

OUR TOWN

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



It's that time of year again when the mornings feel like fall, the evenings get darker earlier and the kids are back at school. Please remember to check the brush cleanup schedule for your neighborhood before putting out to the curb. As we go into the fall season the town will be a bustle of activity with events happening. I hope you consider joining us to celebrate the community that makes Clinton special.

For those of you that are new to Town - Welcome! If there is anything we can assist with please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many have asked about the building going up next to the library - it is an apartment building with a total of 35 units. Of those there are 7 classified as "affordable", I understand that there have been questions /concerns about those particular units. While the ability to explain affordable obligations can't be accomplished in this newsletter please feel free to reach out to me - I am more than happy to take the time to discuss.

As always any concerns or questions please feel free to reach out to me directly via cell 908-399-8921 or email jkovach@clintonnj.gov.



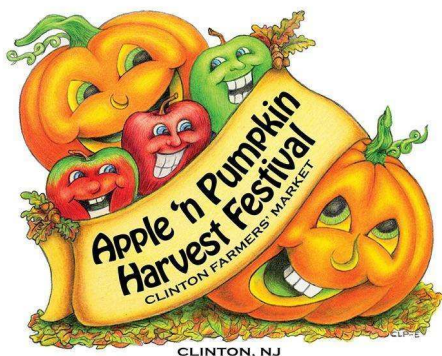
Friday Night Music Ends September 29th

Come out and enjoy music from local artists before it ends for the season. Downtown on Main Street

CHIPPING AND BRUSH LAST PICKUP MONTH IS OCTOBER

2nd or 4th Wednesday
(see recycle brochure
your date)

**DO NOT MIX
LEAVES WITH THE
BRANCHES**



CLINTON HARVEST FESTIVAL

It is back!!! The Apple n' Pumpkin Harvest Festival returns for the third year with hope of being the biggest and best. The festival, presented by the Clinton Farmers' Market and the Clinton Book Shop, takes place on Sunday, October 1st from noon until 5 PM along East Main St. and in the parking lot of the Clinton Fire Department. Harvey Finkel, founder of the market and owner of the Clinton Book Shop initiated the festival as a celebration of gratitude for the success of the Clinton Farmers' Market, now in their seventh season.

Family fun with food trucks, live bluegrass and folk music, an amazing children's activity tent with a visiting author, a small petting zoo presented by 4-H of Hunterdon county, a beer & wine tent sponsored by The Clinton House, and so much more awaits everyone who attends this fun event. Additionally, along with all of your favorite farmer's market vendors, a variety of art, crafts, and more will be presented by visiting vendors.

Along with The Clinton House, additional sponsors of the Apple n' Pumpkin Harvest Festival include Weichert Realtors of Clinton, Mt. Salem Vineyards of Pittstown, and Paper Grace on Main in Clinton.

Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

New Carbon Monoxide Regulations for Businesses

History: In 2014, there was a tragedy involving carbon monoxide in a recording studio in NJ. This event took the life of 2 persons and injured 12 others. There have been other similar events in businesses with fuel fired appliances/attached garages since that tragedy that illustrate carbon monoxide poisoning knows no age or location. As you may recall, carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas that basically causes asphyxiation. In heavy concentrations (1500 ppm) it can be immediately lethal.

New Requirements: Recently, laws have been changed and various codes modified to address carbon monoxide detection within businesses that have fuel fired appliances or an attached garage. This link takes you to the code language associated with those changes: <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/>

[codes/codreg/pdf_rule_adoptions/CO_adopt_6_5_17.pdf](#). Specifically, section 4.9 (last page within this link) of the Uniform Fire Code requires that all existing commercial type structures with a fuel fired appliance or attached garage have carbon monoxide detection effective 9-3-17. As a result of this, I will be required to notify all applicable businesses that will be required to have carbon monoxide detection. Carbon monoxide detectors or alarms shall be installed in the immediate vicinity of the potential source/s of carbon monoxide. Detectors may be battery operated, hard wired or plug-in type. If carbon monoxide "alarms" are to be used there are additional requirements associated with this type of alarm system. Please contact me to discuss this new requirement before you forge ahead with an alarm system that may not be code complaint.

Appliance Maintenance Reminder: It's that time of year again; when your

heating appliances should be professionally serviced to assure a safe fall and winter season. Consider having your furnace, fireplace, woodstove/insert and chimney/s all checked.

