

OUR TOWN

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



I'm going to jinx us I am sure but I have to say I am grateful that this winter has not been as bad as previous years. Now hopefully it continues to be true. I want to give a

shout out to the CPS Lady Bulldogs basketball team – they had an amazing season, going undefeated and winning the championship. Great job!!

As we move into spring just a reminder to check brush pickup schedules. I know everyone wants to get their yards cleaned and ready for the season but we also must ensure public safety and brush piled high on the streets is a potential hazard. Therefore please do not place any brush out until brush pickup.

This is also the time that we are working on the budget for the Town. And I

will offer a gentle reminder that there is no way to keep taxes flat – costs continue to go up and the only way to keep taxes flat is to reduce services. We have been working with a very tight budget for the last four years and we continue to manage as tightly as possible. A separate reminder is that only about 18% of your tax bill actually comes to the Town – the remainder goes to the schools and the county, so while we may collect the taxes those dollars are then sent off to the other entities.

For those of you not aware the Clinton Fire Department and the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad will be celebrating anniversaries in 2017 and have begun planning several activities. The Clinton Fire Department will have served us for 125 years and the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad will have served us for 50 years. I would like

thank everyone over the years who have been involved for their time and devotion. There will be a parade through the Town scheduled for May 20, 2017 with invitations going out to other Fire Departments and Rescue Squads. Going as far as inviting all the towns named “Clinton” east of the Mississippi. It should turn out to be a fabulous parade.

2016 will be a great year for our community – there are so many events planned throughout the Town by various entities and I look forward to all of them. As always if you have questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me directly jkovach@clintonnj.gov or 908-399-8921 or any other councilmember.

3rd ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



SUNDAY MARCH 13th

3pm down Main Street
Presented by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick
of Hunterdon County.
Come out and enjoy the Irish festivities!!!

Saturday, June 4th



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 125th and CFARS 50th Anniversaries. Please check out the website clintonfirerescueparade.com to stay up to date.



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

RAPID ENTRY ACCESS KEY BOX INFORMATION

I am writing this article in hopes of providing clarification and education to the business and building owners within the Town of Clinton regarding what the Uniform Fire Code discusses: Rapid Entry Access Key Boxes. A key box is a standardized access system that provides the emergency responders (Fire Department) with a means to access the property without the need to force entry into the building. The State Uniform Fire Code, section 506, makes the installation of a key box a requirement. I have personally been on fire dispatches where the fire department needed to force entry into the building, had to wait a lengthy time for a key holder to respond (up to as much as an hour plus) or was able to use the key box that some businesses have already installed. Of course the latter was the most efficient use of the volunteer responders time, left no damage to the building and provided an ability to quickly determine if there was a situation brewing within the building.

That said, the key box entry system that is available, and presently installed in about 10 to 15 businesses in Town, has proven to be useful and economical. There was one business in town that had a serious smoke condition resulting from an electrical fire within the building where the fire department responded due to the fire alarm system having activated. The business was closed and therefore forced entry needed to be made. This ended up costing the business owner

approximately \$1500 to replace the door. And the only damage done to the door was prying it around the frame. No glass was broken. The key box system that is in use costs approximately \$350 to \$400 (one time). You do the math.

The rapid entry key box system used within the Town of Clinton has been around for 40 years now. The company has a tested and proven product that is used nationwide. There is a "master" key that provides access to the rapid entry key box that is located on the exterior of the building. Within this box are the keys and/or codes that provide the first responders access in case of an emergency. This "master" key is kept in a secured location and only certain high ranking senior officers (2) have the "master" key. The Clinton Fire Department will be installing a "master" key box that has a coded access entry code itself. Anytime this "master" key is accessed, a personalized access code must be entered. This entry is record for security and documentation purposes. Once the "master" key is accessed, it is used to open the building key box providing access to the entry keys or codes.

This key box system provides security and safety to the businesses in Town along with reducing cost associated with forcible entry in an emergency. Some business owners have expressed a concern about misuse of the access system. Again, there are businesses in town that have had these key boxes for as long as 5 years and there have not been any reports of an issue. I would strongly recommend that business owners check out this system and ask any questions about it. Clinton Fire Department Chief Wal-

ter Dorf wdorf@clintonfd.org, (908-735-8016) and I are available to discuss any questions you may have. The intent is to provide the businesses in the Town of Clinton with a method of reducing cost should emergency access need to be made to your building or space. The State Fire Code recognizes the need and has made it a part of the code. You can find out about the specific rapid access entry system already in use in the Town by following this link; <http://www.knoxbox.com/knox-rapid-entry-system/fire-departments>

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.

