plan to address this as well as many other events. It is all part of the Emergency Management Plan that every municipality, County and State must have. One of the parts of the plan is how to do deal with a large scale health event. The distribution of antibiotic medications will be necessary and will be distributed at a pre-established Point of Distribution (POD). These types of distribution sites will be set up for folks to come and pick up the medication in the event of a health event. The distribution can be accomplished via a "fixed facility" arrangement OR at one of the Public POD centers. I wish to discuss the "fixed facility" aspect first. A "fixed facility"

is a private location where medications are distributed to a specific group of people. Groups such as schools, hospitals, municipal governments, etc are all pre-arranged "fixed facilities". I encourage other groups to become part of a pre-arranged "fixed facility" so that the distribution of medication can be completed quickly and reduce the number of people needing to find a Public POD. Churches, civic groups, or other organizations may all be able to establish a "fixed facility" arrangement with the County OEM. In doing so, your organization will receive the medications to be distributed to your members and their families. Speak to your employer or group and consider becoming a "fixed facility". Hunterdon County Division of Health may also be contacted via the information within the attached pamphlet or <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health/php/FixedFacility.html>.

As the Clinton OEM Deputy Coordinator, I am involved with the Northern Regional Municipal POD Task Force. This group of OEM related professionals has been set up under the direction of Hunterdon County OEM to establish a Public POD site that will assist with the

distribution of medications. There will be a need for volunteers to help with the "testing" of the Public POD once the Task Force has determined that the Public POD is ready for a drill. The plan is to have the drill this year. The amount of time needed for the drill would be to simply drive through the POD site (as often as you wish) and "pretend" to receive the medication. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me either by email or cell phone so that you may be contacted at the appropriate time. Please consider helping with this important training drill and exercise.

If anyone would like to speak to me regarding anything dealing with this article, fire prevention, housing or code enforcement matters, please contact me via email [jdaniels@clintonnj.gov](mailto:jdaniels@clintonnj.gov), my office at 908-735-2275 or via cell phone at 908-468-1696. I would be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

Jack Daniels, OEM Deputy Coordinator

## Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka



The Recreation Commission said goodbye to its long standing members Dan Mahoney and Jack Jeffries in 2016 and we wish them all the best! We welcome Catherine Clendennen, Brad Cohen, Megan Johnson, Dan Melillo, and Sean Rogan as our newest members. Rosemary Pendergast continues to serve as the Commission's chairperson and Sean Rogan as Vice-Chair. Nancy Smith is the Secretary and Treasurer, while Dan Melillo, with help from his wife Adrienne, will be keeping the schedule for the fields. Look for calendars and schedules to be available online on the Town's website soon!

Keep your calendars open for the Senior Luncheon on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton Firehouse, and the Town Picnic on

June 10<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 17<sup>th</sup>) at Hunts Mills Park. The Summer Recreation program will be run at Clinton Public School from June 26-July 21, look for additional information on the Town website as the dates get closer. Also, the Summer Tennis program with Don Berkman is back for its 18<sup>th</sup> year for Clinton children ages 6-14 who would like to learn the wonderful game of tennis.

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 24<sup>th</sup> and running through Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> and the second session runs from August 7<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>. 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. To request a sign up form email Monica Berkman at [monicaberkm@gmail.com](mailto:monicaberkm@gmail.com).

The Yuletide Bonfire held on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> was a great success! The weather was not as cold as prior years and brought out a record breaking crowd who enjoyed good music, food, drinks, and horse drawn carriage rides in addition to the great fire! Special thanks to the Clinton Fire Department, Clinton Police, and the Department of Public Works, the Clinton Boy Scouts and the many volunteers and sponsors who made this happen. \$400 in donations were collected which will go to fund improvements at the Community Center for movie nights and other activities.