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.

If anyone would like to speak to me regarding this article, fire prevention, housing or code enforcement matters, please email jdaniels@clintonnj.gov, or call office 908-735-2275 or cell at 908-468-1696. I would be happy to assist you.

Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka



The 2017 Summer Recreation program was again a success, with 90 kids from grades K-7 enjoying field trips, picnics, contests, games and prizes everyday! Special thank you to the businesses; Shop-Rite, Rita's, JJ Scoops, Just Chill, Sub Base, The Towne Res-

taurant, Clinton Fudge Shop, and the Main Street Candy Shop, who donated money, gift certificates and coupons – these donations make a difference to the program. The 2017 Town of Clinton Summer Recreation Facebook page was helpful as parents loved being able to see what their kids were

doing and there were a lot of daily visitors to the page. Looking forward to online registrations for next year and hopefully another full day field trip. Thanks for all of your support!

Town of Clinton Board of Health Update

DOG-WASTE STATIONS



In our attempt to maintain community health, the Town has installed three dog waste stations. They are located at the bridge by the Clinton House, at Hunts Mill Park and back by the fence at the Community Center. The stations will include a locked box dog waste bag dispenser for town residents and visitors to use while walking their dogs. A reminder, that once properly bagged, dog waste can be disposed of in the general garbage receptacles throughout the Town.



Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



Reminders/General Information

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
- Town of Clinton Police Department - www.clintonjpolice.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 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 new construction located on Halstead St., which is named "Halstead Street Apt", please call 908-526-6069 or go to www.halsteadplace.com for more information. The 7 affordable housing units in this 35 unit complex will not be administered by the Town. Instead they will be overseen and administered by the developer of the project, Pizzo and Pizzo. Once the units are near completion, the developer will begin accepting applications and qualifying applicants based on income. For more information on affordable housing, please visit the Town's website at http://www.clintonnj.gov/affordable_housing.html.



Recreation Tennis Program by Don Berkman

This is our 18th year of the Clinton Summer Tennis Program and we have now taught well over 1000 local children the game of tennis.

Pictured here left to right are Instructor Jack Amabile, Julia Cutarelli (age 11), Ella Stentz (11), Instructor Jason Timberlake, Charlotte Monks (11) and Grace Rogan (11). All girls are from the Town of Clinton and have all been doing the program since they were 6 or 7 years old. Great to have them come back year after year!!!



Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



SAFE ROUTES TO AND FROM CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

As the new school year begins we ask that parents please review some important safety practices with their children to help make this a SAFE year for everyone traveling to and from CPS.

The official walking routes to Clinton Public School are as follows:

From the west take the sidewalk along West Main Street past the Clinton House onto Main Street, turn right on Leigh Street south and continue across Route 173 with the Crossing Guard, continue south to the Crossing Guard at the CPS Bike Path and then up the hill to CPS. (DO NOT WALK UP SCHOOL STREET unless accompanied by an adult)

From Halstead/Center Street cross with the Crossing Guard stationed at Leigh Street at Center Street, continue south on Leigh Street and then continue as outlined above.

From Alton Place or the South cross with either the Crossing Guard at Alton Place or at the CPS Bike Path. Children are not to walk along Route 173 between the South Branch River and Leigh Street unless they are accompanied by an adult.

The layout of Leigh Street, School Street and the CPS parking lot is not conducive to the efficient flow of the traffic volume generated in the morning and afternoon by parents delivering or picking up children directly at CPS so walking is highly recommended. However if you still choose to drive your children to CPS please plan to leave EARLY. Morning rush hour Interstate 78 traffic is extremely unpredictable and it DIRECTLY IMPACTS ALL TRAFFIC in Town and can delay your arrival at CPS. To ease congestion in the CPS parking lot we strongly urge parents to allow their children to walk to school or to utilize Riverside Drive for drop offs and pick-ups. Parents that do choose to deliver chil-

dren directly to CPS must immediately make their drop off and proceed away from the curb as to not block other vehicles or buses. No vehicle will be permitted to park or stand in front of CPS in the Bus Lane or Fire Lane.

