

# Town of Clinton Newsletter



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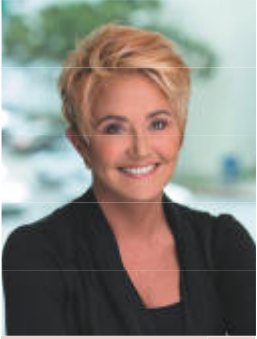
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to the new and improved  
Town of Clinton Newsletter

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2019

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# FROM THE MAYOR



**JANICE  
KOVACH**

It's that time of year - summer is winding down and the kids are going back to school! As a reminder, please be careful driving through town and the neighborhoods. As you may have noticed, there are now Duck Crossing signs downtown around the bridge - this summer we had two of our resident ducks hit by drivers - so again, please be careful driving through town.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience as we transitioned from one garbage collector to another. Our original contracted company sold to Republic, and unfortunately, it has been a bit bumpy. We believe that the rough patch is over, and while there may still be a few hiccups, those should also subside. However, as always, if you experience ANY issues please let us know immediately.

A shoutout to the Red Mill Museum Village which survived multiple rounds of voting to receive the NJTVTourismTourney crown! The Red Mill was up against tough competition - 32 historic sites from around the state. All of the locations are an important part of our NJ history and should be recognized for their contributions.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please reach out via cell 908-399-8921 or [email jkovach@clintonnj.gov](mailto:jkovach@clintonnj.gov)



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# TOWN COUNCIL

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEWSLETTER!

We have spent 2019 re-imagining and re-energizing our communications throughout the town. In addition to our new website, which will go live in October, we have redesigned our newsletter with you in mind. We hope that you enjoy!



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### FEBRUARY 26, 2019

#### BEARS, BEARS, AND MORE BEARS

NJDEP gave a presentation on bears and shared many unknown facts. Brochures and coloring books are in the clerk's office.

#### PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

The Board of Recreation is looking at refurbishing the current playground at the Community Center which is coming up to 30 years old. The Board will be seeking grants for the upgrades.

### MARCH 12, 2019

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Police Chief Matheis has received his Life Member status with the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police!

#### RETIREMENT & PROMOTION

The Sewer Superintendent, Paul Klitsch, will be retiring after 40 years of service and Robert Niezgodka will be promoted to the position of Sewer Superintendent.

#### CHERISHED ASH TREE

The ash tree that was removed from the Community Center was made into a bench by a local woodworker, Dan Coleman. It is located outside the council room.

### MARCH 26, 2019

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

Local Government Week will be April 7—13, 2019. Clinton had many exciting items on the agenda for the event. There was a touch a truck at the municipal parking lot, fitness trail walk, and activities at the North Branch Hunterdon Library.

#### HISTORIC REGISTRATION

A brochure is being discussed to present to residents interested in maintaining the historic architecture of their homes and to be made available to the Land Use Board for inclusion in the Master Plan.

### APRIL 9, 2019

#### SIDEWALKS AND STREET TREES

An ordinance was introduced to amend the code regarding the maintenance, repair, and replacement of sidewalks and street trees. This amendment will clarify the homeowner's responsibilities.

#### NEW HIRE

Brenda Karcher was hired as a laborer at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

#### MUNICIPAL AID GRANT

Clinton received a grant in the amount of \$97,900 for roadway preservation under the NJ Municipal Aid Grant program.

### APRIL 23, 2019

#### MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Police Officer Robbins will receive a Meritorious Service Award at the Hunterdon County 200 Club Valor & Merit Awards Ceremony.

#### RETIREMENT & PROMOTION

Chief Brett Matheis will be retiring on June 30, 2019, after serving our town with honor for more than 21 years.

The water superintendent, Roger Plaisted, will be retiring after 25 years of service and Art Dysart will be promoted to the position.

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

**MAY 14, 2019**

## MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Land Use Board members attended the meeting to be part of the discussion regarding medical marijuana and to understand where NJ is at this time with reference to cultivation, dispensaries, and distribution.

