

OUR TOWN

Clinton, NJ

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



Well it is that time of year again the leaves are changing (although not the weather) and the kids are back to school. So as a reminder please be aware of children walking. As we are out doing yard work please check the schedule for brush pick up, I know there have been questions about what is included. An email explaining it was sent out but if you still have an issue please call our Business Administrator, Rich Phelan 908-735-5686 or email at rphelan@clintonnj.gov

There are also still questions around the Town's affordable housing obligation. I am working on a letter that will go out to residents to explain where we are and how we are addressing it. Many of you have reached out,

and attended meetings and shared your concerns. As always, we are appreciative of the feedback and comments. For those of you that have recently come out regarding the project that is part of Clinton Township's obligation that is planned for the property bordering Alton Place, we are preparing a letter that will be sent to Clinton Township and shared with the Town. While we have no say in how they meet their obligation we hear the concerns that were raised and will continue to share the same with Clinton Township.

As we go into the remaining four months of this year it will be a busy time for Town. I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming months. As always feel free to reach out at any point my cell is 908-399-8921 or email jkovach@clintonnj.gov

!!! SEWER RATE INCREASE !!!

As of September 1, 2018 the Town of Clinton sewer rate will increase to \$120 per quarter

SAVE THE DATE
32ND ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARADE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
@ 7:00PM



CLINTON HARVEST FESTIVAL



The festival, presented by the Clinton Farmers' Market and the Clinton Book Shop, takes place on Sunday, September 30th 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 eighth season.

At this time, the Town of Clinton wishes Harvey & Rob all the best as they close the doors of the Clinton Book Shop after 15 years. They will be missed!!!

Clinton Fire Department 3rd Annual



Craft Beer Festival

Includes Wine and Spirits
Saturday September 22, 2018 4PM – 8PM, VIP Tasting 3PM – 4PM
1 New Street Clinton NJ

Live Music by Mike Viscel – One Man Party Band
Pig roast – Food – Vendor tables

For more information, check our Facebook page and www.clintonid.org, call (908) 735-8613, or email cidbeerfestival@clintonid.org

Tickets available!

\$55 VIP (\$50 Pre-Purchase) | \$45 General Admission (\$40 Pre-Purchase)
\$10 Non-Drinker – includes water & food voucher

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan

Clarification on Brush Collection Requirements

The Town has received numerous questions from residents regarding our annual brush collection program. As a result, we would like to clarify the requirements in order to ensure that all brush gets collected in a timely manner.

Items that **are** collected as part of the brush collection program:

Tree limbs and branches

- No greater than 6" in diameter.
- All branches/limbs should face in the same direction (with the flow of traffic) in order to safely load the items into the chipper.



Small Brush/Debris

- Small branches/twigs when they are placed in a garbage can with no other material.

NOTE: If the small branches/twigs are mixed in with dirt, root balls, or vegetative waste, such as grass, vines or other plant life, IT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Items that **are not** collected as part of the brush collection program:

- Roots/Root balls from trees or shrubs.
- Grass or Grass Clippings

Grass and grass clippings are picked up by the trash hauler.

They must be in special paper bags that are available at Shop Rite, Walmart, or your local home improvement center, and placed out on trash collection days.

- Dirt / Soil.
- Rocks / Stone
- Leaves

General Information

- Brush is only picked up in accordance with the schedule listed in the collection schedule that is mailed to all residents annually and can be found on www.clintonnj.gov.

The information above is specifically directed toward the Town's brush collection schedule, and not toward any other service that is provided by the Town. Meaning, that just because grass/leaves are not collected during this program does not mean that we do not collect those items.

Rather, it means that they are collected under a different program with different requirements.

For more information on the Town's 2018 Recycling Program, Garbage Schedule and/or Brush Collection program, contact the Town at 908-735-8616, or visit our website www.clintonnj.gov.