Aside from parents, our School Crossing Guards are the first line of protection for our children walking to and from CPS. Parents - please reinforce with your children the importance of obeying all instructions from our Crossing Guards. Motorists - please be courteous and patient with our Crossing Guards while they are at their posts safeguarding our children. Our Guards are empowered to report motorists who they observe breaking traffic laws to the Police Department for prosecution, and to report improper behavior on the part of students to CPS Staff. The job of a Crossing Guard is hot in the summer, cold in the winter, wet when it rains and frustrating when motorists or children are difficult and ignore their instructions, so the next time you see one of them please smile, wave and above all appreciate them for the very important job that they do.

If a parent or a student observes any behavior or activity on their way to or from CPS that they feel is suspicious or "out of the ordinary" they should report it IMMEDIATELY to a Crossing Guard, a Police Officer or CPS Staff. Unfortunately suspicious activity is all too often not reported until "the next day" when there is little if anything that can be investigated or done about it. And one final reminder, although there are Police Officers on-duty and patrolling Clinton 24/7 Police Headquarters is not staffed fulltime therefore to immediately contact a Police Officer you must call our Communications Center at **908-735-8611** where you will reach one of our civilian dispatchers.

ORDINANCE REMINDERS

Skateboards and other Devices: Chapter 114 prohibits the operation

of skateboards on any street, highway, municipal parking lot or other public area designated for motor vehicle use. It also prohibits the operation of skateboards on the following sidewalks – Main Street, East Main Street, Lower Center Street, Leigh Street from Center Street to Route 173 and Center Street from New Street to Leigh Street.

Smoking Prohibited by Minors in Any Public Place: Chapter 128 prohibits smoking in any public place by anyone under the age of 18.

Smoking Prohibited in all Parks, Playgrounds and Park Facilities: Chapter 105 prohibits smoking in all Town parks, playgrounds and other park facilities.

Established Hours of Operation for Town Parks and Playgrounds: Chapter 105 establishes hours of operation for all Town Parks and Open Space. Hunts Mills Park 6am to 10pm. DeMott Pond 6am to 10pm. Community Center and facilities 6am to 10pm or upon conclusion of sanctioned activities inside the Center. Basketball courts, tennis courts and baseball fields are open for play beginning at 7am until 10pm. If you have any questions regarding the provisions or enforcement of these or any other Town Ordinance please inquire with the Police Department or the Town Clerk's Office.

BUSINESS EMERGENCY CONTACT LISTING AND HOUSE NUMBERS

To assist Police, Fire and EMS in finding you in an emergency or contacting you in the event of an emergency or issue at your business, please make sure that your home or business is properly marked with an address number that is clearly visible from the street and that if you own a business or other commercial interest in Clinton that you have an updated emergency contact form on file with the department. Seconds count in an emergency and there are still many residences in Town that are not marked properly and many commer-

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Bucky Buchanan

A New School Year, a New Opportunity to Make a Difference Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad Invites High School Students to Volunteer

High school students interested in exploring a career in medicine, earning meaningful community service hours, and forging new friendships should consider joining Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad.

Rising North Hunterdon High School junior Connor Duda and rising North Hunterdon senior Sarah Klepper both say the decision to become a CFARS cadet has led to amazing experiences that have changed their lives.

"I really like emergency medicine, and I like helping people," said Connor, 17, who joined CFARS last fall. Students as young as 16 can join the CFARS squad and, once certified in CPR, can assist Emergency Medical Technicians on scene and on the ambulance.

"When I go on calls, I get the stretcher out and I lay all the equipment we'll need on the stretcher," Connor said. "I can take patient vitals (blood pressure and respiratory rate, for example), and when the EMT is assisting the patient, I'll hand them things they need. I know that this makes it easier for them – that having me there helps a lot."

Working with EMTs and assisting patients is preparing him to be an EMT, paramedic, or emergency room physician, all career paths Connor is considering. "Another skill I've learned that helps me in day-to-day life is how to better interact with people and make them comfortable," he said. "You get really good at it."

Connor is currently taking CFARS's

EMT class.

Sarah joined CFARS in spring 2016, becoming a member as soon as she was old enough. She had been waiting to join CFARS since her pre-teen years. "When I was 10, I was diagnosed with epilepsy. Clinton brought me to Hunterdon Medical Center two or three times, and that led me to want to help in some way."

