

OUR TOWN

Clinton, NJ

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



I was hoping that March would bring us an early spring but I guess we are going to have to wait just a little longer for the warmer weather!

Now I know that many of you have had power outages over the past couple of weeks - I would like to dispel the theory that this is because the town recently went with an energy aggregation company. The energy aggregation only goes to auction to get the best rate possible for its members - JCPL is still the provider. Our aging infrastructure and vegetation is the cause of multiple power outages.

You may or may not be aware that JCPL went to the BPU (Board of Public Utilities) to request an additional fee from all of its customers. That fee is what will be used to update the current infrastructure. As we found during Superstorm Sandy much of our infrastructure was outdated and old.

JCPL (parent company First Energy) is addressing this through multiple means - updating of substations, lines and transmission infrastructure and also through vegetation management.

Unfortunately this is not an easy fix and will require a multi-year commitment. While I know that this does not solve our immediate issues - there is a plan in place to address and maintain our infrastructure going forward.

March also brings along budget season - as I have done in previous years I will provide a budget letter that explains where we are and what is happening going forward. As always please feel free to attend council meetings or budget workshops to hear what we as mayor and council are working on. If you need to reach me - my cell is 908-399-8921 and email is jkovach@clintonnj.gov.

Stay warm and stay safe - enjoy the beauty of the weather and hope for warmer weather soon!

**6th ANNUAL
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARADE
SUNDAY
MARCH 10th**

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



SAVE THE DATE
CLINTON TOWN PICNIC
SATURDAY JUNE 8TH

Music, Games and Fireworks
3:00pm to Dusk @ Hunt Mill Park
(Rain Date June 15th)



Saturday, June 1st

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

**TOWN OF CLINTON
RESIDENTS**
**SEWER RATE
INCREASE FOR 2019**
**WILL BE \$125.00
PER UNIT / QUARTER**

!!! SPECIAL LEAF COLLECTION!!!

A special springtime LEAF collection will be scheduled the end of April beginning of May, weather permitted.

Check the web site: clintonnj.gov

Brush pickup will begin in May check the recycle brochure for schedule.

Leaves will not be picked up after special collection.



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

American Red Cross “Sound the Alarm” Campaign!

The Town of Clinton Fire Prevention Office & Clinton Fire Department are working toward a partnership with the American Red Cross to provide smoke detectors through the American Red Cross’s **Home Fire Campaign**. This campaign is explained in more detail in the following link; <https://www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm.html>. The plan is to kick this off in the Spring of 2019.

Free Smoke Detector Program Reminder: If anyone is in need of smoke detectors, the Clinton Fire Department (908-735-8613) and my office have battery operated ones to provide you. This is a free, no questions asked program sponsored by the State of NJ Division of Fire Safety and Kidde. We are serious about

your safety so please contact us so that we can help you.

Remember that as of January 2019 resale of a residential home must have the battery-operated smoke alarms provided with the latest technology, a 10-year smoke alarm installed at the prescribed locations throughout the structure. Upon the resale inspection this will be verified along with the required fire extinguisher and carbon monoxide alarms.

Lastly, businesses also need to remember that the “Knox Box” requirement for a key box secure access system has been in effect for some time now. This is an approved and vetted emergency access system. Information regarding this system is available at <http://www.knoxbox.com/knox-rapidentry-system/fire-departments>.

This key box system provides security and safety to the businesses in Town along with reducing costs associated with forcible entry efforts used in an emergency. Clinton Fire Department Chief Walter 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 costs 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 Uniform Fire Code.

If anyone would like to speak to me regarding anything dealing with fire prevention matters, please contact my office at 908-735-2275 or via cell @ 908-468-1696. or jdaniels@clintonnj.gov

Notice for Residents

As recommended by the State of New Jersey, the Town of Clinton is interested in maintaining a list of municipal residents who identify as being in need of special assistance in the event of emergency. This list must include the person’s name, address and special circumstance. This list will **ONLY** be shared with the Clinton Police Department, Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad. This list will help us help you or your family member in case of power outages, etc. Please feel free to contact the clerk’s office with the information or feel free to mail your information to the Town of Clinton, P. O. Box 5194, Clinton, New Jersey 08809. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 908-735-8616.