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



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

Town of Clinton Police Department - www.clintonnjpolic.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 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 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.



Clinton Conservancy by Kathy Madden



It's hard to believe that the dog days of summer are behind us and all of the gardens planned by the Conservancy at Millview and Hunts Mills Parks are completed.

In total there were 2,000 bulbs, 984 perennials, 274 grasses, 17 shrubs, and 5 trees planted by 179 volunteers spending 762 hours planting, mulching, watering and weeding.

Many of you were probably disappointed by all of the rain this past summer but all who worked on the gardens were thankful. Lugging 50 one-gallon jugs to water the eight new gardens at Hunts Mills Park is

a lot of work. Thankfully we only had to do it twice.

Country Garden Club and Rotary volunteers helped members of the Conservancy plant the new gardens in Hunts Mills Park. One Conservancy member, Denise Birmingham, deserves recognition for the countless hours she spent transporting carloads of mulch from the Town's supply of leaf mulch and spreading them on six of the gardens, helping plant, mulching and watering the gardens and then weeding and mulching the entire garden along the river in Millview Park and part of the large garden at the end of Water Street. Craig Reuter also deserves a big thanks for

transporting over 100 bags of mulch from Hunts Mills Park to Millview Park. Conservancy members helped load and distribute them along the river.

A group of dedicated volunteers and a very generous \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant funded by Public Service Electric & Gas made the gardens possible.

Go to clintonconservancygardens.com to see pictures of the gardens, listings of plants, garden designs, pictures of volunteers, other information and to volunteer help maintain them.



CHIPPING AND BRUSH LAST PICKUP MONTH IS OCTOBER
(see recycle brochure for your date) **DO NOT MIX LEAVES WITH THE BRANCHES**

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 pickups. Parents that do choose to deliver

children directly to CPS must make their drop off and immediately 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

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.

HOUSE NUMBERS

To assist Police, Fire and EMS find you in an emergency, please make sure that your home is properly marked with an address number that is clearly visible from the street. Seconds count in an emergency and there are still many residences in Town that are not marked properly.

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 Nixle.

Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Greetings to my fellow senior residents of Clinton,

Fall is just around the corner, and with it comes some important notices regarding programs concerning the senior population of not only Clinton but all of Hunterdon County. Please take a moment to peruse the following items:

2018 Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program - Reminder

New Jersey's Farmers Market Nutrition Program continues through September 30th. Vouchers, good for purchasing locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs, will be offered to eligible seniors 60 and older. Seniors will receive \$25 worth of vouchers to spend at participating Farmers' Markets throughout Hunterdon County and will have until October 30th to use the vouchers. Vouchers are available to all Hunterdon County seniors who meet the following State & Federal guidelines: Age 60 years and over; a Hunterdon County resident; annual income not to exceed \$22,311 for a single person, and \$30,044 for a couple or \$1,860 monthly for a single person and \$2,504 monthly for a couple. For more information on this program, please contact Pia Rey-Doklan at the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities, & Veteran Services, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington, phone: 908-788-1361.

New Medicare Cards are Arriving in New Jersey Mailboxes

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is currently mailing new Medicare cards to New Jersey residents. These new cards are instituted to protect the safety and security of people with Medicare benefits.

The new Medicare cards no longer contain a person's Social Security number, but rather a unique, randomly-assigned Medicare number that protects the identities of people with Medicare, reduces fraud and offers better safeguards of important health and financial information.

As soon as you receive your new Medicare card, you should safely and securely destroy your old Medicare card; be sure to keep your new Medicare number confidential. The new Medicare card will not change any of the program benefits and services you are currently receiving.

Until you receive your new Medicare card be aware of scams and follow these tips:

- Medicare never contacts you for your Medicare number or other personal information in order for you to obtain your new Medicare card.
- **Your new Medicare card is free.** If anyone calls or approaches you and says you need to pay for it, that's a scam.
- Guard your card. When you get your new card, safeguard it like you would health insurance or credit cards.
- Only give your new Medicare Number to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, your insurers, or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.