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



## Basketball Nets

Many residents in Town currently have a portable basketball nets placed along the street. While playing basketball is a great way to stay active, the location of the nets can pose a hazard to municipal vehicles during snow removal and leaf collection. Due to the physical size of the equipment needed to perform these services, it can be difficult to operate the vehicles while trying to maneuver around the basketball nets. As such, I would like to ask all residents to consider relocating the nets during winter storms and/or leaf collection. This will allow municipal employees to safely clean the streets of snow or leaves while ensuring that vehicles/equipment, as well as your basketball net, do not get damaged. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

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.

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, please visit the Town's website at [http://www.clintonnj.gov/affordable\\_housing.html](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.



### SAVE THE DATE

#### CLINTON TOWN PICNIC

**SATURDAY JUNE 10TH**

Music, Games and Fireworks  
3:00pm to Dusk @ Hunt Mill  
Park  
(Rain Date June 17th )



### ATTENTION CLINTON RESIDENTS:

**CHIPPING AND BRUSH WILL NOT  
BEGIN UNTIL MAY 2017  
CHIPPING WILL BE PICKED UP BY  
ZONES**

**(see recycle brochure for more info)**

**PLEASE DO NOT PILE BRANCHES BY  
CURB UNTIL BRUSH PICKUP BEGINS**



### HUNTERDON COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE

**MARCH 11 9:00AM TO 1:00PM**

**ROUTE 12 COUNTY COMPLEX  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 908-788-1110**



## Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



### OUR CANINE CITIZENS

Chapter 64 of the Town Code (Municipal Ordinances) is intended to protect the quality of life that we enjoy in Clinton. It contains six “**common sense**” regulations for dog owners to obey while walking their pets around the Town.

**Licensing** - All dogs/cats must be licensed annually through the Town Clerk.

**Disturbing the peace** - No person shall own, keep, harbor or maintain any dog which habitually barks or cries, and specifically between 8pm and 8am.

**Running at large** - No person owning a dog shall permit it to run at large upon any public street or in any public park, public building or other public place.

**Leashing** – No person shall permit a dog to be upon a public street or in a public place unless that dog is accompanied by a person over the age of 12 years and it is securely confined and controlled by an adequate leash not more than 8 feet long.

**Property damage** – No person shall permit a dog to do any injury or damage to any lawn shrubbery, flowers, grounds or property.

**The “Pooper Scooper” law** – No person shall permit any dog to soil, defile, defecate or commit any nuisance upon any public or private property without the expressed permission of that property’s owner. Dogs may be “curbed” provided that the person having control of the dog “immediately removes all feces deposited and then disposes of that feces in a sanitary manner and on that person’s own property”. So please carry a plastic bag with you to clean up after your pet and dispose of it properly.

### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Clinton is a pedestrian friendly Town however the failure of a driver, a pe-

destrian or both to follow their separate but equal responsibilities at crosswalks can be tragic. Pedestrians must use crosswalks, **STOP** at the curb, look both ways and proceed only when safe to do so. Motorists must **STOP** for a pedestrian who has entered the crosswalk, and may proceed only when the pedestrian is clear of it. **After dark, pedestrians should wear light or reflective clothing. Motorists should slow down, pay extra attention at intersections and crosswalks and watch for the unexpected.** Bicycles operated after dark are required to be illuminated with some type of headlight and reflectors in addition to obeying all other traffic laws.

When a bicyclist, pedestrian or a motorist ignore or neglect their responsibilities the results have been fatal. Every year hundreds of pedestrians are injured and many are killed nationwide and **within the last 2 years 5 pedestrians were struck in Clinton and 1 killed**, and each of these accidents were easily preventable. So that’s why the Police Department takes pedestrian safety very seriously and you should too. We actively enforce all laws related to pedestrian safety and have zero tolerance of violations. During late May and early June the Clinton Police Department will be partnering with HART on a Safe Streets Campaign in Town in our ongoing efforts to improve pedestrian safety for our residents and visitors.