Jack Daniels, Town of Clinton Fire Marshal jdaniels@clintonnj.gov
908-468-1696

SAVE THE DATE

CLINTON TOWN PICNIC

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH



Music, Games and Fireworks
3:00pm to Dusk @ Hunt Mill Park
(Rain Date June 11)

ATTENTION CLINTON RESIDENTS:

**CHIPPING AND BRUSH WILL NOT BEGIN
UNTIL MAY 2016
CHIPPING WILL BE PICKED UP BY
ZONES**

(see recycle brochure for more info)

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



Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



Basketball Nets

Many residents in Town currently have a portable basketball net 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 remove 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 ad-

vantage 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.clintonnjpolice.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.

TASTE OF CLINTON



WEEKEND OF APRIL 29, 30,
AND MAY 1st

COME AND ENJOY THE FINE
FOOD OF THE LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Taste of Clinton - A food and restaurant weekend April 29, 30, and May 1st, brought to you by the Clinton Guild, offering dining specials and promotions at our many restaurant and food shops. With a featured sampling and tasting event under the tent at the Hunterdon Art Museum on Saturday, April 30 from 4-8pm. Mark your calendar, details coming soon.

For more information contact Diane Crisman Race at 908-730-8800 or email www.valeriewilsontravel.com



CAT & DOG LICENSING PET OWNERS

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET
RENEWED FOR 2016 TIME IS PASSING**

All cats and dogs are required to be licensed in the Town of Clinton, even in-door pets. Animal licensing fees for 2016 are Dogs spayed/neutered \$10.20 non-spayed/non neutered \$13.20; for Cats spayed/neutered \$7.00 non-spayed/non neutered \$10.00. Also, late fees will be **\$4.00 per month**. Every year we have many delinquent pets and send letters, make phone calls, and as a last resort, Police issue summons. A summons may cost \$80.00 plus the cost of licensing your pets. The due date of January 31st has past. Please respond to avoid additional late fees.

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

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



CANINE CITIZENS

As with all Town Ordinances, Chapter 64 of the Town Code 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”.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Clinton is a pedestrian friendly Town however the failure of a driver, a pedestrian 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 was 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.

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 31st, but 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 will 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 devices 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 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. Continued Page 5

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Bucky Buchanan



Since the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad launched our new recruitment and awareness campaign in January,

17 people have expressed interest in becoming a volunteer EMT, rescue associate, or cadet.

So far, we have interviewed 13 applicants. Six of them have already begun training, and more will soon start the classes that will teach them to provide medical assistance, hospital transport, and/or land or water rescues. This level of interest and excitement is unprecedented, and we are grateful to

these local residents who have stepped up to serve our community. We welcome them to the CFARS family.

That said, our volunteer family is far from complete. We need you!

CFARS launched this campaign in response to both the local and national shortage of volunteer first responders and the rising number of calls for emergency assistance in the area we serve - Clinton Township, the Town of Clinton, Lebanon Borough, and portions of Union Township and Franklin Township. The

squad responded to 2,614 calls for medical assistance or rescue in 2014 alone, a nearly six percent increase from the previous year. In 2015, calls topped 3,000 – an astonishing call volume increase of nearly 15 percent in a single year, and more than 25 percent since 2012.

There are many ways to help. No one is expected to have the necessary medical or rescue skills when they walk in the door. Once a volunteer commits to the organization, training is provided at no cost. To learn more, visit www.joinclintonems.com, or call 844-4-Clinton (844-425-4686).

Shade Tree Commission by Ches Snider



Greetings Fellow Tree-Huggers,

Before spring “has sprung” and the trees are still dormant, it’s a good time to consider pruning. During the dormant period, pruning minimizes sap loss and subsequent stress to the tree. Also, it minimizes the risk of fungus infection or insect infestation given both fungi and insects are likely to be in dormancy at the same time as the tree.

In the case of deciduous trees, pruning when the leaves are off will give you a better idea of how your pruning will affect the shape of the tree. Finally, dead branches can and should be removed at any time.

Please note: Each year, Shade Tree and the town’s arborist will inspect town trees for those in need of pruning and maintenance; however, it is O.K. to perform simple pruning on town trees in front of your house.