Thank you,
Cecilia Covino, Municipal Clerk

Clinton Conservancy by Kathy Madden



How wonderful it is to start the day with the sun shining and a warm southern breeze gently blowing! Spring is actually on its way and with it hope of new life and sprouting gardens.

The gardens in Millview Park flourished last year and hopefully this will be a fantastic year for the new gardens in Hunts Mills Park. Last year the newly planted perennials at Hunts Mills struggled to get established while the deer munched many of them in spite of using popular

deer deterrent products throughout the season.

This spring we will be trying Milorganite! Although it is sold as an all-purpose, non-burning, slow released, organic nitrogen fertilizer that feeds lawns, plants and soil it is also known as a deer deterrent. The University of Georgia conducted a study and concluded that Miligornite works but will be more effective if reapplied once or twice throughout the growing season. We’ll do our own study and let you know the results on our website **ClintonConservancyGardens.org**. If you try it at home let us know your results.

On another note ...the Conservancy is looking for volunteers to help plant new gardens at DeMott Park. The Environmental Commission received a \$1,5000 grant from AN-JEC and the Conservancy will be working with them to plant three gardens. Volunteer by going to our website.

The website is also helpful if you are planting your own pollinator gardens. It lists native plants with all of their required growing conditions and includes time of bloom.

Happy gardening!

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



Brush / Leaf Collection

The 2019 Brush Collection 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.

Upcoming Road Construction Projects

The Town will be proceeding with several projects on Main Street adjacent to the Clinton House commencing in April. The first phase involves the replacement of approximately 350 feet of water main in front of the Clinton House and ending at the entrance to the Red Mill Museum Village. Weather permitting; we expect this phase of the project to take approximately 4 weeks.

The second, and more challenging phase of the project, which is scheduled to commence in August, will make significant improvements to the area in front of and adjacent to the Clinton House by realigning the roadway to make a safer path for pedestrians, while ensuring that the new design delineates the roadway in a clearer manner for vehicles. Weather permitting; we expect this phase of the project to take approximately 4 weeks.

During both projects, we expect in-

termittent road closures and/or alternating traffic. While drivers may experience some inconvenience, these much needed projects will replace infrastructure that has reached its life expectancy, while significantly improving mobility for pedestrians and vehicles alike. We understand that anytime infrastructure improvements occur, they can be an inconvenience for both pedestrians and vehicles alike, and thank you in advance for your patience. The Town will be providing updates via our website, Facebook and Twitter during the duration of the project with the ultimate goal of minimizing any inconvenience.

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 com-

mercial 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 Facebook - www.facebook.com/clintonnjgov

Town of Clinton Twitter - <https://twitter.com/clintonnj>

Town of Clinton Police Department - www.clintonjnpolice.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.

NEWS FROM THE CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

2018 was a busy year for the Clinton Fire Department, with 305 incidents totaling 7299 hours of volunteer service. You may be more familiar with our fundraising events, including our Friday grill nights, our Craft Beer Festival and our cooking for the town picnic, as well as the Special Olympics at NHHS and the Harvest Festival held in the Fall.

But we are also looking for ways to help make the town safer. We are currently working with the American Red Cross to introduce a program to provide and install smoke detectors to those in need. We encourage you to contact us at www.clintonfd.org, at 908.735.8613, or through our Facebook page.

Our own safety is just as important. A FEMA grant award allowed us to install a new washer and dryer that helps remove dangerous chemicals from our firefighting gear, as well as a new ventilation system for our vehicles, both of which reduce the risk of cancer to the CFD members.

Please feel free to stop by any Monday night after 7:00PM to say hello and learn more about us.

Chief Walter Dorf and President Robert Hoffman.



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 .

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, 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 persons 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 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. 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.

OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Winter overnight parking restrictions for this season will end March 31st, 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**. Also, please remember that if you are under 18 years of age you **MUST** wear an approved helmet, even on a bicycle.