### HOUSE NUMBERS

Emergency responders are still having difficulty quickly locating some emergency calls at homes throughout Town **because those properties are not properly marked with a street address that can readily be identified from the street or sidewalk**. When an emergency happens seconds are critical to responding police, fire or rescue personnel. Please take the time to check your property to make sure that your house, apartment or building number is clearly marked and

visible from the street so that those critical seconds can be spent on your emergency and not trying to find it!

### OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Winter overnight parking restrictions for this season will end March 31<sup>st</sup>, so until then please do not park on any street in Town **between 0200am and 0600am when snow is forecast during those hours or streets are already snow covered**. Your car could receive a summons and may be towed at your expense.

### SKATEBOARDS, SKATES, ROLLERBLADES and SCOOTERS

The Town receives hundreds of complaints and inquiries every year regarding laws governing skateboards, skates, scooters and other locomotion devices that are gas or electrically powered. Skateboards, skates and non-motorized scooters are considered “human powered” locomotion devices. They are prohibited from being operated on any street, highway or other area of Town designed for motor vehicles by ordinance. **Additionally they are prohibited from being operated on the sidewalks of Main Street, Lower Center Street, East Main Street and the section of Leigh Street from Route 173 to Center Street**. Although they are sold in stores and on the internet, gas or electrically powered skateboards, scooters or any other “motorized” locomotion device are considered motor vehicles under current law and the operation of such powered devices is prohibited on any public street or sidewalk in New Jersey. Operation of these motorized devices on public streets can subject the operator to being charged under State motor vehicle law with operating an unregistered and uninsured vehicle in addition to any other traffic violation they may be committing, **REGARDLESS OF AGE**. If you have ANY questions regarding ANY motor vehicle law or Town ordinance regulating any of these devices **PLEASE ASK** an officer

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## Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Bucky Buchanan



### Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad and Clinton Fire Department

**Celebrate a Combined 175 Years of Service with May 20 Anniversary Parade!**

Want to march with us or support us and promote your business with an advertisement or parade sponsorship? Read on to learn how!

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad marks its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, and Clinton Fire Department marks its 125<sup>th</sup>. The two volunteer-based organizations are jointly celebrating their combined 175 years of service to this community with a May 20 Anniversary Parade.

The joint celebration is very appropri-

ate for Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad and Clinton Fire Department. Not only do we often work emergency scenes together, but many of our members have served both organizations over the years.

Want to show your support for CFARS and CFD and promote your business? There are many opportunities to do one or both, including:

Placing an ad in our program brochure, which will reach residents of both Hunterdon County and numerous surrounding areas. Ads can be purchased until April 15.

Purchasing a commemorative anniversary t-shirt or coin, available through the parade website or at the event.

Purchasing a raffle ticket. These cost \$5 each and are available now from CFARS and CFD members, and also on parade day! The drawing will be 3 p.m. parade day at Hunts Mill Park.

All proceeds help offset the cost of the parade.

CFARS and CFD are looking for other fire departments, rescue squads and marching bands to join the parade. Trophies will be awarded!

To learn more about the parade, register to march, place an ad in our program brochure or purchase a commemorative t-shirt or coin, please visit

[www.clintonfirerescueparade.com](http://www.clintonfirerescueparade.com).

## Historic Preservation Commission by Roger Mellick

Roger Mellick is the new chair of the Clinton Historic Preservation Commission. Carol Beder of Heartstrings is a new commission member. She is also a member of the Clinton Guild so it's a nice overlap, and she will be-

able to liason between the two groups. The commission will be putting together a video re; The Town History. It will consist of interviews and old photos. They are looking for photos & artifacts. Mark of Citisport

has kindly offered to help with the video. A reminder; the WW I centennial exhibition opens April 6th at the Red Mill Museum.

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

FIRST. Also, please remember that if you are under 18 years of age you MUST wear an approved helmet, even on a bicycle.

