

# OUR town

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## From the Mayor's Desk...

**Janice Kovach**



As we mark the beginning of March it brings with it the promise of Spring and activities to get us out of our homes. March 10th is the Annual Run o' the Mill 5K race and the 11th brings the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Annual St. Paddy's Day Parade. This to me marks the beginning of many wonderful activities here in the Town of Clinton.

We are currently finishing up the Town's budget and will be introducing it at the end of the month - my annual budget letter will also go out detailing where we are and what you should expect to see in the 2018 budget.

I know that there has been a great deal of discussion around Affordable Housing litigation and the Moebus property. 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. As was stated at the last Council meeting - we meet twice a month (the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays), our agendas are made public and published and anyone can get on our email distribution to get a copy of the agenda. While we try to use social media to keep residents informed - that should not be the only source. I have offered my email and cell number out in every edition of this newsletter (and many of you use it) and I know that council members have offered the same.

If you can't make a meeting and want to know what will be discussed and possibly voted on give us a call, text or email and we will respond. We have always promoted transparency and answered any question 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 but 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".

On a sad note for the town but a happy note for one of our employees, Wayne Smith will be retiring after 39 years with the Town. We want to wish Wayne the best, and thank him for his dedication and service to our community. If you happen to see Wayne over the coming weeks please wish him the best.

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

### 5th ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



**SUNDAY MARCH 11th**

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

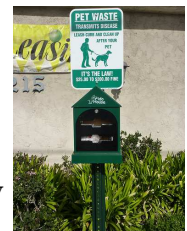
### Saturday, June 2nd

**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



### **Town of Clinton Board of Health** **DOG-WASTE STATIONS**

The Town has installed three dog waste bag dispensers; one at the bridge by the Clinton House, one at Hunts Mill Park and one by the fence at the Community Center. Once properly bagged, dog waste can be disposed of in general garbage receptacles throughout Town.



## Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

### Ever Changing!

Some things remain the same and some things never do. Then there are the safety codes for the State of NJ. These regulations and the referenced codes are forever being modified and updated. This is partly because of the happenings around the world and specifically within the US while the other part is industry driven; driven to put into the market a product that purports to promote, increase or provide better safety.

Unfortunately, code officials do not have the ability to not enforce certain changes of the regulations. We have certifications and licenses that mandate we enforce the codes as written or face possible sanctions or loss of license.

A recent change that has become a challenge to enforce effectively is the carbon monoxide alarm requirements for businesses. Any business with fuel fired appliance/s OR attached garage is required to install carbon monoxide devices as per the code requirements. I will not go into the specifics here of what the requirements entail but rest assured each building will need to be reviewed as to what will meet the requirements. As I conduct fire safety

inspections, this requirement will be addressed at that time.

What else can you do to promote fire safety? You can do quite a bit. To start educate yourself and loved ones on fire safety habits in your own home. Fire Safety is a habit, not something that you are born with but something that if you take it seriously, will need to be a habit. How many of you have had your heating/cooling and solid fuel burning appliances serviced and cleaned? How about having your dryer vent exhaust professionally cleaned? When was the last time you tested the smoke and carbon monoxide devices?

We all tend to "gamble" with the fire safety issue. "It can't happen to me", we say. Talk to anyone that has had a fire in their home and you will most likely be surprised by what they tell you if they can talk about it at all. Please be serious about fire safety and practice it so that it becomes a habit in your home. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are vital in fire safety and are proven to save lives. Maintain these in your homes!

The Clinton Fire Prevention Bureau & Clinton Fire Department have **FREE** Kidde 10 year maintenance-free battery operated smoke detectors that can be

provided and installed for town residents in need of these life saving devices. Please contact me in order to obtain these free devices.

Lastly, the key access lock box ordinance is in effect and all commercial property owners/businesses are required to provide the approved standardized lock box for the property. The State Fire Prevention Code requires this and the Town has adopted an ordinance associated with this requirement. The ordinance can be viewed via clicking on the following link; <http://ecode360.com/31269646>. If anyone has any questions please contact me to review options regarding this matter. I am still waiting to hear from you.