**JUNE 11, 2019**

## GARBAGE CONTRACT

Republic Service took over the contract from Premier Disposal at its inception.

## NEW POLICE CHIEF

J. Cory Kubinak was appointed to Chief of Police due to the retiring of R. Brett Matheis effective July 1, 2019.

**JULY 9, 2019**

## FOODSTOCK 2019

The Town was participating in the food drive and in competition with High Bridge. The drive will conclude at the Open Cupboard Food Pantry on July 11, 2019 at 1:00pm when High Bridge and Clinton will meet for the weigh in!

## RETIREMENT

A letter of retirement was received from Sgt. Jay Hunter after 20 years with the Town. His retirement date will be October 1, 2019.

## NEW POLICE OFFICER

A new officer will be added to the team. Welcome Matthew J. Ellis.

## OUTDOOR STORAGE ORDINANCE

This ordinance will prohibit the outdoor storage of certain items on residential properties.



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# TOWN ADMINISTRATION

## GARBAGE

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, not for commercial or residential use.*

## RECYCLING

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.

## BRUSH COLLECTION

The 2019 Brush Collection Schedule is available at [www.clintonnj.gov/notices/recycling-brochure.pdf](http://www.clintonnj.gov/notices/recycling-brochure.pdf). 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.

## TRIMMING TREES & SHRUBS

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.

## ROAD PROJECTS

By the time you are reading this, we are hopeful that the pedestrian improvements that have been made to the roadway in front of the Clinton House have been completed. The realignment of the roadway and installation of sidewalks and curbing will make for a safer path for pedestrians, while ensuring that the new design delineates the roadway in a clearer manner for vehicles.

The Town will also be improving several roads as well, specifically, Helen Road, Hunts Mill Road, Riverside Drive, Hancock Street and Union Road (upper section) are targeted for repaving, and weather permitting, should be done in the very near future.

Drivers may experience some inconvenience and delays. These much needed projects will replace infrastructure that has reached its life expectancy, while significantly improving mobility for pedestrians and vehicles alike.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Town's Administrator, Rich Phelan.

Rich Phelan  
Business Administrator  
(p) 908-735-8616  
(e) [rphelan@clintonnj.gov](mailto:rphelan@clintonnj.gov)

## 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, or download one directly from our website at [www.clintonnj.gov/forms.html](http://www.clintonnj.gov/forms.html).

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.

## TOWN INFORMATION

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:
  - \* Website – [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov)
  - \* Facebook – [www.facebook.com/clintonnjgov](http://www.facebook.com/clintonnjgov)
  - \* Twitter – [twitter.com/clintonnj](http://twitter.com/clintonnj)
- ◆ Town of Clinton Police Department – [www.clintonjpolice.com](http://www.clintonjpolice.com)
- ◆ Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad – [www.clintonems.org](http://www.clintonems.org)
- ◆ Clinton Fire Department – [www.clintonfd.org](http://www.clintonfd.org)
- ◆ Hunterdon County – [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us)
- ◆ Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety – [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911)

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## SECURES GRANT FOR NEW WEBSITE

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) was formed in 2018 with the following mission:

To facilitate, promote and direct sustainable economic growth while both protecting and leveraging the natural, historic and cultural assets of Clinton.

We have five core subgroups within the committee: grants, marketing, business outreach, data analysis/demographics, and commercial inventory. The committee meets monthly to discuss progress on stated goals, participate in working sessions, and discuss any relevant changes in the community.

Upon formation, the EDC identified top priority projects to support the economic sustainability of Town. As our face to the outside world, a complete overhaul of the Town's website landed at the top of the list. In order to present ourselves as a welcoming and modern community where people want to live, do business, and bring enterprise, we must update and modernize our key internet resource.