### BUSINESS LISTINGS

The police department maintains emergency contact information for all commercial businesses and properties

in Town. To keep this information current we must rely on you the business owner or manager to keep your contact information updated with new or retiring staff or tenant information. Please contact Patrolman Pete Tilstra at 735-2665 ext. 215 with any new or updated contact information for your property or business.

### POLICE WEBSITE

Please visit and bookmark [www.clintonnjpolice.com](http://www.clintonnjpolice.com). You may also sign up on this site to receive current press releases, information regarding local weather, traffic, special events and other information about living and visiting Clinton.





**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 mark this wonderful event. 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 offset the parade costs 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](mailto: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:

## Clinton Conservancy by Kathy Madden

Spring is right around the corner and Clinton Conservancy Gardens is gearing up and getting ready for a spectacular year. The Town, with the help of the Green Team and Clinton Conservancy Gardens, has submitted a grant application to Sustainable Jersey for \$10,000 to create two different butterfly and bird habitats right in Town. This aligns with the mission of Clinton Conservancy Gardens to transform the entire town of Clinton into a Butterfly Habitat. Monarch butterflies are diminishing due to development and "weeding" of milkweed and they need our help. Other butterflies are diminishing due to invasive plant species squeezing out the natives. We will know if it is awarded on April 11<sup>th</sup> and we are

ready to go. Volunteers will be needed to help complete the plan. If you are interested please call Kathy at 908-735-8301 and leave a message.

Project 1, starting in April 2017, includes improving the existing 2.75-acre wild area by Water Street parking lot and the river. In the process of creating this wildlife habitat, invasive species will be removed and water's edge stabilized with sedges and perennials. Planting native trees, shrubs, herbs and perennial flowers will help create a complete butterfly and bird habitat.

Project 2, starting in Sept. 2018 includes planting shrubs and a mini pollinator garden at the entrance to

the fitness trail and continues planting mini gardens at each of the six fitness stations along the trail. This will expand the wildlife habitat to another part of town. The future plan is to create a wildlife corridor throughout the entire town.

We are encouraging residents to plant their own bird and butterfly gardens and sign up to be included in a Butterfly Garden Tour in September 2018. The Town will have garden designs and a list of the best herbs, annuals and perennials on their website [clintonnj.gov](http://clintonnj.gov). Check the site in May.

## Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Hi folks - here we are into March - wow - winter is just about behind us, daylight savings time will be starting and we all can feel spring in the air - YIPPEE !!!!.

I have several notices of importance for we senior (age 60+) residents of the town of Clinton as follows:

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Luncheon - Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 PM Meet & Greet; 1:00 PM Luncheon**

Held annually (no charge) for senior (age 60+) residents of the town of Clinton, this luncheon is free and is held at the Clinton Town Firehouse which is a totally handicap accessible facility; **RSVP is a must to the office of the Town Clerk - 735-8616 no later than April 28<sup>th</sup>.** Please join us for a lovely time of fellowship with neighbors and delicious food.

**County Senior Needs Survey** - conducted annually by the County Div. of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services, this is an important survey done annually to assess the current programs and services provided for seniors, age 60 and over, and to plan for the future needs of this segment of the county's population. The survey form can be accessed either by going on the county's website and clicking on Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services or by calling the Division's office at 908 788-1361 and asking for a survey form to be mailed to you. Deadline for submission: April 1, 2017.

**Prescription Drug Drop-Off Site** - reminder - the County Senior Center, located at the County Complex on Route 31, Flemington, is a drop-off site for unused prescription drugs that need to be discarded. A Sheriff's officer is at the Center every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month between the hours of 10

AM - 11 AM to accept prescription drugs you wish to discard. Contact the Senior Center at 908 788-1361 for additional information on this program.

**Reminder:** The Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services is a great resource for a plethora of information on services and programs pertaining to seniors. Please be sure to visit them at the County Complex on Route 31, Flemington, or visit their website: [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging.htm](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging.htm).