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.

Jack Daniels, Fire Marshal

## Recreation Tennis Program by Don Berkman



To all of my Clinton Family,

Many of you know me as "the Tennis Guy"....the Clinton resident who has directed the local tennis program.

After 18 years, it's unfortunately time for me to move on as the driver behind the program. With our daughter going to Japan to continue her studies and our son making his own plans, my wife Monica and I will be putting our home on the market (4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, wonderful neighbors...just sayin') and moving

out of the area.

The Town and I started this program to afford a sports outlet for those children that just don't fit the soccer/ baseball / basketball mode, and after having taught over 1000 children the wonderful game of tennis, hopefully a few found their niche and have a fun way of getting exercise and meeting new friends.

I'll never forget our first two instructors—brothers Niko and Demitri—because, of course, our kids named their fish after these two fine young men (if they only knew.....).

The Town and the parents made this program a success. Monica and I were just kind of along for the ride. And the support of the recreation department has always been top notch.. Thanks again to all who have made it a point to either participate in or help us along the way--this is what makes our town so special.

Monica and Don Berkman

Jack Amabile has volunteered to take over running the tennis program.

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



The 2018 Brush Schedule begins in May. 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.

2018 Hunterdon County Recycling Events :

**HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP DAY:** March 10, 9am to 1pm Rain or Shine, Route 12 County Complex

**COMPUTERS, COMPUTER MONITORS & TELEVISION COLLECTION DAY:** April 14, 9am to 1pm Rain or Shine, Route 12 County Complex

**IDENT-A –SHRED:** April 21, May 5, 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.

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

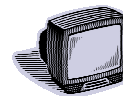
If you know anyone who may be eligible to qualify for affordable housing for purchase please visit the Clerk's Office to fill out an application. These units offer a valuable opportunity for income qualified participants to become homeowners in Clinton. We encourage anyone looking for affordable housing 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).



### HUNTERDON COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC COLLECTION Route 12 County Complex Call 908-788-1110 for dates & time



#### DID YOU KNOW:

- ~ Properly (re) sealed **paint cans** could have a shelf life of 10 years.
- ~ **Alkaline batteries** now fall below Federal & State hazardous waste standards & can be disposed of in the regular trash.
- ~ Don't use rechargeable batteries in your **smoke detector**, buy new. Check your smoke detector twice a year.
- ~ **Flat screen TV & Computer Monitors** can be recycled at most electronic retail stores.

#### DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR ELECTRONICS

- ~ Best Buy: [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com)
- ~ Staples: [www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com)
- ~ Goodwill Industries: <http://reconnectpartnership.com>
- ~ Facilities:  
[www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/uwaste/ucomplist.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/uwaste/ucomplist.htm)
- ~ EPA:  
[www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservematerials/ecycling/donate.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservematerials/ecycling/donate.htm)

## Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



### 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.

**Free Doggie Waste Bags** - Are located at 3 locations in Town. The Red Mill side of the Main Street Bridge,

the Community Center by the baseball fence and Hunts Mills Park to the right of the entrance toward to fitness/walking trail.

### 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 3 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.

### 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 2:00am and 6:00am **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

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## Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Hello friends,

Here we are – the beginning of March and I can feel spring in the air - - hope you can too. Following are a few important reminders for we Clinton Town seniors as follows:

### Pharmaceutical Assistance for Aged & Disabled (PAAD) & Senior Gold Programs

Both PAAD and Senior Gold are state-funded **prescription drug programs** which help eligible NJ residents with the cost of prescribed medications. These programs only cover drugs approved by the Food & Drug Administration. Additionally, drugs purchased outside New Jersey are not covered, nor are any pharmaceutical products whose manufacturer has not signed a rebate agreement with the State of New Jersey.

PAAD co-payment is \$5 for each covered generic drug and \$7 for each covered brand name drug.