Always remember: **Safety first** – if

the job seems too big, then contact a licensed arborist.

Proper pruning techniques can be found online at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/forest/community/Pruning.htm>

Want to make a lasting impression in the Town of Clinton? Consider donating a tree for your family or loved one for an affordable, fully tax deductible amount of \$275.

Police Department (continued) by Chief R. Brett Matheis

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. You may also sign up on this site to receive

current information regarding local weather, traffic, special events and other information about living and visiting Clinton.



PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 7, 2016

6:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Last day to register to vote - May 17
Last day to apply **BY MAIL** for mail in ballot - May 31



Environmental Commission by Jeff Schaumburg

Spring is coming and the Environmental Commission and Green Team are ready for action after winter hibernation. The first order of business is the annual river clean up, where the Town of Clinton joins forces with thousands of volunteers organized by the Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) to clean up debris throughout the Raritan (including South Branch) River watershed.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Last year, more than 1,000 volunteers pulled nearly 10 tons of trash from sites in 29 towns throughout the headwaters region, an assortment of garbage that ranged from tangled fishing line, plastic bags and bottles, to a Ford pickup tailgate, leaf blower, tires, and 300 pounds of

scrap metal. By helping clean up the trash found alongside banks and in waterways, volunteers play a vital role in preserving not only that quality, but the health of our water and the life within it.

On **April 16, 2016**, The Environmental Commission will support the Raritan Headwaters Association annual river clean up. We are seeking volunteers to help pick up general litter along the banks and accessible portions of the South Branch River to keep our downtown beautiful and to protect this important watershed resource. We are an important and highly visible part of the larger clean-up effort along the entire river that is being coordinated by the Raritan Headwaters Association. Volunteers in the Town are encouraged to join us at the site on Main Street be-

tween the Clinton House and Red Mill on **Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 9AM to 12PM** to assist.

Walk-in volunteers are always welcome, but advanced sign up is greatly appreciated at www.RaritanHeadwaters.org/StreamCleanUp. Advanced registration helps us most effectively plan and coordinate resources (including tee shirts for volunteers that pre register). Please spread the word to your family, friends and service organizations! And bring the kids, it is a great way to teach them community and environmental responsibility!

For more information, contact Angela Gorczyca at 908-234-1852, ext. 315 or agorczyca@raritanheadwaters.org.

Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Dear Friends - - I know we're all looking forward to spring and daylight savings time - - can't come fast enough - right !!! With spring right around the corner, there are some important happenings for seniors coming up that I want to bring to your attention.

Mr. Fix-it Appliance Day - April 14, 2016 from 9 AM - 12 Noon at the County Senior Center, Route 31, Flemington. County residents, age 60 and over, may bring small appliances in need of repair to the Senior Center. Volunteers will be on hand to check and repair your appliance on the spot. The only charge will be for

parts - if needed. (Donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated). For more information, call Sabrina Baarda at 908 788-1358.

Turning 65 in 2016? You might have questions concerning Medicare: what do you do once you turn 65 and are still working? To help answer any and all questions you have regarding Medicare, the County Senior Center is hosting an evening class on Monday, April 4th at 6:00PM at the County Senior Center, Route 31, Flemington. To reserve your seat for this class, call 908 788-1361.

Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled - There are two State-funded prescription programs which help

eligible New Jersey residents with the cost of prescription medications: PAAD (Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled) and Senior Gold. Both these programs cover only drugs approved by the FDA and do not cover drugs purchased outside the State of NJ or any pharmaceutical products whose manufacturer has not signed a rebate agreement with the State of NJ. To find out more about these programs and eligibility requirements, call Pia Rey-Doklan, SHIP Coordinator at the County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services - 908 788-1361.

RESIDENT ADVISORY FROM THE TOWN OF CLINTON WATER DEPT.

A company has been sending out flyers selling insurance for the water service line coming into your home from the street. The Town of Clinton Water Department does not service/fix this line. It is the homeowners responsibility. It can add up to be a substantial cost. This company will offer insurance however please read it carefully. The coverage is for normal wear and tear of the line not if the service line is broken by tree roots or rocks. **SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND READ EVERYTHING BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE**

Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka

Congratulations to the 2016 officers: Chairwoman Rosemary Pendergast, Vice Chairman Dan Mahony, and Secretary Nancy Smith. The Commission thanks them for yet again another year of service as its officers. Please note there are two vacant spots on the Commission, if you are interested in joining please contact the Town of Clinton Municipal Office @ 735-8616 or contact Rosemary Pendergast at rosemary3288@gmail.com.