Best wishes to you all,

Mary Ann Rodenberger

Senior Liaison



!!! HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY !!!



## Council Highlights by Nancy Burgess

### November 22, 2016

~ A letter of thanks was received from the Manghisi family addressed to Chief Matheis and his department for the wonderful presence the department provided in honor of their father, Joseph Manghisi. Joe Manghisi was a former Chief of Police of Clinton and a long time resident of the Town of Clinton.

~ Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation to John Paul "JP" Hepp, a Belgium-born chocolatier and owner of Chocodiem in Clinton who was named one of 2016's Top 10 Chocolatiers in North America.

~ A resolution was adopted to hire Richard Rinehart to the Town of Clinton Water Utility.

~ A resolution was adopted to approve the water reservation application received from Eastern Hill—Halstead Apartments.

~ Councilman Smith reported that Frank Setnicky, Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad Chief, has been named New Jersey's Outstanding EMT of the Year 2016!

~ Councilman Smith stated the NJ Department of Environmental Protection has issued drought restrictions.

### December 13, 2016

~ Mayor Kovach shared a wonderful experience, visiting Adele Dunlap at Country Arches. Mrs. Dunlap turned 114 years old on December 12, 2016, and is the oldest living person in North America.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the Clinton Fire Department held a coin toss on Wednesday before Thanksgiving for 2 1/2 hours and on Friday for three hours and cleared over \$5000.

~ Councilman Carberry received interest from two residents to be on the Board of Recreation Commission, Brad Cohen and Catherine Clendennen. They will be appointed at the reorganizational meeting on January 3rd.

### December 27, 2016

~ A resolution was approved to hire Gary Magyar to fill the open position at the Town of Clinton Water Utility.

~ Notification from Sustainable Jersey congratulating the Town for achieving Sustainable Jersey Bronze recertification!

~ Councilwoman Sosidka asked Council's approval to authorize the Smart Growth/Conservatory to apply for a Sustainable Grant between \$2000 and \$10,000.

~ The Historic commission would like to nominate Carol Beder as a new member. Ms. Beder will be appointed at the Re-organization meeting January 3, 2017.

### January 3, 2017 Re-Organization Meeting

~ Attorney Kopen administered the Oath of Office to Councilmen Robert B. Smith and Al Rylak for terms expiring December 31, 2019.

~ Mayor Kovach wished everyone a Happy New Year and reflected on 2016 as an exciting year. She thanked everyone and is excited about moving forward in 2017.

~ A letter of resignation has been received from Land Use and Smart Growth member, Walter Hetzel. Mayor and Council accepted the resignation with regret.

~ 37 Resolutions were submitted for the annual appointments.

### January 10, 2017

~ John and Kathy Madden of the Clinton Conservancy Group came before Council to explain the requirements of applying for a Sustainable Jersey Grant.

~ A motion was made to revise the Special Events Application. Application will require the list of streets to be closed, if any, and seven day notification of residents on those streets.

~ Ordinance #1-17 was introduced

concerning the employee health benefits.

~ Councilman Smith reported under the Roads Committee that six additional parking spots will be added to the Lower Center Street lot.

~ Councilwoman Dineen reported the kiosk has been erected near the Water Street parking lot by Eagle Scout, James Izlar. Two more will be erected on Lower Center and near the Pony Truss bridge. The Clinton Guild will be doing the maps.

~ Mayor and Council appointed Megan Johnson to the Board of Recreation Commission.

### January 24, 2017

~ Mayor Kovach stated the Clinton Women's Club is holding an appreciation day honoring Clinton's Police Department, Fire Department and Clinton's Rescue Squad on February 6, 2017.

~ Resolutions were submitted for authorization to submit grant applications to the NJ Department of Transportation for Helen and Hunts Mills Road, and Union Road Improvement Projects.