Medicare Open Enrollment Period - October 15 – December 7 Plans Change. You Change. Shop and Compare.

Each year plans change as to what they cost and what they cover. Take time to review your current plan to

make sure it works for you now and in the coming year. Act early to avoid any inconvenience at the pharmacy counter in January. (Note: Those who don't have prescription drug coverage can also enroll in a drug plan during this open enrollment period.)

Take the following steps:

- Review your current cost/coverage for your drug & health plan including premium co-pays and deductibles.
- Compare the cost/coverage to other plans in your area. Check to see if the plan covers your medicines, works with your pharmacy, and covers the services you need.
- Choose a plan that meets your needs.

Please contact Pia Rey-Doklan, SHIP Coordinator, at the County Div of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services for more information or to schedule an appointment with a SHIP counselor: Phone: 908 788-1361. You can also visit the following website for additional information: www.medicare.gov

I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to contact your Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services with any questions you might have. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Wishing you all a wonderful fall season. Best wishes,

Mary Ann Rodenberger
Senior Liaison

DOG OWNERS PLEASE CURB YOUR DOG

DOG-WASTE STATIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE



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.

Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL

Often enough I hear the following statement, "We didn't want to call and bother you." This is stated when I've responded to a request for service whether it is the fire department or the rescue squad. The reason that I mention this is a result of a situation where a resident called the local fire department (at the station) to discuss a "situation". Luckily there was someone at the station to take the call; remember that for the most part Hunterdon County has volunteer emergency service providers so stations do not always have members present.

The situation that created the call was the on and off sounding of an alarm within the structure. Upon responding to the location, it was determined that the carbon monoxide level within the structure was abnormally high.

The volunteer emergency services are here to provide a service to the public. We do not mind if you contact the dis-

patch center to have us respond for an emergency; that's our function and frankly, our job.

So what is an emergency one might ask? Baring the obvious, an example would be if your carbon monoxide alarm is sounding, or there is an abnormal sound from a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm, or there is a strange odor present. These are all reasons to notify the emergency services dispatch center (911) requesting a response. We are trained to deal with this AND have instruments that assist us in determining what the situation may be. At no time should you have a concern or feel that you are being a burden. Additionally, the dispatchers are trained to ask specific questions to determine the urgency of the situation that created the need for service.

The bottom line is that if you think there is a need to have an emergency service provider come to your structure, then make the call to the 911 center, remain calm and provide the information requested. This will aid us

in providing you the best service that we can.

NEW SMOKE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

Please note that if you are selling your home you are required to obtain the Smoke/Carbon Monoxide/Fire Extinguisher Inspection Certificate. New to this inspection is the 10-year smoke alarm device requirements that are being phased in. Smoke alarms have a life span just as do most products. When I conduct the inspection associated with the sale of a residential property, I will also check on the age of the devices. If they are outdated they need to be replaced with new devices of the same type. The new smoke alarms will also likely already comply with the 10-year requirement.

If anyone would like to speak to me please contact my office at 908-735-2275 or via cell @ 908-468-1696.

Shade Tree Commission by Steve Kalleser



Spotted Lanternfly: What it is and what you can do about it

This summer, the spotted lanternfly was detected in Hunterdon, Warren, and Mercer counties — less than 15 miles from your home. This insect pest was most likely accidentally introduced to the U.S. on a load of stone imported from South Korea to Berks County, Pennsylvania. This extremely large leaf-hopper insect could be mistaken for a colorful moth, but has a voracious appetite for 70 different trees and woody plants including apples, cherries, pears, and grapes.