One of the best ever Clinton Winter-fest Bonfires was held on January 30th. About 500 people attended, everyone had a great time with horse and carriage rides, roasting marshmallows, hot chocolate and cookies, music and of course the spectacular bonfire! Thanks to Sean Rogan for again organizing such a great event. In addition, we collected 105 lbs of food and \$46 for the Open cupboard and also raised \$350 to be used to replace a broken tire swing at the community center park. Big thanks to all sponsors, Clinton Police Dept, Clinton DPW and of course the Fire Department!

Mark your calendars for the annual Senior Luncheon on Sunday, May 1

at 12:30pm at the Clinton firehouse. Also, the 2016 Annual Town of Clinton Picnic will be held on June 4th (with a rain date of June 11th) at Hunts Mill Park from 3pm to dusk. Make sure all your families and friends join us for a fun filled day capped with fireworks! Ongoing information can be found on the "2016 Annual Town of Clinton Picnic" Facebook page.

Saturday March 12th is the Julie Cully Run O' the Mill 5K 2016. Information for this event can be found at theruno-themill5k.com.

The ever popular Summer Recreation program will happen again this year, with varied registration rates. Look for more information on the Town of Clinton website and from CPS at the beginning of June.

A senior walking club is forming in Clinton for fun and exercise! If interested please contact Dan Mahoney at kdmahon@comcast.net. Also there has been interest expressed in forming a Bocce Ball league. If you would like to help organize this or play, please contact Rosemary Pendergast.

We again thank Girl Scout Troop 80828 for giving us a presentation on starting Clinton's first Teen Club to

earn their Silver award. The first event will be a movie night at the Community Center on 5/13 with other events to follow! Ideas include game nights, sports day, service hour opportunities, field trips, and fundraisers for the Town.

TEEN CLUB

Cadette Troop 80828, as part of their Silver Award (the highest award a Cadette can achieve), will be holding a "Night Out" for young teens grades 6-8 in the Spring.

This "Night Out" is in response to the Clinton Survey that there should be more to do for the kids in Town. May 13th is the date being considered and a movie is the current activity. It is the hope that a monthly "Night Out" will continue to be held. Watch for details on Clinton Facebook and posters in Town and in CPS. Reach out to the Cadettes Julia Aspel, Annalise Kelly, Katie McComb, Jessica Roberts, Sarah Upwood (Leaders Deena Roberts and Becky McComb), with any question or suggestions for future events.

Smart Growth Committee by Al Rylak

The Town of Clinton Smart Growth Committee has established the first Monday of every month at 7pm in the Municipal Building for its monthly meetings. The group will continue discussing the results of the 2015 survey to implement many of those results. Currently the committee is establishing a Town of Clinton Conservancy whereby volunteers prioritize areas to beautify the Town. You'll be seeing blue shirts around Town that members of the conservancy will wear. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to contact Al Rylak at 908-217-9381.

In setting additional priorities, tasks have been assigned which will enable Smart Grown Committee representatives to keep in touch with various boards and committees of the Town to suggest, where appropriate, concepts that will enhance their roles and benefit the Town.

Input into the update of the Master Plan of the Town of Clinton and also for COAH will be sought and provided as the growth of our community will be impacted by decisions made by the Land Use Board and at the Council level. Public participation at Smart Growth meetings, although not required, will be most helpful so residents can continue to educate the committee on issues they

want addressed. Please come to share your ideas.



Council Highlights by Nancy Burgess

November 10, 2015

~Council appointed Neil Viotto to the Alternate position on the Land Use Board.

~An informal discussion regarding a Knox Box ordinance which would require a property owner or a business owner to have a key lock box installed at or near the main entrance to a building in case of fire or if an individual would be unable to respond to answering the door.

~Two membership applications for the Clinton Fire Dept received from junior to full member status:: Jessica Dorf and Matthew Thomas.

November 24, 2015

~ A special event application was submitted for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held March 13, 2016.

~More discussion on the Knox Box ordinance.

