

OUR TOWN

Clinton, NJ

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



A year ago I was writing to you about the clean up efforts after Superstorm Sandy – it is hard to believe that it has been a year. So much has happened and so many are still struggling to regain their lives from the storm. While clean up was difficult we were lucky to have come through relatively unscathed. As I look back on the year much has happened in our small community. We lost two individuals, Pat and Allie McGaheran, who had given so much to the community through education and volunteer efforts. Two employees injured while cleaning up from the storm are thankfully back at work. Financially we are putting the town in order; through the efforts of our staff we were able to complete our re-valuation and get our shared court up

and operational.

The Town has completed many infrastructure projects within the water and sewer companies and will continue to upgrade facilities and services to ensure a safe and healthy environment for our residents, employees and customers. The next several years will see a continuation of the many projects outlined last year as part of our capital programs.

While Council has experienced some changes this year – with Rich Duffy leaving when his employer relocated him, we welcomed Megan Jones-Holt and most recently welcomed Al Rylak as our newest member. Mr. Smith and Mr. Rylak won re-election in November and we look forward to continuing the work – making Clinton one of the greatest (OK – greatest) communities in which to live.

In 2014, Hunterdon County will celebrate it's 300th anniversary and New Jersey will be celebrating it's 350th – stay tuned for the many exciting events that will take place over the next twelve months and of course these celebrations will lead into the Town of Clinton's 150th anniversary celebration in 2015. Check out the County's website at www.hunterdon300th.org.

As always if there is anything that you need please feel free to reach out to myself or any of the council members through email or phone. We look forward to continuing to serve and wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.



27th Annual Christmas Parade

Friday, December 6
7:00 PM



Clinton Town 6th Annual Yuletide Bonfire

Saturday, January 25th
(rain date Feb 1st)
6:00 PM

@ Hunts Mill Park



VOLUNTEER POSITION

OPENING FOR

CLINTON WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

If interested,
call 908-735-8616
for more information

FREE RABIES CLINIC AT TOWN OF CLINTON BARN
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 FROM 8AM TO 11AM



BRUSH PICK-UP HAS ENDED TILL MAY 1, 2014
LEAF COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE TILL THE NEW YEAR



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

Fire Safety You Need To Remember!



So often we hear and read about fires that have happened to someone that we know or worse yet to a relative. Recently, there have been several tragic fires in and around Hunterdon County. Some are still under investigation. Those that had their cause identified typically were preventable or the injuries that occurred due to the fire could have been prevented. The task of any Fire Prevention Official is to educate, inspect, and cause corrections to any fire code violations that may have been found. This holds true for all businesses within the

State of New Jersey. However, single and two family detached homes are not subject to this requirement. Hence, the National Fire Protection Association, FEMA and the State of New Jersey all produce survey studies that clearly indicate that most fatal fires occur within homes. (<http://www.nfpa.org/research>, <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/statistics/>, http://www.njfireinfo.org/annual_report/reports/fire_in_nj_2011.pdf)

That being said, it is vital that everyone practice and think about fire safety within your home. Things such as properly placed and working smoke detectors, having an escape plan and a meeting spot are all important steps that could help you in a fire situation. At least monthly looking throughout your home for any fire safety issues such as overloaded or unsafe electrical hook-ups, checking that the smoke and carbon monoxide devices are working, locating any unsafe flammable liquid storage issue, checking your heating type appliances and chimneys, (winter is coming so check those fireplaces and chimneys!) all could avert a tragedy from happening. The most vulnerable folks are the elderly and our children for obvious reasons. Paying particular attention to these folks may just prevent a future tragedy. The following link will provide a valuable guideline to fire safety for your kids, <http://>

www.insurancequotes.org/home-insurance/fire-safety-for-kids/.

Here is a link for fire safety for the elderly, <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/older/>.

The outcome of not doing these types of things could lead to an event that your family may not fully recover from. Folks that have experienced a fire in their home tell of how quickly and unexpectedly the fire grew, of how much smoke there was and of how the emotional toll from losing their home and possessions affected their family. Nothing can completely prepare you for the effects of a home fire. Only through taking the safety steps that help to prevent a fire from occurring will your family be in a position to reduce the possible effect of a fire in your home. Please look into this and put into place the fire safety practices that can reduce your family's risk.

If anyone would like to speak to me or schedule a visit regarding any of the above-mentioned information, please contact me via email (jdaniels@clintonfd.org) or by calling my office at 908-735-2275. I would be happy to assist you in any way that I can .