We are thrilled to announce that the Hunterdon County Freeholders and Hunterdon County Economic Development Division are supporting our website redesign via a generous grant that will offset much of the cost of our effort. We are grateful for their support and are looking forward to a new website this fall that is both attractive and user friendly!

Rielly Karsh  
Economic Development Chair  
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# OUR PAST AND OUR FUTURE

## THEN AND NOW



### Old Fire Department Headquarters

This is what the Clinton Fire Department looked like in the mid-1960s. We can see a healthy membership standing in front of a multi-bay structure located on East Main Street. The bell in the tower was saved and can be seen at our current firehouse.



### Retail and Restaurants

This stretch of East Main is now a part of our Main Street Retail District. When the Acme Grocery Store on New Street closed in 1975, the Fire Department purchased and restored the building to accommodate newer and larger fire apparatus, and has served as our firehouse ever since.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

This April, members of the Clinton Historic Preservation Commission and Mayor Janice Kovach led a sold-out crowd on a tour of our town's historic points of interest – from The Red Mill Museum Village and Hunterdon Art Museum, to the centuries-old structures lining Main and Center streets.

The Clinton Historic District comprises almost all of the Town of Clinton. Stop by the Town offices in the Municipal Building on Leigh Street for a brochure with a map and description of the notable buildings and homes within the district.

View images from Clinton past and present in the “Then and Now” photo gallery on the town's website [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov). Those

photos, along with several videos – including one detailing the history of The Music Hall, which burned down several years ago – will be available on the website once the redesign is completed this fall.

The Clinton Historic Preservation Commission exists to maintain, advise and offer guidelines to preserve and maintain the historic nature and character of the town. We currently have two open seats to fill. Visit clerk's office for more info.

Visit the town website to learn more or feel free to contact Commission Chairperson.

Roger Mellick  
CHPC Chair  
(e) [rmellick@clintonnj.org](mailto:rmellick@clintonnj.org).

## LAND USE

The Land Use Board (LUB) controls the development and use of land within the Town in accordance with the Master Plan, which was recently approved by the Council this summer.

For the Master Plan, the Board conducted an investigation of the Agway and A&P properties on Old Route 22 and recommended to Council that both be designated as redevelopment areas. Those site plans will include a mix of commercial and residential uses, with space at both locations earmarked for affordable housing. The meetings for redevelopment plans are open for public participation.

Recent applications approved by the LUB include a three-parcel subdivision for Ambe Holdings LLC on the piece of the former Moebus Tract that borders Route 31 South; a site plan approval for an enclosed elevator at Clinton United Methodist Church; and phase one final approval for the Marriott Hotel on Route 31 North.

The Land Use Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm, and are open to the public.

Alison Witt  
Land Use Board Secretary  
(e) [awitt@clintonnj.gov](mailto:awitt@clintonnj.gov)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Friday, September 6**

**Back to School Carnival**  
4:00 pm, Clinton Public School

## **Friday, September 6 and 13**

**Come Together Music**  
7:00–9:00 pm, Downtown

Four bands play in four locations on the sidewalks of downtown Clinton.

## **Friday, September 13**

**Free Movie Night**  
7:00 pm, Red Mill

## **Sundays through October 6**

**Clinton Farmers' Market**

9:00 am–1:00 pm,  
Library, 65 Halstead Street

Local produce, poultry, pork and beef, prepared meals, artisan breads, crafters, live music and more!

## **Wednesday, September 11**

**Clinton Volunteer Fair**

6:00–8:00 pm  
Clinton Community Center  
63 Halstead Street

## **Saturday, September 14**

**Hunterdon County Free  
Electronics Recycling Day**

9:00 am–1:00 pm,  
County Complex,  
314 State Rt 12, Flemington

Visit [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/  
recycling/electronics.html](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling/electronics.html)  
for more information.

## **Saturday, October 12**

**EXPO and Main Street  
Marathon Packet Pickup**

1:00–5:00 pm, Downtown

Street fair featuring a beer garden and pasta bar, kids activities, health & nutrition information, demonstrations and live entertainment.