~ Water Engineer, Andrew S. Holt, P.E. and Client Manager and Project Coordinator, Eleni Giannikopoulos of Suburban Consulting Engineers, Inc. came before Mayor and Council and presented a clear and concise 2017 Water Rate Analysis Report. A rate required to raise revenue for and operational needs. New rates will go into effect April 2017.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported the annual rabies clinic inoculated 278 pets which was held on January 14th.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka said the Board of Recreation Commission has many new members who are very excited to present new ideas.

~ Mayor Kovach announced a new member was appointed to the Land Use Board, Tamara Healy.



# Around the Town

## Thursdays, March 3rd, April 6th, May 4th

### Family Craft Days

at Hunterdon Art Museum, 10:30am-11:30am  
2yrs. & up with an adult FREE  
Project will be Spring Gnomes  
Check out other Thursday craft days!  
For info call 908-735-8415

## Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

### Run O' the Mill 5k,

8AM start at Community Center  
check out [therunothemill5k.com](http://therunothemill5k.com)  
for registration and details.

## Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

### ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

4th Annual St. Patrick's Parade,  
3pm down Main Street in Town  
presented by the Friendly Sons of  
Saint Patrick of Hunterdon County.



## Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

### Military Heritage Day.

Historic reenactments on site in conjunction  
with our WWI centennial exhibition  
opening on April 6th.

Includes children's/family activities too!  
Free to all active military,  
veterans and their families.  
Red Mill Village Museum  
908-735-4101

## Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Raritan River Cleanup

Volunteer sign up at the Red Mill  
(near Clinton House)  
or Beaver Brook site  
(at Municipal Bldg.)  
9am - 12noon.  
Volunteers needed!!!

For more info call 908-234-1852 Ext 323  
or e-mail [americorps@raritanheadwaters.org](mailto:americorps@raritanheadwaters.org)  
<https://www.raritanheadwaters.org/streamcleanup/>

## Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Annual Chili Cook-Off,

4pm-7pm

Come enjoy and vote for your favorites!!!  
Clinton Rescue Squad  
for more information go to  
[www.bringtheheat.org](http://www.bringtheheat.org)



## Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

### Ghost and Folklore Tour

Our popular tour is back! Tour the museum after hours  
in the dark and hear the stories of the ghosts that are  
said to haunt our buildings. Afterwards, enjoy a private  
viewing of some of the more macabre objects in the  
museum's collection.

Not recommended for young children -  
parental discretion strongly suggested.  
Red Mill Village Museum

## Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

### Clinton Sunrise Annual Clinton Fishing Derby



Free Admission: Registration 8-9am  
Fishing 9-12 pm  
DeMott Pond For all kids ages 4-16

## Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> through October

### Clinton Farmer's Market Returns !!!!

Sundays, 9am-1pm, weather-permitting  
at the Clinton Fire Dept.  
parking lot (1 New Street)  
. Fresh local farm products!

## Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

### Music on Main Street

Come Together: Music On Main Street  
returns, Every Friday, 7pm on Main St.

## Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Town Wide Yard Sale

Starting at 9am  
Rain or Shine



## Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

### British Car Day

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

## Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

### Annual Town Picnic

Hunts Mill Park  
3:00pm to Dusk  
(Rain Date June 17th)



## Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

### Clinton Fire Dept. Grill Night

5:30pm at the Fire House  
Come out and enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, clams  
and other delicious items.

# Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, March 2017



*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 Mclsaac (President), Craig Sowell (Vice President), Lorainne Linfante, Carl Sabtino, Charles Sampson*

Winter has been busy and productive at Clinton Public School. As the holiday season began, we successfully passed our referendum. With the renovation of the library into a learning commons and maker space, we look forward to developing the learning opportunities to empower our students to build their future. Additionally, you will see brighter LED lighting throughout the building and the new boiler will improve the efficiency and comfort of the learning environment for our students. We want to thank the community for their overwhelming support for these projects and helping the district realize its vision of forging curious, creative, and compassionate students.