Sarah has known for years that she wants to be a nurse, and becoming an EMT has provided her a good head start, and solidified for her that she's chosen the right path. She is currently enrolled in Hunterdon County Polytech's nursing program, and hopes to study nursing at The College of New Jersey next fall. "One of the reasons I want to go there is so I'm close enough to come back on the weekends and still volunteer with Clinton," she said.

Connor, who wants a career in emergency medicine, perhaps as an ER doctor, agrees with Sarah that being a CFARS volunteer is a fantastic way to prepare for his future career.

Joining CFARS means committing to serve at least one, four-hour duty shift a week and attend one monthly training skills training session and the CFARS monthly meeting. Both young volunteers note that generates many community service hours, which not only fulfill high school requirements but stand out on college applications. A big benefit they weren't expecting: Gaining an additional family.

Connor joined soon after moving to this area from Massachusetts. "When I joined, I met a whole new set of people, and I became part of a

community," he said.

"Everyone at the squad is so caring and so generous," Sarah said. "I ride on Tuesday nights, and I have become best friends with all of my partners. I can't imagine my life without the squad now."

Anyone interested in joining should visit www.joinclintonems.com or call 844-4-Clinton. CFARS and Hunterdon Polytech also have a partnership through which EMT students can earn high school credit. Ask your guidance counselor for more info.



Police Department (continued) by Chief R. Brett Matheis

cial properties with outdated contact information on file.

CONTACTING THE POLICE, OUR WEBSITE, NEWS AND ALERTS

The only phone number that should be used to contact the Police Department for any reason 24/7 is **908-735-8611** or 911 in an emergency. All other police phone lines are NOT manned 24/7. If you wish to receive news, special event

information, messages and other alerts from the police department via email you may sign up for them at www.clintonnjpolice.com. We are also on Twitter, Face Book and Nixel.

Clinton Fire Department 2nd Annual



Craft Beer Festival

Saturday September 23, 2017 1 PM - 5 PM

1 New Street Clinton NJ

Tickets:

\$10 Non-Drinker – *includes bottled water*

\$45 General Admission – *includes tasting of all beers*

**\$65 VIP Session – *includes 1 hour private tasting 12 PM – 1 PM,
general admission, and 1 food voucher***

Purchase Tickets Online: www.BeerFests.com and search for Clinton Fire Department

Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Hello Friends,

As summer draws to a close – hope all of you had a most enjoyable one. I have a few important reminders for we Clinton Town seniors as follows:

What is a File of Life – a personal information card housed in a plastic magnetic holder to be placed on your refrigerator in case of an emergency. Our Town Clerk's office has an ample supply of File of Life, and I encourage all seniors who do not have one, to stop by the office and pick up your free File of Life. Should you require emergency services at your home, emergency responders will look for this item.

Rental housing opportunity: In case you haven't notice, there is a new housing complex going up next to our County Library at the end of Halstead Street. Should you wish to inquire about housing opportunities at this location, please visit the following website: www.halsteadplace.com or call 908 526-6069.

Medicare – once a year, Medicare offers an opportunity for you to change your prescription drug plan or enroll in a plan if you missed earlier deadlines. **The annual election period runs from October 15 thru December 7, 2017.** If you are already enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan, please examine your coverage to determine if it will continue to meet your needs in 2018. Remember - each year plans can, and often do, change! If you have questions or concerns regarding this issue, call the County Senior Services (908-788-1361) and make an appointment to meet with a State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor to discuss your concern

Turning "65" ?? Reminder – you are not automatically enrolled in Medicare when you turn "65"! If you are turning "65" within the next 7 months, take action now to enroll in Medicare. If you wait to enroll until you start receiving Social Security benefits, there is a good chance you will miss your Initial Enrollment peri-

od and may have to wait until next year's general enrollment period - thus possibly incurring a penalty (the only exception is if you have employer insurance through your or your spouse's current job at the time you become eligible for Medicare). You can enroll in Medicare at any time during this 7-month period (the three months before, the month of, and the three months following your 65th birthday). For more information on this important issue, call the Hunterdon Cty Div. of Senior, Disabilities & Veteran Services, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington - 908-788-1361.

Reminder – if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to 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.

Best wishes for a beautiful fall season.

Shade Tree Commission by Deena Roberts



Clinton is proud to be a Tree City for the past 33 years. This means we track our tree maintenance and attend yearly courses.