**Main Street Super Hero  
Sprint for Children**

3:00 pm, Main Street

Kids, Costumes, and Fast Fun!

## **Sunday, October 13**

**Main Street Half  
Marathon**

8:00 am, Main Street

The Half Marathon and Half Marathon 2 Person Relay are an exciting way to spend a fall morning. Enjoy the beautiful course, great local support and the awesome finish. Visit [www.mainstreetmarathon.com](http://www.mainstreetmarathon.com) to register.

## **October 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26**

**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Haunted  
Village at the Red Mill**

2019 Theme is “Creatures of the Night” with 9 haunted acres and 3 horrifying adventures! Volunteers needed! For tickets and more info visit [www.redmillhauntedvillage.org](http://www.redmillhauntedvillage.org)

## **Friday, October 18**

**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.

## 33RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

### SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 6TH

.A wonderful Clinton tradition with bands and over 40 floats! At 5:30pm Center Street will be closed to all non-parade traffic. At 6:30pm Lower Center, Main, East Main, New, George's Place, Halstead and Leigh Streets will be closed to traffic. For more info visit:

[www.clintonchristmasparade.com](http://www.clintonchristmasparade.com)





# UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

**Sunday,**  
**October 27**

## **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/>

**2:00 – 4:00 pm, Main Street**

Dress up your Pet and yourself  
in themed costumes parade up  
Main Street for some fun and  
prizes. Proceeds benefit  
Animals and local regional  
Animal shelter.

**Thursday,**  
**October 31**

## **Halloween, 4:00-8:00 pm**

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

**Saturday,**  
**November 2**

## **4th Annual Craft Beer Fest**

**3:00-4:00 pm, VIP Session**  
**4:00-7:00 pm General Admission**  
**Clinton Fire Department**

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Clintonfiredept/](http://www.facebook.com/Clintonfiredept/)

**Friday-Sunday**  
**November 29-**  
**December 1**

## **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.

## **Festival of Trees at Red Mill Museum**

A silent auction fundraiser of  
beautifully decorated Christmas  
trees and wreaths



## **Winter Village at the Red Mill Museum**

German-style, outdoor (tented  
and heated) winter  
craft market features 40 local  
craft artisans, vintage peddlers,  
and food trucks

**Friday,**  
**November 29**

## **Community Tree Lighting**

**6:30–7:30 pm, Main Street**

Caroling and a visit from Santa  
on our old time fire truck

**Saturday**  
**November 30**

## **Small Business Saturday**

Support all of our wonderful  
merchants in town!

**Friday,**  
**December 6**

## **33rd Annual Christmas Parade**

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

A wonderful Clinton tradition!  
For more info visit  
[www.clintonchristmasparade.com](http://www.clintonchristmasparade.com)

**Thursday,**  
**December 12**

## **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,  
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# RECREATION

## EXPANDING SUMMER RECREATION FOR 2020

The Recreation Commission is expanding its Summer Recreation Program, which has provided activities, trips and entertainment for CPS students in Kindergarten through seventh grade for decades. While the families who participate in our half-day program regularly rate it highly, the current format excludes many families with traditional work schedules who require full-day summer care for their children.

We are excited to announce that we are building a schedule for 2020 that will accommodate both families who need full-day care and those who do not. The new program will include two weekly options: 9 a.m. to noon and 9 to 4 p.m. with before and aftercare available 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The program will run June 29, 2020 to July 24, 2020.

Longtime Summer Recreation Director, Tiffany Cinquemani, is busy exploring new crafts, workshops, activities and trips to weave into our existing program and provide all students with an engaging experience. To streamline the process, we will roll

the cost of in-house workshops and activities into the weekly cost of Summer Recreation. Trips still will be paid a la carte but will include an expanded venue selection with half- and full-day options.

Our goal is to better serve all families in Town and provide students with a safe, fun and familiar environment during four weeks of their summer break – while keeping costs lower than traditional camp. To do that we need to start the process earlier.