~ A resolution was adopted in support of NJ Senate #650 and NJ Assembly #2408, designating State Route 173 between Clinton & Phillipsburg as "173rd Airbourne Brigade Highway"

December 8, 2015

~A resolution was adopted to hire Elizabeth von der Linde part time in the clerk's office.

~Richard Phelan, Business Administrator, reported the auction that took place netted about \$17,000.

~Two membership applications were accepted for the Fire Department: Bailey Pyle and Tyler Langston.

December 22, 2015

~Mayor Kovach expressed her thanks

to the council members, staff and Attorney Cushing for their commitment to the Town in 2015.

~Mayor Kovach read a letter of commendation for Officer Jeff Ollershaw from Elissa Bentsen of Sarasota, Florida thanking the officer for making a valiant effort to recover money owed to her from a shop in Clinton.

~Councilman Pendergast reported the Clinton Fire Department is in the planning stages with the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad to celebrate 125 and 50 years. The parade is scheduled for May 2017.

January 5, 2016 Re-Organization Meeting

~ Swearing in of Mayor Janice Kovach to a second four year term expiring December 31, 2019, Councilwoman Sherry Dineen for her first three year term expiring December 31, 2018 and Councilwoman Beth Sosidka for her second three year term expiring December 31, 2018.

~ The 32 reorganization resolutions were adopted.

January 12, 2016

~ Mr. Mark Desire, Mayor of High Bridge, addressed Mayor and Council concerning the sewer contract between High Bridge and the Town.

~ Councilman Smith reported he received a flyer in the mail offering insurance for water line service. He said this does not cover normal wear and tear therefore is not worth getting. The water department does not repair the service line from the street to the house. That is the homeowner's responsibility.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the municipal building face lift is 98% complete. It looks beautiful.

January 26, 2016

~ Mr. Kevin Joseph cofounder of the Oyster Hood presented a slide show to propose an event in Town to have dinner on the Pony Truss bridge.

~ Mayor Kovach acknowledged the hard work of the Public Works employees with the snow removal of the blizzard on January 23, 2016.

~ A special event application was approved for the Rotary Club of Clinton Sunrise to have the Fishing Derby to be held on April 23, 2016 at Demott Pond

February 8, 2016

~Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation to James E. Van Natta Sr. for being named to the Moravian College Hall of Fame.

~ Councilman Smith reported the Roads Committee discussed having the municipal lot redone this year and paving and striping in stages.

~ Councilman Pendergast submitted an application for membership to the Clinton Fire Department from Scott DeGasperis.

~ Mayor Kovach stated Barbara Hartsell, Lab Manager and Supervisor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant received an award from the NJ Water Environment Association for contributions to the advancement of wastewater treatment and/or collection system. This is Barbara's fourth year to receive this prestigious award. Congratulations!



HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

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

Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

Thursday, March 3rd

Family Craft Day

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!
April 7th project is Felt Bunnies

Saturday, March 12th

Run O' the Mill 5k,

8AM start at Community Center
check out therunothemill5k.com
for registration and details.



Sunday, March 13

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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



Saturday, April 2nd

Red Mill Civil War Day,

Reenactment brings history to life
Drills, weapons, music,
Red Mill Village Museum



Saturday April 16th

Raritan River Cleanup

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

Volunteers needed!!!

For more info call 908-234-1852 Ext 323
or e-mail americorps@raritanheadwaters.org

Sunday, April 17

Two Mills Plein Air Festival

Hunterdon Art Museum & Red Mill Museum team
up to sponsor this all day festival
Artists of all skill levels are welcome.
Starting at 10am (Rain Date April 24th)
Come out and observe the many talented artists.
For info call 908-735-8415 or 908-735-4101

Saturday, April 23rd

Clinton Sunrise Annual Clinton Fishing Derby

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



Saturday, April 30th

Annual Chili Cook-Off,

4pm-7pm
Clinton Rescue Squad

Friday, May 20th

Clinton Fire Dept. Grill Night

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

Sunday, May 1st 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!

May - Let's Celebrate Mom All Month

Clinton's May Festival for Mothers!!!