INTERSTATE 78 ACCIDENTS AND CONGESTION

One only need look at the map of northern Hunterdon County and the Clinton area to see that the Town is a true transportation choke point. East and West, North and South Interstate Highway 78 and State Highways 31 and 173 dissect Clinton bringing a tremendous volume of vehicular traffic through the Town daily. Unfortunately when there are accidents or incidents on these highways and traffic cannot flow East, West, North or South the Clinton area naturally becomes gridlocked until the incident on the highway is cleared and the normal flow of traffic resumes. The State Department of Transportation has an elaborate Traffic Diversion Plan for the Interstate and State Highway Systems, Continued on page 7

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Bucky Buchanan



National Stop The Bleed Month

Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma.

After a traumatic accident or injury, it can take as little as 4-5 minutes for someone to bleed to death. If you, as a bystander, knew how to respond, that victim's odds of survival are much higher. When the month of May rolls around, Clinton Rescue will be hosting several **STOP THE BLEED** classes open to the community as part of National **STOP THE BLEED** Month.

The Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad, who is the provider of Emergency Medical & Rescue Services to our community, is looking to expand the knowledge of our community members by supplying US Department of Homeland Security's "**STOP THE BLEED**" program to our residents, businesses and community groups this spring. The first delivery will be held at our headquarters on Old Highway 22 on Wednesday May 8, 2019 at 7:00pm. There is no cost for this training, but seats are limited

so pre-registration is required. Visit our website at <https://www.clintonems.org> and click on the **STOP THE BLEED** link.

According to a recent National Academies of Science study, trauma is the leading cause of death for Americans under age 46. Life-threatening injuries require immediate action to prevent an injured person from dying. Those nearest to someone with life-threatening injuries are best positioned to provide first care.

Community members attending the program will learn the ABCs of how to control severe, life-threatening bleeding:

Alert – Call 9-1-1

Bleeding – Find the bleeding injury

Compress – Apply pressure by covering the wound with a clean cloth and applying pressure by pushing directly on it with both hands, OR using a tourniquet, OR filling the wound with gauze or a clean cloth and then applying pressure with both hands.

"May is National **Stop the Bleed**

month" remarks Frank Setnicky, Chief of the Clinton Squad. He continues, "This year the Clinton Squad members will again provide classes around our communities through the month, to help train as many of our neighbors as possible". Last year 6 sessions were held training over 100 community members.

The Squad's training officer Lt. Michelle Gardner stated "while an emergency can happen at any time and anywhere, training the public helps prepare those that will arrive before we can, which often leads to better outcomes for our patients in the end".

The Squad offers a full range of additional emergency preparedness training programs, including CPR for the Community, basic first aid, safety lectures and tours for community group including Scout Troops, and much more. For additional information on our training programs, or to join our organization as a volunteer member, please visit <http://www.clintonems.org>

Recreation Commission by Lisa Intrabartola



More than 500 residents participated in the 11th annual Clinton Yuletide Bonfire on Jan. 26, where attendees enjoyed horse-drawn carriage rides and music by Saint Ann's of Hampton Pipes and Drums while warming themselves before a roaring stack of Christmas trees.

The event also yielded 375 pounds of canned food for the Open Cupboard Pantry Food, and the Clinton Fire Department, on hand to control the blaze, raised \$300 in donations. Many thanks to Boy Scout Troop 121 and the volunteers who assisted them as they handed out hot cocoa during the festivities.

In honor of Older Americans Month, the Recreation Commission will again sponsor the annual Senior

Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at the Clinton Fire House, corner of New Street and Old Route 22. All Clinton residents, 60 years and older, are invited to attend and enjoy lunch provided by The Towne Restaurant. Please call Town Hall at 908-735-8616, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., by Friday, April 26, to make your reservation or contact Nancy Smith at 908-735-7276.

Mark your calendars. This year's Clinton Town Picnic is set for Saturday, June 8, (rain date, Saturday, June 15) from 3 p.m. until dusk at Hunts Mill Park. Bring your blankets and chairs for an evening of family fun featuring music, inflatables, a bake-off contest and spectacular fireworks display.

Calling all CPS parents! This year's Summer Recreation Program is sched-

uled from July 1 -26 at Clinton Public School. As in year's past, the program will run from 9 a.m. to noon on weekdays and include plenty of engaging activities, contests and field trips for children in K-7th grades. Look out for registration info this spring on the Town of Clinton's website, www.clintonnj.gov or on CPS PTO's Facebook page.