Look for registration information on the Town of Clinton website and in your students' backpacks after the holiday break. Expect enrollment to open between January and February of 2020. And mark your calendars for Trip Night from 6-8 p.m. March 19, 2020 at the Municipal Building, where you can sign your campers up for the trips of their choice.



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2019 Town of Clinton Summer Recreation Program

Rosemary Pendergast  
Chair, Recreation Commission  
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## Town of Clinton Volunteer Fair

Wednesday, September 11, 2019  
6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Clinton Community Center

Clinton thrives because of its  
volunteers!

Learn about all the wonderful organizations that run the many great events in town and who support our vibrant community. This is your chance to find a great match with your skills and passions, and get to know more of your neighbors in the process.

Free to all who attend. We look forward to seeing you there.



# OUR COMMUNITY

## TOWN PICNIC



### A GREAT TRADITION

Every Summer the neighbors of Clinton celebrate a wonderful picnic at Hunts Mill Park. This year's was exceptionally fun!

## CLINTON SENIORS

Hello friends,

The change of season ushers in two notable health care updates pertaining to our senior citizens.

**2019-20 Medicare Open Enrollment: Oct. 15, 2019 – Dec. 7, 2019**

Each year plans, costs and coverage can change. Now is the time to shop and compare to see if your current plan still covers your medicines, services and pharmacy. If you are unsure or wish to explore changing plans, contact Pia Rey-Doklan at the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services, (908) 788-1361.

**New Medicare Card: Questions about your new number**

Starting Jan. 1, 2020, doctors MUST submit claims to Medicare using your new Medicare number – officially known as your Medicare Beneficiary Identifier or simply MBI. Please make sure you have

your new Medicare Card. If you do not, immediately call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 to obtain one. If you have questions or difficulty connecting with Medicare, contact Pia Rey-Doklan at the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services for assistance.

Please remember the wonderful resources you have in the Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services and the County Senior Center – both located in Flemington. This is the place to go for any and all issues pertaining to seniors, and for a variety of programs and activities. The Senior Center is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Wishing you all a beautiful fall season.

Mary Ann Rodenberger  
Town Senior Liaison  
(p) 908-310-3312

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## WE THANK SEAN ROGAN FOR HIS SERVICE



**NAME:** SEAN ROGAN  
**POSITION:** VICE-CHAIR OF 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.

### Clinton needs volunteers!

Learn more at the Clinton Volunteer Fair on September 11 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Clinton Community Center, or email to [contactus@clintonnj.gov](mailto:contactus@clintonnj.gov)

*"Giving back to your community and volunteering is a lot of fun and very rewarding"*

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# EMERGENCY SERVICES

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### SAFE ROUTES FOR CPS 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. Please follow the set walking routes for school. These are the safest routes due to traffic and the placement of our Crossing Guards. The police department monitors these routes. Please speak to your children about proper conduct along the school route to and from home. Remind them that the Crossing Guards are there for their safety.

### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Parents, teachers and children are reminded to be vigilant and aware of suspicious activity or “out of the ordinary” incidents along the school route. Any incidents should **IMMEDIATELY** be reported to a Crossing Guard, Teacher, Adult or Police Officer. Not sure? report it!

### CONTACTING THE POLICE

Clinton police are on patrol 24/7, yet our Headquarters is not staffed fulltime. To immediately contact the police call us at **908-735-8611** or 911 in an emergency. You will reach a dispatcher, who will contact an officer.

(w) [www.clintonnjpolice.com](http://www.clintonnjpolice.com)

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### PROTECT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

In West Orange, NJ, a dump truck crashed into two state troopers in before smashing into an ambulance, fire truck and more, shutting down morning traffic on I - 280 . The dump truck burst into flames when it slammed into the ambulance, which then got pushed into the fire truck. One woman had to be pulled from her burning car. Seven people were taken to a local hospital and two troopers suffered serious injuries.