Senior Gold is a prescription discount program for elderly and disabled New Jersey residents who do not qualify for the PAAD program.

To find out more about these programs, including eligibility requirements, visit [www.njpaad.gov](http://www.njpaad.gov) or

[www.njsrgold.gov](http://www.njsrgold.gov) or call Pia Rey-Doklan at the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services at 908-788-1361.

### New Medicare card & scam alert

As most of you know, starting in April, 2018, Medicare will be issuing new Medicare cards as Medicare will no longer use your Social Security number as your identifier. This is another positive step to protect you against fraudulent practices. The number on your new Medicare card will be random digits and letters, said Charles Clarkson, Project Director at Senior Medicare Patrol of NJ. “The card will be a paper card, it’s totally free - - no charge to you” and it will be mailed directly to you”.

With this good news, **comes the scam**: Scammers are calling Medicare recipients falsely telling them they need to pay for their new Medicare card, and if you don’t give them the information they’re asking for, you’ll lose your benefits. They will ask you to verify your existing number as well as checking account number. **Please beware and never do that.**

“The new cards will be mailed directly to you starting April 2018. With 60 million people on Medicare, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

will mail them out in phases”, Clarkson said. This transition period is expected to run from April 2018 through Dec. 2019, so during this period, you can use either the old card or the new one, according to Senior Medicare Patrol of New Jersey. Starting in 2020, only the new number can be used.

**Note:** Medicare and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services will never call you or email you and ask you for personal information related to your card. Medicare beneficiaries who are isolated, frail or

have cognitive loss are especially vulnerable. Caregivers - please be on the alert for these kinds of scams.

**Reminder** – if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to these or any other senior issues, please contact the County’s Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veteran Services. You can call them at 908 788-1361 or visit their website: [www.co.hunterdo.nj.us/aging](http://www.co.hunterdo.nj.us/aging). You can also contact me at either 908 310-3312 or [mrodenberger@hotmail.com](mailto:mrodenberger@hotmail.com).

Best wishes to you all for a warm & wonderful early spring.

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

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. 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.



Petition Filing Deadlines: Monday, April 2, 2018 by 4:00pm for June Primary Election  
County Candidates file with County Clerk Local / County Committee file with Municipal Clerk

Voter Registration Deadline: Primary Election May 15, 2018,  
General Election October 16, 2018.



## Clinton Conservancy by Kathy Madden



*“Dedicated to beautifying the Town of Clinton and, using native plants and environmentally sound practices, turning the entire Town into a natural habitat for birds, butterflies and other pollinators.”*

If you visited Millview Park (at the intersection of Water and Halstead Streets) over the past several weeks, you will have seen the more than 2,000 flowering bulbs the Girl Scouts and other volunteers planted last fall. Visit often to enjoy the new flowering shrubs and perennials the Boy Scouts, Country Garden Club, Sierra Club, Presbyterian Church and other volunteers also planted. In all, 167 individuals and 892 hours went into the design, planning and planting of the gardens. The Conservancy would like to thank you all again. We are always looking for new members and volunteers so if you are interested in participating go to [clintonconservancygardens.com](http://clintonconservancygardens.com) and volunteer.

Funds for these gardens were provided by the first \$5,000 of a \$10,000

grant provided by Sustainable Jersey and given to the Town through the efforts of Clinton Conservancy Gardens and Clinton Green Team.

When planning your own gardens “think native plants”. All wildlife will benefit. Attend the Native Plant Society’s talks at the North County Branch Hunterdon Library.

If you are looking for the best flowers, herbs, trees, shrubs and vines to plant in your butterfly garden visit the NJ Audubon Society website and search for “Recommended Plantings to Attract Hummingbirds, Butterflies, & Moths” by Patricia Sutton and check out the “chocolate cake” flowers. The butterfly garden designs on the Clinton Conservancy website use those recommended plants. Most are deer resistant and drought tolerant.

Help all pollinators survive by going organic. Use corn gluten as a fertilizer and weed deterrent on both lawns and flower gardens. Neither will harm children or pets. Don’t use corn gluten in areas where you are planting seed.