If you have any of those trees on your property, it will be important to keep abreast of recommendations to treat your trees, particularly mature trees. One source of information is the N.J. Department of Agriculture at <https://www.state.nj.us/>

[agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/spottedlanternfly.html](https://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/spottedlanternfly.html)

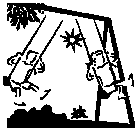
Along with damaging trees, the swarming of these insects makes going outside during those weeks when they are most active very unpleasant. If you have an Ailanthus tree on your property, you are almost guaranteed to have spotted lanternflies next year. Ailanthus trees are easily identified by the unpleasant smell of rotting peanut butter they emit when a leaf is broken or when they are cut. These trees (also originally from the Far East) release their own herbicides that, over time, kills off other nearby trees. Looking for recommendations on how to get rid of Ailanthus? Try the Penn State Wildland Weed Program. The NJ Division of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters is also posting information at www.njforests.org/SLF

Lastly, don't spread these bugs! Don't move wood from anywhere near the

Delaware River corridor without making sure that they are free of hitchhikers! This includes their egg masses, which look like dull, grey, smutty smears on the surface of any relatively smooth, unmoving object. Even though these bugs have not yet been located in Town, know that we are affected by a County-wide quarantine. If you are moving certain objects eastward, you must fill out a certification and keep it in your vehicle. For that information, look here: <https://www.state.nj.us/agriculture/divisions/pi/pdf/Quarantine%20General%20Audience.pdf>

Your Shade Tree Commissioners will be doing their best to protect the Town's tree resources. Please do your best to keep your trees protected so together we can keep the Town a very green place to live!

Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka



Over 300 people attended the Kids Free Outdoor Movie night at the Red Mill on August 25th.

Thanks to ShopRite's donations, everyone was able to enjoy popcorn and candy while watching Coco! There are two more coming up so mark your calendars for September 14th to see Wonder and September 28th to watch Paddington 2, both at Gebhardt Field.

In partnership with Whitehouse Wind Symphony the Recreation Com-

mission is presenting a free Outdoor Concert featuring marches, Broadway favorites, and pop tunes, performed by talented musicians from our community! Sunday September 16th at 3pm at the Hunterdon Art Museum. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Whitehouse Wind Symphony. Please bring chairs and check our website / Facebook page in the event of inclement weather www.clintonnj.gov.

The 2018 Summer Recreation program was enjoyed very much by all of the kids who attended, especially the field

trips as well as the many activities planned each day. However enrollment was significantly down this year. CPS Parents can expect to see a survey in the near future as the Recreation Commission looks for feedback on raising the enrollment for our wonderful summer program!

Many thanks to Jack Amible for stepping into the shoes of Don Berkman and running our Summer Tennis program, which is always enjoyed by our kids!

Historic Preservation Commission by Roger Mellick

Clinton's Historic Preservation Commission is a nine member volunteer board of local residents, appointed by the mayor, which was established to promote the conservation of historic areas and the preservation of culture, and to also preserve the cultural, social and architectural history in the Town of Clinton.

Created by ordinance in 1990, the commission has the responsibility to:

prepare a survey of historic sites, coordinate with the Land Use Board as appropriate on historic sites, work with individuals, groups, and other political entities to further historic interests, study the advisability of historic districts within the Town, carry out such other advisory, educational and informational functions in order to promote historic preservation, establish a home for historic artifacts and provide leadership in the

community for the collection, display, and enjoyment of historic memorabilia and events.

The commission meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the Annex at 47 Leigh Street.

To volunteer fill out a citizen involvement form located in the clerk's office. Richard Miller has been made the official Town Historian.



GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 6, 2018

6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Voting for Town of Clinton is at the Community Center located at 63 Halstead Street

IDENT-A-SHRED

Parking lot behind Historic Court House
71 Main St, Flemington
Sept 8th, Oct 6th, Nov 3rd 9am to Noon

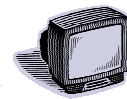


HUNTERDON COUNTY

HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC COLLECTION

Route 12 County Complex Call 908-788-1110 9am to 1pm

Electronic Date: Sept 22nd Hazardous Waste Dates: Sept 29 & Nov 17



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
- ~ Staples: www.staples.com
- ~ Goodwill Industries: <http://reconnectpartnership.com>
- ~ Facilities:
www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/lrm/uwaste/ucomplist.htm
- ~ EPA:
www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserves/materials/ecycling/donate.htm

Council Highlights by Caitlin Haughey

May 22, 2018

~ Council approved three appointments to the Economic Development Committee: Elizabeth Halpin, Tara Stone, and Caryn Tomljanovich.

~ Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation and Key to the City to John Bohnel with best wishes on his relocation to Mexico.

~ Mayor Kovach reported that Clinton Public School appeared on NJTV Classroom Close Up. Amy Brenner, Math and Enrichment teacher, brought the program "Mighty Fingers" to the school and was awarded a grant. Mighty Fingers is a program that empowers girls around the world through art.

~ Council approved a special event application for the Main Street Marathon to be held October 7, 2018.

~ Residents are invited to participate in Hunterdon County Community Day on Saturday, June 2 at the South County Park sponsored by the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce.

-Councilwoman Sosidka reported that the annual Town Picnic will be held June 9 at 2:00 pm, with a rain date of June 16.

-Councilwoman Sosidka reported that the Clinton Conservancy received a \$100 donation from AT&T. Also, the Conservancy is seeking volunteers.

-Councilwoman Karsh reported that the Economic Development Commission will be hosting a meet and greet on June 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The newly formed Commission is working on a mission statement and ways to market the Town.

-Council approved the hiring of Neil Ruggiero as Building Sub-Code Official and Fire Inspector.

-Councilman Smith reported the First Aid & Rescue Squad has received their new \$850,000 rig.

June 12, 2018

~ During the public comments, four-year old Lilia Modd shared how much she enjoyed the Town Picnic, especially the bounce house and cotton candy. The picnic, held June 9, was deemed a great success by all!

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported the Environmental Commission was awarded a \$1,500 Association of NJ Environmental Commissions grant and, together with the Clinton Conservancy, will add more plants to the butterfly garden at DeMott Pond.

June 26, 2018

~ Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Councilman Albert Rylak. Councilwoman Sosidka thanked Mr. Rylak for his years of service to the Town.

~ Council observed a moment of silence to honor Gene DeCleene, David Kurtiak, and Cliff Platt. All three residents passed away this June.

~ Council approved a membership application of Jonathan Schutts to the Fire Department.

~ United Way sent the Town a Community Engagement plaque with gratitude for the use of the Council room, at no charge, for their volunteers to help people prepare their tax returns.

~ Council received thank you notes from Camryn Gegra, recipient of the Good Kid Award 2018 at Voorhees High School, and Connor Strohm, recipient of the Good Kid Award 2018 at North Hunterdon High School.

~ Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation congratulating the North Hunterdon Varsity Softball Team as the 2018 NJSIAA Group 4 State Champions.

~ Mayor Kovach presented a proclamation designating June 2018 as LGBTQ pride month.

~ Council approved the permanent appointments of Tyler Stanbro and Timothy Srnka to the Sewer Department.

~ Council appointed Ross Traphagen to the Historical Commission.

~ Council awarded a contract for the lease or purchase of a Police vehicle to Hertrich Fleet.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported that the Environmental Commission is meeting on June 28 on the patio at the Hunterdon Art Museum to discuss the project being planned at DeMott Pond using the grant received from ANJEC. The public is encouraged to attend.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported that the Historic Commission is working with an architect on guidelines and definitions to assist residents interested in keeping an historic look and feel when making renovations on their homes.

~ Councilwoman Karsh reported that the Clinton Guild will be holding a Super Hero Sprint down Main Street on Saturday, October 6, in conjunction with a street fair to encourage folks who are coming to town to pick up their packets for the half marathon to bring their families. The Guild website is www.visitclintonnj.com.