***Please practice extreme caution around emergency responders.***

***SLOW DOWN and give police, firefighters and rescue personnel a wide berth!***



### MEMBERSHIP

Still thinking about joining? The Clinton Fire Department has a rich tradition of service to our community. Come down on Monday nights and check us out. We will gladly show you around and answer any questions you have! [www.clintonfd.org](http://www.clintonfd.org)

Chief Walter Dorf  
(p) 908-735-8613  
(e) [wdorf@clintonfd.org](mailto:wdorf@clintonfd.org)

## FIRE SAFETY

### DISASTER KIT

The recent storm related activity and frequent emergency alerts should remind us to prepare our “disaster or survival kit”. A great site to learn more is the Red Cross ([www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html](http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/survival-kit-supplies.html)), who are a partner in the Emergency Management Plan for the Town and provides a lot of helpful information. It is always best to plan ahead.

### KNOX BOX

Businesses need to consider the “Knox Box”, which is an approved and vetted emergency access key box system. Information regarding this system is available at [www.knoxbox.com](http://www.knoxbox.com). This key box system provides safety and security and reduces cost associated with forcible entry efforts used in an emergency. The State Fire Code recognizes the need and has made it a part of the Uniform Fire Code as well. Contact myself or the Fire Department Chief ([wdorf@clintonfd.org](mailto:wdorf@clintonfd.org)) to learn more.

Feel free to contact me regarding anything dealing with fire prevention.

Jack Daniels  
Fire Official  
(o) 908-735-2275

## CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Clinton Public School students started their first day of school on Aug. 29, 2019. This year we embrace the school wide theme of T.E.A.M – Together Everyone Achieves More!

This year we transitioned to a new student management system called RealTime, which streamlines many annual functions to the new platform. Through RealTime, parents and

caregivers can easily update contact information, complete first day information packets, register for all alerts including school closing, and add funds for the new cafeteria module.

Over the summer we replaced the HVAC system in the all-purpose room, spent time deep cleaning each room, and have updated much of our curricula. This year our dedicated staff also returned to a newly made-over teacher's lounge, courtesy of PTO volunteers and generous

donations from The Home Depot in Flemington.

As we enter the 2019-2020 school year, we will continue the educational excellence of the Clinton Public School and reach for new levels.

Seth Cohen  
Superintendent/Principal  
Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education  
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## NORTH HUNTERDON / VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOLS

The North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District opened on Aug. 22nd, with 1,628 students at North and 993 at Voorhees High School.

Our initiatives this year include:

- ◆ Providing all students with a Chromebook (or students own device) and Google account to use for school work.
- ◆ Helping our students earn college credits through the Seton Hall Project Acceleration Program and the concurrent enrollment program with

Raritan Valley Community College.

- ◆ Creating a more inclusive school environment for all students as we “choose to include” through the Unified Sports program.
- ◆ Opening Lion P.R.I.D.E. Academy at NHHS. This specialized program – the only one in Hunterdon County – assists students with emotional and behavioral problems with successful, innovative therapeutic services through Effective School Solutions.

◆ Improvements to the track and stadium fields include installing a new artificial turf carpet and a full track replacement at NHHS, and installation of an artificial turf field and track resurfacing at Voorhees.

**North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District**  
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### MEETINGS

#### COUNCIL MEETING

- ◆ 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month

#### BOARD OF RECREATION

- ◆ 7:30 PM 3rd Thursday of each month

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

- ◆ 7:30 PM 2nd Monday of each month

#### HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- ◆ 6:30 PM 3rd Wednesday of each month

#### LAND USE BOARD

- ◆ 7:00 PM 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

#### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

- ◆ 7:00 PM 2nd Monday of each month

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- ◆ 7:30 PM 3rd Thursday of each month



RECYCLE PICKUP: EVERY FRIDAY



TRASH PICKUP: EVERY TUESDAY

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