That seed won’t sprout either. If used every year, you will see fewer weeds in your garden and have a beautiful lawn.

When buying plants, or seeds, ask if they are neonicotinoid-free. Many plants, including those sold in big box stores and many nurseries, have been treated with this chemical that is absorbed by, and remains in, every part of the plant and soil up to 10 years, including the pollen. Neonicotinoids affect the central nervous system of insects, including bees and butterflies, resulting in paralysis and death.

The new rule for weeding is “don’t”. Cut weeds at the base three times and most weeds will give up trying to grow. Pulling weeds disturbs the soil and exposes more weed seeds to the sun. Turning the soil will also expose more weed seeds so you may want to try no-till gardening. Mulch heavily with leaves and you won’t have to weed or water. Decomposing leaves also helps feed your plants.

### CASA SHaW Seeks Volunteers

CASA stands for Court-Appointed Special Advocate  
SHaW stands for the tri-county service area of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties

Every year there are more than 100,000 reports of child abuse or neglect in NJ and more than 10,000 children are removed from their homes because the Court has found it to be too dangerous for them to remain in their homes. Court Appointed Special Advocates of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties (CASA SHaW) recruit, screen, train, and supervise community volunteers to act as advocates in court for children living in foster care. Once trained, CASA volunteers are appointed by a family court judge to aid in determining the best possible outcome for an abused or neglected child’s future as well as make recommendations to support the child’s current needs. Volunteers receive support and supervision from a trained social worker throughout the duration of their cases. There are 500 children in the tri-county SHaW area, and only 100 CASA volunteers. We would like to grow our numbers so that every child in foster care would have an advocate. Interested in becoming a CASA advocate? Visit: [www.casashaw.org](http://www.casashaw.org), call 908.689.5515, or email: [info@casashaw.org](mailto:info@casashaw.org).



## Shade Tree Commission by Steve Kallesser



### A Huge Tree Comes Down and Others Are Saved, But What Does the Future Hold?

The community center ash trees were possibly planted 120 years ago. They saw generations of change, as Halstead Street bloomed with homes being built in the late 1800's, 1900's when it was a picturesque country road. Over the years, more of the town developed around those trees, a community center, playground, and most recently a basketball court and county library were built.

“Our arborist Lou Spanner had pruned them for over 40 years, and 6 years ago, we had the trees pruned and became aware of Anthracnose disease, a fungus, setting in. Consequently 2 years later when inspecting for the dreaded Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) that is moving into the area, we found a growing amount of basal rot impacting the base of one of the trees. This is a result of disturbance on the very large root system which could have occurred a number of years ago from use of heavy equipment or digging within 50 feet of that space,” according to the shade tree commission's Dan Shea.

“It's a sad day to lose such a long-

standing member of our community, the shade, oxygen and beauty provided will be hard to replace and will take 100 years to do so fully, but we are planning to start early in spring with 5 or 6 new tree plantings”, says Deena Roberts, chair of the Shade Tree Commission.

So, the Shade Tree Commission has made arrangements to treat the three remaining, very large, healthy ash trees at the community center and adjacent park. These are magnificent trees that our town should be proud of. Unfortunately, many of the other ash trees that the shade tree commission have jurisdiction over are already in clear decline and they will be removed for public safety reasons over the next few years. According to the town's tree inventory, there are at least 18 ash trees along our public roads and an unknown number of ash trees in our parks and other town-owned public spaces. This does not include any ash trees in county, state, or other land along the river or in other places in town.

Your Shade Tree Commission takes pride in keeping the town green, and this is a difficult time. The decision to take down any individual tree is not taken lightly, but is done only after careful review.

In order to help inform the town's residents to the growing threat of EAB, the shade tree commission will be tying flagging tape around ash trees throughout the town's roads and parks. The message on the tape directs people to a special webpage (<http://niforests.org/eab>) to help inform them of the threat and the town's response. We encourage everyone to take a look at that webpage, as there is much more information there than can fit in this article.