Shade Tree Commission by Ches Snider

Hello fellow tree huggers!

Before settling into a long winter's nap, be aware that pruning during dormancy is a recommended practice to ensure a vigorous burst of new growth in the spring. It is usually best to wait until the coldest part of winter has passed; and some species such as maple, walnuts and birches, may "bleed"—when the sap begins to flow.

This is not harmful and will cease when the tree leafs out. (Ref: Arbor Day Foundation)

Visit www.arborday.org for simple pruning techniques which you may also utilize for town trees on your property. Recall, as a rule of thumb town trees are usually those located between the sidewalk and the street; and if you are unsure, don't hesitate to contact me at

clintonshadetree@gmail.com.

As always, prune town trees with care, never attempt to remove a town tree, or tackle a job that suddenly becomes overwhelming. As a matter of safety, a professional tree service should handle major pruning jobs for you.

Thanks and enjoy the holidays.



!!! HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON !!!



Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



Upcoming Projects:

Halstead Street Water Main Replacement

The Town is currently in the design phase of the Halstead Street Water Main Replacement Project, and is planning on beginning construction later this year. This project will entail the replacement of the water main on Halstead Street (from the bridge up to and under Rt. 31). When completed, this project will “loop” our water lines, which will improve the operation of the water system. As we finalize the project timeline, we will be sure to pass it along to everyone.

Water Meter Replacement Project

In a continued effort to improve the Town’s water system, we will be moving on to the second phase of our water meter replacement project. In 2013 – 2014, we are planning on replacing 2,700 water meters in various locations throughout the water system, which provided water to five municipalities. Should your water meter need to be replaced, you will be notified in advance by the Town’s contractor in writing in order to schedule a convenient date and time for the work, which will take less than 30 minutes.

As winter is approaching, we want to remind all residents to remove all vehicles from the public roadways during a snow event. This will allow

Public Works employees to safely and effectively plow all of the snow from the roads.

For those residents with portable basketball net placed along the street, I would like to ask all residents to consider relocating the nets during a snow event as they can pose a hazard to municipal vehicles. Due to the physical size of the equipment needed to perform these services, it can be difficult to operate the vehicles while trying to maneuver around the basketball nets. The relocation of the nets will allow municipal employees to safely remove the streets of snow while ensuring that vehicles/equipment, as well as your basketball net, do not get damaged. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Reminders:

1. Residents are invited to take advantage of free scrap metal and electronic 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 6AM—8AM.
2. 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.clintonnjpolice.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 as well, so feel free to “Like” them for additional updates.

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.

Historic Commission by Rosemarie Platt

Preserving historic resources makes social, cultural and economic sense. In addition to providing continuity, character and a sense of place, the powerful economic impact of preservation was documented by the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University. Older buildings, well maintained, provide a rich and diverse array of housing in our urban and suburban communities.

An essential fact of historic preservation is that, unlike many other endeavors, its absence is often the most compelling argument for its existence. After an important historic resource is lost, people inevitably question why it wasn’t saved. This common dilemma shows why we must identify and protect resources before they are threatened. Historic preservation is our collective responsibility, just as its

benefits accrue to our collective good.

We have begun expanding our historic district; south of the Route 78 overpass encompassing the Bungalow style homes located on Olsen lane.

The Historic Preservation Commission serves our community striving to maintain our Historic benefits it offers all of our citizens and business.

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



WINTER ON-STREET OVERNIGHT PARKING

From November 15th to April 1st parking is prohibited on all streets in the Town between the hours of 2am and 6am parking when "snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the public road, street or highway". Vehicles parked contrary to this ordinance are subject to be towed and ticketed to facilitate snow removal operations. If you are in doubt about the weather forecast, we suggest that you play it safe and move your vehicles off-street. If you have special parking needs or your vehicle is disabled please contact the police department immediately so that we are aware and can try to accommodate your needs.

WINTER OFF-STREET PUBLIC PARKING WHEN SNOW IS FORECAST

Overnight off-street public parking is available in the Water Street Lot, the Lower Center Street Lot, the Municipal Building Lot and in authorized spaces in the Firehouse Parking Lot. Please remember however that the Water Street, Municipal Building and Firehouse Parking Lots are 24 hour lots and your vehicle must be moved after each 24 hour period to facilitate snow removal. If you have any questions please ask a police officer prior to making any assumptions regarding parking in these lots.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

So that school children and adult pedestrians can find safe passage on our sidewalks, Ordinance 115-1 requires that the owner or tenant of property abutting or adjacent to a sidewalk must remove all snow and ice from that sidewalk or public right-of-way within 12 hours of daylight from the time that the snow or frozen precipitation ceased to fall or accumulate.