July 10, 2018

~ Council approved a membership application for Brandon M. Kubik to the Fire Department.

~ Council awarded a contract to Edmunds & Associates for computer software.

~ Clinton Public School thanked Council for awarding the annual "Good Kid Award" to student Katherine Leddy.

July 16, 2018

~ Council appointed Marty Pendergast to fill the Council vacancy.

~ Council appointed Michele Snyder to the Newsletter Committee.

Around the Town by Caitlin Haughey

Sundays through October 7

Clinton Farmers' Market
9 am–1 pm,
Clinton Fire Department parking lot



Friday - Sunday September 7-9

River Town Film Festival

A showcase of short and feature-length, Independent films that explore the concept of community. For more info visit <http://rivertownfilmfestival.org/>

Saturday, September 22

Clinton Fire Department Craft Beer Festival

4 pm-8 pm, Clinton Fire Department

Fundraiser featuring a great selection of craft beers, wine and spirits, pig roast and other food, live music. Visit www.cfdbeerfestival or 908-735-8613 for more info

Sunday, September 30

Harvest Fest

12:00 – 5:00 pm,
FREE street fair downtown
Live music, craft vendors, artists, food trucks, kids' activities, beer/wine garden for adults and more!

Saturday, October 6

Pre Half Marathon Festivities

12:00 – 5:00 pm, Downtown
Live music, street vendors, food

Super Hero Sprint for children

3:00 – 4:00 pm, Main Street

For registration visit www.mainstreetmarathon.com



Sunday, October 7

Main Street Half Marathon

8:00 am, Main Street

Visit www.mainstreetmarathon.com to register

October 12 & 13, 19 & 20, 26 & 27

28th Annual Haunted Village at the Red Mill

9 haunted acres and 3 horrifying adventures!
Volunteers needed! For tickets and more info visit www.redmillhauntedvillage.org

Sunday, October 21

Running of the Lions Annual 5K Race and Walk

9:00 am – 12:00 pm,
North Hunterdon HS

Fundraiser for North Hunterdon Education Foundation
Visit <https://nhhsfoundation.org/> for more info



Friday, October 26

Pumpkinfest

5:00 – 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 and more.



Wednesday, October 31

Halloween

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

Friday-Sunday November 23-25

Dickens Days

Clinton transforms into a Victorian Village with Scrooge, Charles Dickens, and Father Christmas strolling downtown, horse drawn carriage rides, live music, store specials, and more.

November 23 – December 9

Festival of Trees at Red Mill Museum

A silent auction fundraiser of beautifully decorated Christmas trees and wreaths



Friday, November 23

Community Tree Lighting

6:30 – 7:30 pm, Main Street
Caroling & a visit from Santa on our old time firetruck

Saturday, November 24

Small Business Saturday

Support all of our wonderful merchants in town!

Winter Village at the Red Mill Museum

12:00 – 5:00 pm German-style outdoor (tented and heated) winter craft market features 40 local craft artisans, vintage peddlers, and food trucks.

Friday, December 7

32nd 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

Thursday, December 13

Candlelight Night

5:00 – 9:00 pm, downtown
A night for strolling the streets of Clinton by the warm glow of candlelight.
Find special gifts for friends, family- even yourself!

Sunday, December 16

Visit with Santa on Art Museum Terrace

1:00 – 3:00 Come visit with the jolly old elf himself!

Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, September 2018

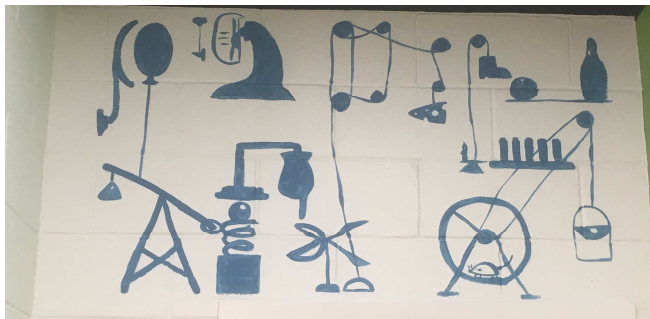
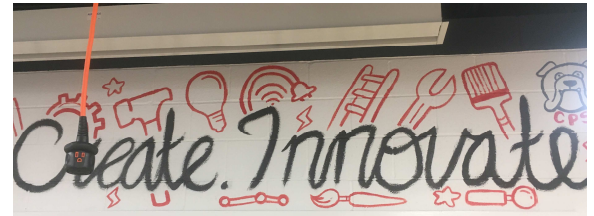


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Notes From Mrs. Jacqueline Evans-Tuner, Assistant Principal and Curriculum Coordinator:

Welcome 2018-2019 school year! Our school system is energized around the collective vision for 21st Century Learning which has served as the cornerstone of our long range strategic plan. This summer our teachers have been carefully planting the seeds for success by reviewing and updating our ELA and Math Curriculum to embrace three big ideas based on national best practices and cutting-edge research to provide an engaging and relevant education that includes:

- Blended learning, which combines technology with face-to-face instruction and leads to anytime, anywhere learning
- Project-based learning, which promotes problem solving, collaboration and communication
- Service learning, which connects students with the community.



The curriculum revisions also added a section entitled Universal Design for Learning, or UDL. UDL is an instructional framework that supports flexible ways for educators to teach lessons, as well as multiple ways for students to demonstrate what they know. The goal is to reach all learners. Universal Design for Learning provides a blueprint for developing instructional goals, teaching methods, materials, and assessments that work for each student--not a single, one-size-fits-all solution but rather flexible approaches that can be customized and adjusted to meet individual needs. Most important, UDL provides several avenues for

feedback that is more explicit, timely, informative, and accessible, so that students understand what they need to do differently to achieve success on a given task. Therefore, as the long hot summer finally comes to an end, we are SO excited to welcome the crisp banter and laughter of our students as we start our new school year!

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CPS in the News

From the Director of Special Services:

Jenine Kastner

One of the goals of the Clinton Glen Gardner School district is to provide appropriate support and educational services to children with special needs in an effort to prepare each individual for future experiences. Annually, each child's IEP Team develops objectives aligned with the district goals and common core standards to ensure that all children are given opportunities to maximize their potential for academic success. These goals do not just focus on academics, but focus on developing the whole child, by inspiring our students to become contributing members of society who are independent, innovative, life-long learners equipped with the necessary skills to meet the demands of our ever-changing world.

We utilize a multidisciplinary approach that encourages the parent(s), students, teachers, paraprofessionals, related services personnel, administrators and any other essential IEP Team members to fully participate in the educational experience and process. Through open communication and collaboration, we are able to establish positive, successful, and productive academic experiences for our students.

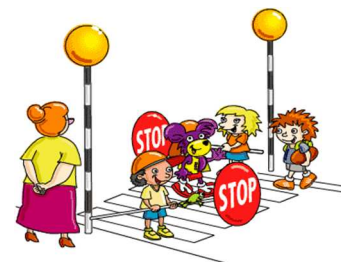
When a child needs special education services, the student may be exposed to various interventions, new teaching methods, various services, and meetings. While these approaches and offerings are exciting and open up many opportunities, this process may also be overwhelming at times. I have created a special education webpage for parents, teachers, and community members. It will provide you with a deeper understanding of the special education process and resources within our school and community. Please visit www.cpsnj.org or feel free to contact me at anytime.

Important Dates Fall 2018

August 30:	Students Return
September 3:	School Closed Labor Day
September 7:	PTO Back to School Carnival
September 10:	School Closed Rosh Hashanah
September 12:	Back to School Night Grades 5-8
September 19:	School Closed Yom Kippur
September 20:	Back to School Night Pk-4



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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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