Motherhood—a Month of Tribute,
Memories & "Thoughts of Mom"
Special features, sales & promotions throughout month
Submit photos, thoughts & stories to be used on "Doing
Clinton", "Good Morning Clinton" & shop's
Facebook pages
For info: 908-713-9463 or nschamingjoa@att.net

Friday, May 27th

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

Saturday, June 4

Town Wide Yard Sale

starting at 9am
Rain or Shine



Sunday, June 5th

British Car Day

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

Friday, June 17th

Clinton Fire Dept. Grill Night

5:30pm at the Fire House

"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

Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, March 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), Lorainne Linfante, Carl Sabtino, Charles Sampson

The strategic planning process for Clinton Public School will begin on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 PM in the school media center. All are welcome. The purpose of strategic planning is to establish a five year road map for the direction of the school. Through the process, we hope to establish the priorities of the district and to provide a roadmap with goals. Topics will include everything from student learning to infrastructure and provide guidance for fiscal priorities and decision-making. The long-term goals are meant to transcend any given year and provide stability and focus amid any change in board membership while assisting district leadership. Coupled with the survey on the school's website, this is the best way to provide input on the future of education at Clinton Public School. We look forward to getting your feedback or seeing you on the 25th

From the Superintendent / Principal

Dr. Seth Cohen



#CSPride! The Lady Bulldog Basketball Team finished a stellar 16-0 season by defeating Tewksbury Township, 37-28 at North Hunterdon High School on Wednesday, Feb. 10.



Congratulations to Mr. Bidwell the Clinton Public School 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year! From teaching all students K-8, serving as Lead Teacher and coaching three sports, Mr. Bidwell is the epitome of Bulldog Pride! We are fortunate to have Mr. Bidwell on staff!



Please contact me via email scohen@cpsnj.org for additional strategic planning information. We need your help!

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CPS in the News

From the Assistant / Curriculum Coordinator

Jacqueline Evans-Turner

In a recent New York Times article Kari Leibowitz describes her experiences living in Norway during the period of Polar Night (extreme cold), through this article I learned about the Norwegian phrase “all things *koselig*” which for lack of a better translation means “all things cozy”. In Norway, the prevailing sentiment is that winter is something to be enjoyed, not something to be endured. Leibowitz goes on to explain that “far from a period of darkness, the Polar Night is a time of beautiful colors and soft, indirect light that holds its own unique opportunities for mental and emotional flourishing”. In much the same way, the winter at CPS has been all things “*koselig*” where over the winter months students have been building stamina in their literacy classes to expand their reading and writing skills within a receptive community of readers and writers. Students have moved through narrative, expository, and persuasive writing and worked closely with buddies to find just the right word while revising and editing their work. In fact, many classes from Kindergarten on up are currently working on interesting writing pieces. For example, our first grade students are doing individualized research about topics that interest them such as penguins, snowmen, and chocolate---just to name a few of their self selected topics. In third grade, students are reading about life during the civil war in an age appropriate novel and using the facts gained from their reading to journal historical fiction pieces. The winter season has truly been a time of *koselig* at CPS where students and teachers have grown comfortable working together to hone their skills.

Leibowitz’s article goes on to explain that mindset plays a huge role in the winter time flourishing in Norway and cites the work of Carol Dweck: In her research and her book, Mindset: The New Psychology of Success, Dweck details the ways a growth mindset (the belief that traits like intelligence and talent can be developed through sustained effort over time) leads to greater success than a fixed mindset (the belief that individual qualities are set for life). Those in a fixed mindset, she argues, often fail to see feedback as an opportunity for learning, and are more likely to view criticism as a personal attack. Conversely, those in a growth mindset tend to be more open to learning from their mistakes, taking risks, and pursuing self-improvement.

At CPS, we are committed to the growth mindset. Even as our hours of daylight are getting longer, the polar vortex digs in to give us one last blast of winter, so I wish you all things *koselig*

Clinton Public School in the News!!!



Clinton Public School has partnered with different canine therapy programs and volunteers to bring canines to our schools. Research has shown that simply petting an animal increased bonding and affection in both the dog and the person. Therapy dogs visit the Clinton Public Preschool Pals program, an inclusive preschool program, every Friday morning and afternoon. The students have the opportunity to interact, bond, and learn from these amazing animals. Dogs are social creatures and respond to our emotions. Students who are hesitant or have difficulty making social connections are able to develop their social skills and make connections. Students are talkative and socially engaged during therapy sessions where a therapy dog is present. Clinton Public is excited about this initiative and the difference these animals can make in the lives of our youngest learners.

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Calendar of Town Committee Meetings at Municipal Bldg.

ASSESSOR — Tuesday 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
(call the office at 908-735-8616 prior to stopping in)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Located at 47 Leigh Street :

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