Of course, the shade tree commission is extremely concerned about the future — not just the here and now. In anticipation of EAB's arrival, planting of ash trees had stopped, and recommendations for future tree planting continue to be focused on the right tree for the right place in the right way. “The right tree” needs to be resistant to not only EAB, but other non-native and native pests and diseases, and other hazards of an urban/suburban state. For citizens who wish to do something to help, we urge you to make your feelings known to the town council if you support replanting trees in town.



### ATTENTION CLINTON RESIDENTS:

**CHIPPING AND BRUSH WILL NOT BEGIN  
UNTIL MAY 2018  
CHIPPING WILL BE PICKED UP BY  
ZONES**

(see recycle brochure for more info)

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



### SAVE THE DATE

### CLINTON TOWN PICNIC

**SATURDAY JUNE 9TH**

Music, Games and Fireworks  
3:00pm to Dusk @ Hunt Mill Park  
(Rain Date June 16th )

### News from the Clinton Fire Department

Friday Night Grill Night will begin May 18th  
and run every 3rd Friday of each month through September



## Council Highlights by Nancy Burgess

### **November 7, 2017**

#### **Special Meeting Council / Land Use Board**

~ Mayor Kovach explained the reason for a joint meeting was to discuss options to meet the affordable housing obligations. The Town decided to purchase the Music Hall property at 23 West Main Street to satisfy 29 of the 57 units the Town is required to build.

### **November 27, 2017**

#### **Joint Meeting Council & Land Use Board**

~ Hunterdon County Prosecutor, Tony Kearns, presented a brief documentary to show the seriousness of the current drug epidemic in Hunterdon County.

~ An ordinance was adopted to accept a public pedestrian access easement by 12-14 Leigh Street.

~ An ordinance was adopted to purchase the land at 23 West Main Street for affordable housing units.

~ Councilman Smith reported the water department submitted plans to the State Historic Preservation Office for their review of the West Main Street Pedestrian Project located in front of the Clinton House. SHPO confirmed there is no encroachment on historic property.

~ Town Planner, Jim Kyle, gave the public an overview of the affordable housing litigation and the affordable housing obligation estimations made by two different experts.

### **December 12, 2017**

~ Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation to both the North Hunterdon Girls Cross Country Team and The North Hunterdon Lions Football Team for their outstanding achievements this year!!

~ A resolution was adopted to enter into shared services for a Municipal Court with Clinton Township.

~ Council approved a Clinton Fire Department application from Jason Mayer.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported

the Clinton Fire Department coin toss raised \$7000 in two days.

~ Councilman Pendergast thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity of being a councilman for the last eight years.

### **December 26, 2017**

~ Councilman Smith presented and explained a diagram showing the proposed layout plan for the Route 173 and Main Street Project to be in front of the Clinton House.

~ Mayor Kovach informed Council the Annual Bonfire is back on. It originally was cancelled by the State due to open fire rules.

~ Councilman Carberry thanked Mayor and Council for all their support and assistance while serving on council. This is his last meeting.

~ Mr. Carberry will be taking the place of Jeff Schaumburg on the Land Use Board. The Town accepts Mr. Schaumburg's resignation with regret.

### **January 2, 2018**

#### **Reorganization Meeting**

~ Attorney Tara St. Angelo administered the Oath of Office to Councilwomen Megan Johnson and Rielly Karsh for terms expiring December 31, 2020.

~ Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation to Tyler Langston for his many years of service to the Clinton Fire Department. Tyler has accepted a job with the North Charleston Fire Department in South Carolina.

~ Chief Matheis received a letter of recognition from Hunterdon County Prosecutor, Anthony Kearns commending Officer Jeff Ollerenshaw for saving the life of a 58 year old man following a construction accident on December 14, 2017

~ Letters of resignation were received with regret from Land Use member, Jorge Blanco and Shade Tree members Kitty Colognato and Laurel Retajczyk.