If there are additional community or recreation events you would like to see or help organize, please contact Chairwoman Rosemary Pendergast at rosemary3288@gmail.com. The Recreation Commission needs your participation, enthusiasm and ideas to continue building on Clinton's tradition of hosting family-friendly events that bring our town together.

Shade Tree Commission by Steve Kalleser



Tree Care, Windy Days, and "Lawnmower Blight"

Are you considering planting a tree on your property this spring? Now is the time to make arrangements to buy it. Once your tree is in the ground, watering is important for the first growing season. Immediately after planting, extensive watering takes care of roots that may have begun to dry out during the planting process - because dry roots are dead roots!

In addition, it collapses any large air pockets in the hole that you dug to plant the tree - because dry roots are dead roots!

Why do we care about roots? It is because trees weigh a ton... literally!

For example, a red oak that measures 20" in diameter and is 80 feet tall would weigh around 3 1/2 tons. The key things keeping that tree upright during windy spring and summer days are the roots!

Some of the trees growing in town have roots that are very near the surface.

Some of those can be at or just above the ground surface in your lawn. Please consider them (if you have them) when lawn-mowing season comes around. If you have your lawnmower blade set to the lowest level, you could strike some of those exposed roots. That would create a wound that will lead to rot in the root system. A rotten root system means less structure holding up all that weight, right? To paraphrase Smokey the Bear: "Only you can prevent 'Lawnmower Blight!'"

Clinton Volunteers: Look Who's Making a Difference

Name: Sean Rogan

Volunteer Position: Vice-chair of Parks and Recreation Commission (current); Planning Board (previous).

Years of Service: 11

What inspired you to get involved and volunteer for the town?

About 13 years ago, I was fortunate enough to befriend Frank Hooper who started the Clinton Christmas Parade over 30 years ago. When asked what made him start the parade, Frank said: "So families, especially kids, would have great memories of growing up in Clinton." That noble response stuck with me. Frank also started the parade because the DEP shut down his bonfire. Local kids would pile Christmas trees onto his antique fire truck and he would host a bonfire on the frozen river by the Halstead Street Bridge with skating, hot chocolate and cookies. It sounded like a scene right out of a Norman Rockwell painting. When our first daughter, Grace, was born, I wanted her to grow up in a town like Frank described. He inspired me to step up. I'm proud that this January we held our 11th annual Clinton Yuletide Bonfire, which is, once again, a Clinton family tradition.



What did you learn through the experience of starting and running the bonfire?

After a couple successful bonfires, I had the confidence and logistical knowledge to plan more town events and partnered again with our terrific Clinton Fire Department to usher Santa through town on a fire truck handing out candy canes to kids. This was a tradition in my hometown of Franklin (Somerset), and I wanted to share it with the kids in Clinton. Eight years later, it is an annual Clinton tradition. That event led me to launch the Free Outdoor Movies at the Red Mill series, followed by the annual Clinton Canoe Races. All it takes is an idea and a little work to give back to your community in a big way!

What's your advice to those who want to pitch in but are worried about the time commitment?

There's an old Irish saying: "Many hands make light work." I have five little kids at home and a pretty demanding corporate job, so I understand time limitations. However, giving back to your community and volunteering is a lot of fun and very rewarding. To me and my wife, it is about setting an example for our kids. We've been very blessed, and it is a way of paying back that gratitude. I believe that every single person has talents that could benefit the town - even in a small way. In my experience, most people are happy to help out, they just don't know how. I encourage those folks to reach out to the town or me directly - we're happy to help you get involved. Together we can make Clinton even better.

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

TO VOLUNTEER STOP IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND FILL OUT A CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT FORM

Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

SENIOR ARTIST!!!

CLEAN YOUR BRUSHES, DUST OFF YOUR PAINTS and prepare to enter your artwork, sculptures, or woodcarvings in the 45th annual **Hunterdon County Senior Citizens Art Show. Registration: April 26th from 10 AM – 2 PM at the Hunterdon County Senior Center, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington.** For information on eligibility, classification, categories, display rules, etc, please call the Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veteran Services at 908 788-1361.