Last month the district underwent its annual audit and both its financial health and management were highly praised by the auditor. In addition to facilitating a favorable bond rating, the report also noted that Clinton Public School is not seeing the degree of declining enrollment experienced by many surrounding communities. This was further supported by a demographic study conducted by the North Hunterdon-Voorhees district. We Attribute this to both our unique community and the learning experiences afforded by our K-8 school.

The School's program has recently been bolstered by donations to fund a new grade 8 trip to the Museum of Natural History. While other new and notable learning experiences at CPS include the start of a robotics club supported by the donation of kits from The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers as well as presentations made by our middle school students of their future cities projects and the recognition of our math students success in the PNC stock market challenge. All of these initiatives strengthen the school's mission to develop creativity and curiosity.

As always you are invited to attend the board meetings to share your comments or learn about what is happening at CPS in the year ahead.

## From the Superintendent/Principal

*Dr. Seth Cohen*

What a special place! As we leave winter behind and welcome the vibrant colors of the spring season, I wanted to take a moment to share a few updates. Over the past few months we joined the Technology Student Association (TSA) affiliated with The College of New Jersey, created an Archery Club, developed a robotics club, published student designed mathematics video tutorials, played in the championship game of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional School District basketball tournament, competed in the Future Cities competition and continued to engage in inquiry based learning and service experiences. Each student in grade 3-8 is now provided with a school issued Chromebook or iPad and in April we begin Level 1 Google Certification for several staff members.

Please join us on Thursday, March 16th for our Chamber Concert and on Wednesday, March 22 and Thursday March 23, as our students perform Guys and Dolls at 7:00 p.m. in the CPS All Purpose Room. School will be closed for spring break from Friday, April 14 through Friday, April 21.

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# CPS in the News

## From the Assistant / Curriculum Coordinator

*Jacqueline Evans-Turner*

At CPS we believe in "hands on" authentic learning experiences for our students. For example, in 4th grade science, students are learning how electricity works by creating complete circuits, making motors run, and discovering different ways to light bulbs. Students learn by working in teams to take things apart and figure out how to put them back together again. In this way, students find their work to be purposeful and engaging.

In much the same way, language arts classes follow a Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop approach where students use information from their readings to construct detailed presentations to persuade or inform their classmates about topics that matter to them such as "Why Reptiles Make the Best Pets". While in seventh grade language arts, students are currently learning to take risks and leave the literal behind as they learn to think figuratively when analyzing poetry by authors such as Walt Whitman and Robert Frost.

Our Go Math Program used in grades K-8 continues to challenge our students to not only do the math but explain with clarity why they choose a particular method for solving a problem.

Everyday at CPS is another opportunity to discover and problem solve with friends. Just ask our second graders who recently brought their sleds to school to test out some of their theories on angles with their teachers on the backyard slopes of CPS! Go Bulldogs



Taking advantage of learning opportunities.

## From the Supervisor of Special Services

*Jenine Kastner*

At Clinton Public School, special education students are provided with specially designed instruction, support, and services which have proven to be very successful. Students with special needs present with barriers in their learning that impact their ability to be instructed as other students are in the typical classes. Our approach is to increase skills as we build bridges to allow our students to meet the same demands and expectations. Our Philosophy is aligned to the quote by George Evans, "Everyone can learn, just not on the same day or the same way".

At Clinton Public School, special education instruction and the curriculum focus on the needs of each individual learner. Teachers utilize technology to allow students with writing disabilities write with great detail and enriched vocabulary. Students are instructed using systematic structured literacy programs to help students with dyslexia become fluent readers and a joy in reading. Students with math challenges are taught their math facts by systematically building their skills to ensure meaningful progress. Students' progress is measured every week to carefully monitor skill development and how the student is projected to meet their individual goals. For more information about special education services and instruction, please contact Jenine Kastner, Supervisor of Special Services.

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## Calendar of Town Committee Meetings at Municipal Bldg.

**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** — 7:30 PM Second Monday of each month

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

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