~ 38 Reorganization Resolutions were approved.

### **January 9, 2018**

~ Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation to Deputy Chief Bucky Buchanan and EMT Tim Shanahan of the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad for their efforts in helping with hurricane disaster recovery in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

~ Councilman Rylak reported three applications were received for membership to the Fire Department. Myles Murphy - Junior Member  
Caroline Cianciara - Active Member  
Thomas Schaefer - Member

### **January 23, 2018**

~ Representatives from Northwest New Jersey Beekeepers Association addressed council and explained how the State is trying to put restrictions on the number of hives beekeepers can have. They were asking for the Mayor and Council's support in the opposition to the restriction..

~ A resolution was adopted in support of the opposition to proposed beekeeping regulations.

~ Discussion was held on the Moebus Tract. Mayor Kovach explained that the intervenor for the Moebus Tract came back and has agreed to a settlement to build three pad sites, 56 townhomes that would be for sale and deed undeveloped land back to the town. Emergency access to Central Avenue and access only to residents via Route 31.

~ Richard Phelan, Bus Adm, reported the Ash tree at the Community Center will be cut down. Hopefully a piece of the tree can be used to make a bench or some special memento for the park.

~ Councilwoman Dineen said the Shade Tree Commission is seeking suggestions for the dedication of this year's Arbor day tree.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported the Environmental Commission is becoming active again.



## Around the Town by Caitlin Haughey



### Saturday, March 10

#### Run O' The Mill

8 am start at the Community Center  
The 6<sup>th</sup> annual 5K road race. For more info and to register visit: [www.therunothemill5K.com](http://www.therunothemill5K.com)

### Sunday, March 11

#### St. Patrick's Day Parade

2:30 pm, downtown

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual parade presented by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick featuring bands, Irish dancers and more. For more info on the parade and to purchase tickets for the after party visit: [www.fssphunterdon.com](http://www.fssphunterdon.com)



### Saturday, March 24

#### Beauty in Bloom: Art Museum Pop-Up Dinner

6:00 pm, Hunterdon Art Museum

Celebrate spring and support the arts with an unforgettable six course dinner. To purchase tickets or for more info visit: [www.hunterdonartmuseum.org](http://www.hunterdonartmuseum.org)



### Saturday, April 14

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Raritan River Cleanup

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, riverside next to Krauzer's  
Visit [www.raritanheadwaters.org](http://www.raritanheadwaters.org) for info or just show up! Bags and gloves provided.

### Sunday, April 15

**Military Heritage Day** 12–4:00 pm, Red Mill Museum  
Commemorate America's military history. Reenactors will interact with visitors, special artifacts on display.

For more info visit: [www.theredmill.org](http://www.theredmill.org)

### Saturday, April 21

#### Bring the Heat Chili Cook-Off

4:00 pm, Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad

Enjoy great chili, DJ, 50/50 raffle, tricky tray and vote for the People's Choice! To purchase tickets, or to register to compete in the cook-off visit: [www.bringtheheat.org](http://www.bringtheheat.org)

### Sunday, May 6

#### Open Paddle Clinton

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**FREE** event sponsored by Raritan Headwaters.  
Spend an hour paddling their kayaks with instruction for new paddlers. Registration required in advance, visit [www.raritanheadwaters.org](http://www.raritanheadwaters.org)

### Saturday, April 21

#### Clinton Sunrise Rotary Fishing Derby

8:00 am registration, DeMott Pond, Route 173 Clinton  
DeMott Pond will be stocked with trout for this **free** family event! Bait, bobbers and hooks will be supplied, bring your own pole. Open to ages 4 – 16.  
Each participant receives a raffle ticket for door prizes.  
For more info visit: [www.clintonsunriserotary.org](http://www.clintonsunriserotary.org)

### Saturday, April 28

#### The Secret Garden: Art Party Gala

6:00 pm, Hunterdon Art Museum

For more info visit: [www.hunterdonartmuseum.org](http://www.hunterdonartmuseum.org)