2019 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program – July 2 – September 30

The Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides \$25 worth of vouchers to purchase locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. This program is offered to eligible seniors age 60 and older. **The 2019 program starts July 2nd and runs through September 30th.** Seniors will receive vouchers to spend at participating Farmers' Markets throughout Hunterdon County. Voucher distribution (at the County Senior Center) will begin on July 2nd to all Hunterdon County seniors who meet the following **State & Federal guidelines:** Must be age 60 years & over, a Hunterdon County resident, annual income not to exceed \$22,311/single and \$30,044/couple or \$1,860/single and \$2,504/couple monthly. **Proof of**

age, residency and income is required (a social security statement, SNAP card, or Medicaid card is acceptable). For more information, call or stop in and see Pia Rey-Doklan at the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities, & Veteran Services, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington, phone: 908-788-1361; Office hours: 8:30 am. – 4:30 pm Monday - Friday.

Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged & Disabled (PAAD) and Senior Gold Prescription Programs -

These are state-funded prescription programs designed to help eligible New Jersey residents with the costs of prescribed medication. PAAD and Senior Gold cover drugs approved by the Food & Drug Administration.

The **PAAD** copayment is \$5 for each covered generic drug and \$7 for each covered brand name drug. If you are eligible for PAAD, you may also be eligible to receive other benefits.

PAAD eligibility requirements:

New Jersey resident; Annual income is less than \$27,189/single; less than \$33,334/married;

65 years of age, OR 18 years of age and receiving Social Security Disability benefits;

Enrollment in Medicare Part D, if eligible.

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

the PAAD program.

Senior Gold eligibility requirements:

New Jersey Resident; income is less than \$37,189/single; less than \$43,334 combined income/married;

65 years of age, OR 18 years of age & over & receiving Social Security Disability benefits;

Enrollment in Medicare Part D, if eligible.

NJ SAVE for low income seniors & individuals with disabilities

NJ Save is a new online application to help low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities save money on Medicare premiums, prescription costs, and other living expenses by screening individuals for numerous savings and assistance programs. Once you complete the NJ SAVE application, if it looks like you may qualify, your data is forwarded on for enrollment.

Applications are available at www.njpaad.gov or www.njsrgold.gov or **NJ SAVE** or by calling Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services at 908-788-1361 and ask for Pia Rey-Doklan, S.H.I.P. Coordinator.

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis (continued pg. 4)

however the transportation infrastructure of our area does not provide many alternatives to getting around the Town of Clinton, particularly during the heavy morning and afternoon commutes. Recently there was an accident on Interstate 78 which effectively gridlocked our area for most of a day. That most likely was a once in a 20 year incident but it generated great frustration and incon-

venience to residents and commuters alike. There is little that can be done during these events to prevent traffic from entering the Town if it wants to, even on weight restricted roads. As it is said, once the genie is out of the bottle it cannot be put back in easily. During normal circumstances the Police Department can be aggressive towards heavy truck traffic on our weight restricted streets, but during

incidents such as we recently experience, it is impossible.

POLICE WEBSITE

Please visit and bookmark 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.

Council Highlights by Nancy Burgess

December 11, 2018

~ A presentation was made by Lisa Hibbs, a representative for the Community Aggregation Program to provide electric generation rates lower than JCP&L rates.

~ Caroline Conboy, the Town's Risk Management Consultant and Executive Vice President for Brown and Brown Metro LLC, gave an overview of the Town's insurance policy.

~ A resolution was adopted to support the New Jersey Department of Transportation's Route 173 pedestrian improvement project.

~ Councilwoman Dineen reported the Land Use Board is reviewing the Master Plan.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported the Environmental Commission and the Clinton Conservancy are in need of volunteers. If interested contact the municipal clerk's office.

~ Council accepted two junior members for the Clinton Fire Department, James Trainor and Mario Gallo.

January 1, 2019

Reorganization Meeting

-Municipal Clerk, Cecilia Covino administered the Oath of Office to Councilwomen Sherry Dineen and Lisa Intrabartola for terms expiring December 31, 2021.