As a Town we recognize how important trees are and care for them. Trees are vital for providing shade to our town neighborhoods and reducing your electric usage & air conditioning bills. Oxygen is provided by the trees and critical for a healthy planet! Plus, they are beautiful and provide value to your property!

The Shade Tree Commission (STC) assists in addressing the trees in the parks and the trees that line our roads in the Town's right of way (ROW) (between the curb and the sidewalks). Each year we evaluate

the health of these trees and plan for regular and required maintenance as well as determine which trees are best to be removed before they are a hazard. We also plan for tree replacements and treatments that help prevent invasive insects and devastating diseases.

We are fortunate enough that we can budget funds for these needs. We do our best to maintain and remove trees in the ROW to ensure safety and curb appeal within the constraints of our small budget. When we receive a request to prune or remove a tree, we evaluate the tree and, if agreed, we see if we can address it within this year's budget. If not, it will get pushed to next year's budget.

That being said, the ultimate responsibility of the care of the trees

is in the hands of the property owner. The trees were put in place to benefit the homeowners, but to maintain them safely the homeowners still has a role in pruning and removing them. That includes homeowners removing stump grindings or using it as mulch.

It is important that everyone understand and appreciate the volunteer efforts of the Shade Tree Commission as well as the town funding that goes into it, as this is critical to a safe, cooler and beautiful town.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Deena Roberts of the Shade Tree Commission or Rich Phelan.

Council Highlights by Nancy Burgess

May 9, 2017

~ A resolution was approved to certify the annual audit for 2016.

~ A resolution was submitted to renew membership with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Agreement for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2021.

~ Mayor Kovach received notification from the NJ Water environment Association congratulating Barbara Hartsell, Lab Manager of the Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant, for being selected to receive the NJWEA Conference Management Certificate of Appreciation Award. This is one of many awards Barbara has received.

~ Councilman Smith reported the paving of Lower Center parking lot is completed with the paving job and Water Street lot is nearly finished.

~ Councilman Smith reported the Senior Luncheon went very well and the food provided by Laskey's excellent.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the Clinton Fire Department/First Aid and Rescue Squad anniversary parade was the coming weekend.

May 23, 2017

~ Mayor Kovach announced the annual Relay for Life will be held June 16 and 17, 2017. A proclamation will be presented.

~ Councilwoman Dineen reported the Shade Tree met with the Town Arborist and completed an inventory of Town trees and is working on a plan for the year.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported the Historic Commission is interviewing historians of the Town for a documentary. Old tapes made by Joan Hooper were donated. There is also a CD of Mayor Allie McGaheran recordings.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka announced a \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant was awarded to the Town.

~ Councilman Smith and Councilman Pendergast commended Becky

Setnicky from the Clinton Fire Department and Mike Clancy of the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad on their hard work for the past three years on organizing a fantastic anniversary parade.

June 13, 2017

~ Resolutions were approved to renew the annual liquor licenses for the Holiday Inn, Shop Rite Liquors, and the Clinton House.

~ Mayor Kovach presented the Relay for Life Proclamation for the event on June 16 and 17, 2017.

~ An Ordinance was introduced to establish fees for Marriage and Civil Union ceremonies performed by the Town of Clinton Mayor.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the Hunterdon County Fire Chiefs Association has been circulating a resolution for support to municipalities to consider the creation of a County wide daytime fire department to support volunteer fire companies. This is to help support low manned fire departments during normal working hours.

June 27, 2017

~ The Town Water Engineer, Andrew Holt, P.E. and Eleni Giannikopoulos made a presentation to Mayor and Council about the Asset Management Plan for the water system. A plan was described outlining what needs to be done and what may have already been completed. They also gave a detailed report on the five year capital improvement plan.

~ The Town received a check from Statewide Insurance in the amount of \$2,547.69 which will be used to install a computerized projection screen, projector and speakers in the Council Room and will be used for power point presentations and other presentations of Council, the Land Use Board and training sessions.

~ Councilman Rylak reported that David Den Hollander, owner of the Country Garden Shed in Franklin Township, has offered to plant bright

annuals at the "Welcome to Clinton" signs in three locations for free! To volunteer to water them until established contact Kathy Madden at 908-735-8301.

July 11, 2017

~ Final adoption of the Marriage and Civil Union Ceremony Fees.

~ Councilman Smith reported design work continues on the sidewalk intersection by the Clinton House.