#### Ghost and Folklore Tour

8:00 pm and 9:30 pm, Red Mill Museum Village  
Tour the museum in the dark and hear the stories of the ghosts said to haunt the buildings.  
Not for young children. For more info visit [www.theredmill.org](http://www.theredmill.org)

### Saturday, May 5

#### 2nd Annual Kentucky Derby Gala

4:00 – 9:00 pm, Holiday Inn, Clinton  
Fundraiser for the Red Mill Museum. Visit [www.theredmill.org](http://www.theredmill.org) for info and tickets

### Sunday, May 6

#### 41st Annual Senior Luncheon

12:30 – 3:00 pm, Clinton Firehouse

Free luncheon for Town of Clinton residents over the age of 60. RSVP to the Town Clerk before April 27.

#### Clinton Farmer's Market

9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Fire Department parking lot  
Beginning May 6<sup>th</sup> and running Sundays through October, 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 Rain or Shine

Send \$10 to the Town Clerk to participate in the sale, get your house in the advertising and on the map!  
Clerk, Town of Clinton, 43 Leigh Street, Clinton, 08809



### Saturday, June 9

#### Annual Town Picnic,

3:00 pm to dusk, Hunts Mill Park  
(Rain date: June 16)



# Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, March 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*

Happy New Year to all! 2018 has already kicked off with festivities and accomplishments to celebrate. Hopefully you made it out to the winter Luau dance last week to see the kids have fun and catch up with other families. Mrs. Brenner, Mrs. Ferro, and Dr. Cohen presented at New Jersey Techspo in January, highlighting the vision of the district and the ways that curiosity, creativity, and compassion are being realized in classrooms and special projects throughout the school.

These qualities were evidenced recently as our students presented at the Future Cities competition at Rutgers University, as our arts integration team increased art museum visits and brought in a George Street Playhouse artist in residence to work with students, and as the staff continues to post activities via Twitter on our webpage. Be sure to check it out!



In terms of engaging with the community, the board has participated in meetings with surrounding districts to discuss ways to share resources and forge a common vision for our students as part of a regional high school district. We are also participating in the North Hunterdon/Voorhees strategic planning process and encourage you to do likewise. We will continue to articulate with both of our municipalities regarding planning issues and as we shape our annual budget. Our recent audit highlighted the school's ability over the past eight years to keep average budget increases under two percent annually.

This is in no small part to the work of Lisa Craft who will be retiring as our Business Administrator this year and whom we would like to thank for her many years of dedicated and intelligent service to our children and our community. We wish her all the best.

***Thank you Lisa!!!***

As always, feel free to attend our meetings and share your thoughts and perspectives on how to make CPS the best school it can be.

Sincerely,

The Board of Education

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# CPS in the News

## From the Superintendent/Principal Dr. Seth Cohen

As we thaw from the frigid months of December, January and February, I wanted share our contribution to the first ever global FingerSmear canvas entitled “Abundance” ([www.mightyfingersfacingchange.org](http://www.mightyfingersfacingchange.org)). 25 students and several staff members spent the day learning, growing, sharing, and creating. The segment will air on May 20 and June 17, 2018. Classroom Close Up NJ is televised on Sunday at 7:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on NJN. Please note the images below from left to right: Mrs. Brenner during the interview portion, “Abundance” and students working on their art project.



At the February 27, 2018 BOE meeting we celebrated Mrs. Rella as our 2018 Educator of the Year! As shared by a parent: “My child describes her teachers at CPS as nice or really nice and Mrs. Rella is **really** nice!” We wanted to share a picture that Henderson Middle School in Texas included in their thank you note to our community for supporting their flood recovery efforts. If you are on Twitter please follow our staff members to keep up on the latest and greatest from CPS:

@MissRudd34 @Amy\_L\_Brenner @cpsBulldog @Kimbergarten27 @eveferro @mrskdejesus @kubik\_CPS @Dar1021 @dr\_scohen



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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** — 7:00 PM Second Monday of each month

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

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