~ Mayor Kovach expressed sentiments over losing former town employees, longtime residents and valued volunteers, Gene De Cleene, Dave Kurtiak and John Leonard.

January 8, 2019

~Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation to members of the Clinton Guild for working long hours to promote the Town's business community, planning and decorating to create the All-American hometown for all who live here and visitors alike.

~Bids will be going out in the spring for the West Main Street Pedestrian Improvement project in front of the Clinton House.

~ In 2019 there will be a new structured schedule for the leaf clean up with zones identified like brush clean up. Residents are recommended to sign up for e-mail notifications.

January 22, 2019

~ Mayor Kovach accepted with regret the resignation of Paul Klitsch, Superintendent of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Paul will be retiring April 1, 2019 with 39 years, 10 months and several days!!!

~ A contract was awarded to Montana Construction for the West Main Street—Phase I Water Main Replacement.

~ A contract was awarded to Penn Bower for the Glen Eagles Drive Water Main Replacement Project.

~ Councilwoman Johnson reported the senior luncheon is scheduled for May 5 at 12:30pm at the Clinton Fire House. The Town Picnic will be June 8th at Hunts Mill Park.

~Council accepted a junior membership application from Jeffrey Hedden for the Clinton Fire Department.

~ Councilwoman Karsh reported the Town is participating in the Mayor's Wellness Campaign for 2019. The Economic Development Committee is spearheading the campaign. A link will be posted on the website, www.clintonnj.gov.

~ The Land Use Board is working on their 10 year reexamination of the Master Plan. Citizens who are interested in getting involved are welcome to attend meetings or interested residents should also contact Allison Witt, Zoning Administrator.

February 12, 2019

~ Mayor Kovach said the Clinton Fire Department is putting together a team for the Relay For Life to be called "Clinton Fire/EMS. They are dedicating this year's race to Gene De Cleene who passed away last year. Purple ribbons will be placed along Main Street.

~ Budget workshop meetings were scheduled for February 27 at 5:30pm, March 7 at 6:30 and March 13 at 6:30pm to be held in the council room.

~ Mayor and Council appointed Bryan Lubsen to the Land Use Board as an Alternate I member.

~ The sidewalk ordinance may be introduced at the next meeting. It concerns the ownership and who is responsible for the sidewalks.

~ Councilwoman Intrabartola reported the pet waste stations around town are all being well used. The station located at the Community Center has seen the least use.

Hall Rental at the Clinton Fire Department

Do you have an event or meeting and need a great place to hold it? Check out the main hall at the Clinton Fire Department, which is perfect for business meetings, classes, baby & bridal showers, parties and other events. It is centrally located with plenty of parking, and your rental fee will help the fire department.

For more information, call 908.735.8613 or email hallrental@clintonfd.org.

Around the Town by Caitlin Haughey

Saturday, March 9

Run O' The Mill

8 am start at the Community Center
The 7th annual 5K road race.
www.therunothemill5K.com



Sunday, March 10

St. Patrick's Day Parade

3:00 pm, downtown
The 6th annual parade presented by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick featuring bands, Irish dancers and more. For info on the parade and to purchase tickets for the after party visit: www.fssphunterdon.com

Sunday, April 7

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

Saturday, April 13

29th Annual Raritan River Cleanup

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Volunteers will meet at the Main Street bridge near the Red Mill to register, pick up supplies and be assigned a location to cleanup.

Visit www.raritanheadwaters.org for info or just show up!
Bags and gloves provided.



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

Thursday, April 25

Friends of the Mill Annual Luncheon

11:30 – 2:30, Hawk Pointe Golf Club
Information and tickets at: theredmill.org



Saturday, April 27

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.clintonssunriserotary.org

Saturday, April 27

Art Party: River Vibes A Night at the Riverside Lounge

6:00 pm

For info visit: www.hunterdonartmuseum.org

Saturday, May 4

3rd Annual Kentucky Derby Gala

4:00 – 9:00 pm,
Red Mill Museum Village

Fundraiser for the Red Mill Museum. Visit www.theredmill.org for info and tickets

Sunday, May 5

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

42nd Annual Senior Luncheon

12:30 – 3:00 pm,
at the Clinton Firehouse

Free luncheon for Town of Clinton residents over the age of 60. RSVP to the Town Clerk before April 26.