~ Councilman Rylak reported the fire department has assisted in keeping the plants watered by the "Welcome to Clinton" signs.

July 25, 2017

~ Mayor Kovach received a letter of resignation from Jon Sosidka, resigning from the Newsletter and Website Committee. Jon will be heading to California at the end of August to attend the University of the Pacific.

~ Discussion of the County daytime Fire Department coverage proposal was heard by the Mayor, Council, and members of the Clinton Fire Department.

August 8, 2017

~ Councilwoman Dineen reported the Buildings and Grounds Committee is reviewing the Shade Tree Ordinance.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported Kathy Madden is working with Rich Phelan, Bus. Adm., to protect the plantings from flood by Water Street. Members of the Sierra Club have agreed to plant on October 21 and care for the plantings of the Monarch Butterfly sanctuary.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the Clinton Fire Department parking lot will be closed August 18 for Grill Night and August 19 for their private Clam Bake. Lot will reopen for the Farmers Market on Sunday 20th.

~ Councilman Carberry reported the tennis program is in progress with another successful year and asked if could be extended another week next year.

Around the Town by Caitlin Haughey

Sundays, through October

Clinton Farmer's Market

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

Fridays, through September 29

Music on Main Street

Every Friday, 7pm on Main St.



Monday, September 11

Clinton 9/11 Ceremony

8:00 am, Patriot's Point (in front of the Clinton House)
We pay tribute to our Veterans and First Responders,
and refresh the colors on the flagpole.



Sunday, September 17

Blacksmith Hammer-In

10am-4pm, Red Mill Museum

Saturday, September 23

Clinton Fire Department Craft Beer Festival

1pm-5pm, Clinton Fire Department
Fundraiser for the Clinton Volunteer Fire Department
featuring a great selection of craft beers, food, music,
and an afternoon of fun!!!

Sunday, October 1

Apple 'n Pumpkin Harvest Festival

12pm-5pm pm, outdoor street fair downtown
FREE event with kids activities, bluegrass
bands, farmers' market vendors, craft vendors, artists,
farm animals, various food trucks,
a beer/wine garden for the adults
and so much more!

Sunday, October 8

Main Street Half Marathon

8am Half Marathon kicks off
www.mainstreetmarathon.com

Friday and Saturday Nights

October 13 & 14, 20 & 21, 27 & 28

26th Annual Haunted Village at the Red Mill

9 haunted acres and 3 horrifying adventures. Volunteers
needed! For the younger kids, **Happy Haunts**
is a lights on, startle-free version of the haunt
offered on Saturday October 23 and 29
from 10am-1pm.

For tickets and more info visit
www.redmillhauntedvillage.org



Friday, October 27

Pumpkinfest

4:30 – 9:00 pm, downtown



Enter painted, illuminated or carved pumpkins in the
annual contest! A night of family fun with face painting,
balloon artists, horse drawn hay rides 4:30 – 6:30
Pumpkin Judging begins at 7 pm.

Tuesday, October 31

Halloween

Trick-or-treating throughout the Town from 4 – 8 pm

Saturday-Sunday November 11-12

River Town Film Festival and Fine Art Expo

A showcase of short and feature-length, independent
films. The Fine Art Expo will feature internationally
acclaimed, as well as emerging and Hunterdon county
artists. For more info <http://rivertownfilmfestival.org/>

Friday-Sunday November 24-26

Dickens Days

Clinton transforms into a Victorian Village:
Scrooge, Charles Dickens, and Father Christmas stroll
through downtown, horse drawn carriage rides, music,
store specials and Santa's Workshop,

Additionally, Santa will be at the workshop
Saturdays in December from 12 – 3 pm

November 24 – December 10

Festival of Trees at Red Mill Museum

A silent auction fundraiser of beautifully decorated
Christmas trees and wreaths

Friday, Nov 24

Community Tree Lighting

7:00 pm, Main Street
Caroling & a visit from Santa
on our old-time fire truck

Saturday, November 25

Small Business Saturday

Support all of our wonderful merchants in town!

Friday, December 1

Clinton Guild's 31st Annual Christmas Parade

7:00 pm, East Main, Main and Center Streets

A wonderful Clinton tradition with over 40 floats!!!