Saturday, June 1

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 8

Annual Town Picnic,

3:00 pm to dusk, Hunts Mill Park
(Rain date: June 15)

Clinton Farmer's Market

9:00 am – 1:00 pm,
Hunterdon County Library on Halstead St

Sundays May through October,
come support local farmers
and artisans!



Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, March 2019



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:

Brendan Mclsaac, (President), Craig Sowell (Vice President), Carl Sabatino, Lorraine Linfante, and Ashutosh Tewari

Each new year begins with a reorganization of the board of education committees and liaison assignments. Carl Sabatino and Brendan Mclsaac were sworn in for the start of a new three year term, and we want to thank both communities for their support as we strive to always do what is best for all students at CPS. Carl and Craig will comprise the negotiations committee and Lorraine and Ashutosh head the policy committee. Lorraine is once again the liaison to the PTO and county level school boards meetings, and Brendan is the liaison to the mayors and town councils as well as the high schools and the other area K-8 school boards.

In these roles we seek to stay current on educational trends and regulations as well as explore educational partnerships and opportunities. The district is three years into its five year strategic plan to cultivate our children as curious, creative, and compassionate learners. This year students have participated in numerous service projects such as collecting toys, delivering food, hosting veterans, creating community pamphlets, and multi-grade book clubs. In classrooms, clubs, and electives students engage in hands on problem-solving like envisioning future cities, building benches around the school grounds, or contributing to a new courtyard kinetic sculpture.

Hopefully you were able to attend the PTO Luau dance or one of the recent family fitness nights led by Mr. Bidwell and Mrs. Bolger. We remain appreciative of the donations by local businesses to assist in supporting field trips or other enrichment opportunities for students, and we encourage all families to be involved in making CPS a vibrant and rich community school.

As always, we invite you to attend our meetings and share your ideas and perspectives.

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CPS in the News

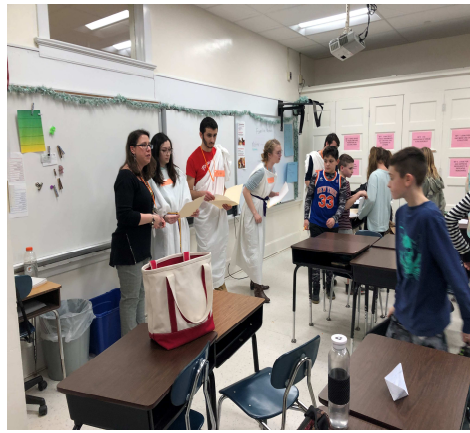
From the Superintendent/Principal: Dr. Seth Cohen

I cannot believe that we are closing out the month of February ! We have had a very productive first semester and the second half of the year looks to be even more exciting. Over the last several years we have been fully engaged in arts integration and we will continue this spring. We are working with an artist in residence to re-purpose the middle school courtyard. Kinetic art sculptures will serve as a vehicle to grow our students' curiosity and creativity. Thank you to the Board of Education, the Parent Teacher Organization and Clinton Public School Partners in Education for their support! Our work is underway and we will be certain to provide updates!

Our World Language partnership with North Hunterdon Voorhees Regional continues to grow! If you walk through the halls when the high school is present, you will hear Spanish, German, French and Latin as CPS students interact with North Hunterdon Voorhees Regional students and staff. Our 5-8 students also have the choice to take American Sign Language as an elective; CPS students enjoy educational choice!



German!!



Latin!!



French!!

Important Dates Spring 2019

March 12 – Chamber Concert
March 13 – Board of Education Meeting
March 15 – Family Fitness Grades 5-8
March 19 – Board of Education Meeting
March 20 – Spring Musical

April 3 – 12:45 Dismissal
April 4 – Grade 2 Play
April 17 – Board of Education Meeting
April 19-26 School Closed Spring Break

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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 — 6:30 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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION — 7:30 PM Second Wednesday of each month

Located at 47 Leigh Street :

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