For more info visit
www.clintonchristmasparade.com



Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, September 2017



The mission of Clinton Public School is to inspire our students to become contributing members of society who are independent, innovative, life-time learners equipped with the necessary skills to meet the demands of our ever-changing world.

Notes from the Board

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

A new school year has arrived and there has been a lot of activity at CPS over the summer. As students, staff, and parents return, they will see new ceilings and lights throughout the building making for a brighter learning environment. We will also have a new media center and makerspace sure to become the heart of our mission here at CPS to create curious, creative, and compassionate learners.

Expect to see new offerings in the middle school schedule so students can innovate, design, and pursue their varied passions as well as new kinds of integrated activities with the makerspace empowering all grades to discover how to problem solve solutions and develop new ideas. Our strategic plan was recently presented by Mrs. Ferro and Dr. Cohen to educators and state officials at the Hunterdon County EdTech fest and received both praise and a tweet from the New Jersey Commissioner of Education. The Department of Education has reached out to express interest and to highlight the great things happening at CPS in the year ahead. So be on the lookout for more information and the grand-opening of the makerspace.

As part of the evolving strategic plan, expect to see an emphasis this year on service learning as students develop empathy and compassion as they learn to help their community. Also expect to see new opportunities for learning in the halls and on the grounds of CPS as teachers take inquiry and learning all over the campus and the community.

Welcome back and here's to a great year ahead.

The Board of Education

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

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

www.cpsnj.org



SCHOOL'S OPEN DRIVE CAREFULLY



PATRIOT'S POINT 9-11 CEREMONY



Honor heroes with us on Monday, September 11 as we pay tribute to our Veterans and First Responders. The community meets 8-9am at Patriots Point (in front of The Clinton House) to refresh the colors on the flagpole and hear from our different departments as well as our Veteran organizations. Let's applaud their efforts in keeping Clinton Town well-protected.

A collection will be made for Veterans Haven North. Feel free to bring Twin XL bed-in-a-bag sets and pillows for the incoming residents. Any monetary donations will go toward same.

CPS in the News

From the Superintendent/Principal Dr. Seth Cohen

Welcome back! As the last student exited the building in June 2017, we began a variety of construction projects aimed at improving both the environment and educational experience for our students. Many of the lights and ceilings in the building were replaced with high efficiency LED lighting, upstairs floors were replaced, playground drainage addressed, and the gym received new lighting and scoreboard. Our media center was renovated to include a state of the art makerspace. Please stop by to see the excellent work! Thanks to all involved!

During the 2017-2018 school year we will explore our new elective courses and begin several arts integration initiatives that our team developed during an intense three-day educational leaders as scholars workshop held on the campus of Princeton University. Thanks to the support of the PTO we are partnering (two full grade levels) with the George Street Playhouse for *Theatre at the Core (TATC)* Residencies. TATC residencies include professional development with teachers, lesson plans, curricula meetings, materials, documentation, and project coordination. Each residency is comprised of ten hour-long sessions with a George Street Playhouse teaching artist.

Welcome to our new staff members for the 2017-2018 school year:

Angela McVerry – Guidance Counselor--Debra Wellet – Mathematics--Debra Nolan – Special Education--Kimberly Peterson – Kindergarten--Cynthia Malmros – Language Arts--Melissa Burton Anderson- Strings.

If you would like to learn more about our strategic planning progress, please visit our Strategic Planning Portal:
<https://sites.google.com/cps-bulldogs.org/strategicplanningportal>

We are happy to announce that this school year **beginning September 1**, CPS will be offering a school breakfast program daily for all students. Please visit cpsnj.org for additional information.

District Goals for 2017-2018

- Create optimal learning environments that are supportive of service learning and celebratory of our school environment.
- Increase service learning opportunities for students to enrich learning
- Convert classrooms and hallways into workshops for learning.
- Reinvent additional outdoor spaces to inspire creativity and curiosity.

Expand elective and cycle options on special Interest topics to better stimulate student interests in cross-curricular and cross-grade level opportunities.

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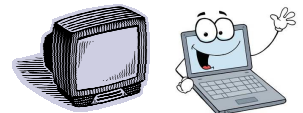
Dr. Seth Cohen, Superintendent / Principal • Lisa Craft, Business Administrator

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

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Calendar of Town Committee Meetings at Municipal Bldg.

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

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

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

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

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE — 7:00 PM Third Wednesday of each month

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

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

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

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