Lessons learned from years past about snow/ice removal in Clinton include:

1. Its much EASIER to remove the

snow/ice IMMEDIATELY after it ceases to fall than it is after it melts and re-freezes.

2. Don't count on the snow or ice melting and disappearing by itself within 12 hours of daylight after it ceased to fall (see lesson #1 above).

3. It is illegal to deposit snow or ice from your sidewalk or driveway onto the street after the street has been plowed. We highly recommend that you shovel the snow away from the street and not into it. You will be reported by the Public Works Department and you will receive a summons if you are caught doing this.

4. There are many seniors in Town who find it difficult if not impossible to shovel their sidewalks and driveways, so help a neighbor who may need it. This is also a great opportunity for teenage entrepreneurs to make some extra spending money. If you would like to be contacted to help someone in need of shoveling assistance please contact the Clerk's Officer at the municipal building.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

On Friday December 6th at 7pm Clinton will once again host our famous Christmas Parade. Please PLAN AHEAD to make this night fun, memorable and safe for everyone.

1. The Halstead Street Bridge will still be closed to vehicular traffic, however pedestrian access will remain across the bridge. Your guests will be able to park on Halstead Street, at the Community Center and the County Library which are excellent places to park and walk into Town. Shuttle buses will also run regularly from the Community Church on Route 513 near Wal-Mart into Town.

2. There will be no parking on Main Street, East Main Street, Center Street and Leigh Street north of Route 173 from 5pm parade day until its conclusion and all streets are reopened. Any vehicle parked on these streets after 5pm is subject to be towed at the owner's expense.

3. To avoid inevitable traffic congestion and delays please let your guests know that it is best to arrive in Town as early as possible. I strongly suggest unless it is absolutely necessary for them to drive into Town, that after 5:30pm they park as far from downtown as possible and take a leisurely stroll in.

4. Access to Center Street will be restricted and controlled by police from both ends beginning at 5pm. Every effort will be made to accommodate residents and your guests however after 5:30pm all access to Center Street must be from the east (McDonald's end).

5. Individual vehicles will not be permitted to make parade participant drop offs on Center Street after 6pm. Parade participants should be dropped off on perimeter streets such as Halstead, Georges Place, Leigh Street or Route 173 and then walk to their starting position or floats on Center Street.

6. For safety reasons, based upon the volume of pedestrian traffic in the downtown area Main Street, East Main Street, Lower Center Street and Leigh Street are subject to closure at anytime after 5:30pm.

7. Every year some residents and visitors try to reserve "their" seats on public sidewalks along the parade route, sometimes as early as the night before. Please remember that our streets and sidewalks are public property and space on public sidewalks and right-of-ways is on a first come basis only. Tickets are not sold to the parade and there are no "reserved seats" unless it's on your own private property.

8. Please remember that this is a family parade with literally thousands of children and young adults in attendance. Consumption of ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES is prohibited on all public sidewalks and streets. To help ensure a "good time by all" there will be zero tolerance enforcement of this ordinance parade night.

Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka



Get ready for the annual Town of Clinton Bonfire in Hunts Mills Park at the end of January! Take a horse carriage ride, listen to music, and drink delicious hot chocolate while watching the Clinton Fire Department take the chill out of the air for a night to remember. Come down and enjoy the beautiful bonfire. Sit along the sides and feel the nice heat. It is a great time to mingle with friends and neighbors during the cold winter. Look for more information to be posted on the Town

website www.clintonnj.gov.

The Recreation Commission had a great 2013, enjoying the new grandstand at Gebhardt field, the Senior Luncheon, Summer Recreation and Tennis programs and of course the Town Picnic. Next year's town picnic celebration is scheduled for June will be extra special as we also celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Hunterdon County.

We also look forward to the Sunrise Rotary Club installation of a fitness trail exercise path with equip-

ment. It will be located behind Pond Ridge and extend into Hunts Mill Park.

If you are interested in filling an open seat on the Recreation Commission, please submit a volunteer application form. You can pick one up at the municipal building or on the website.

Enjoy your holiday season!

CAT & DOG LICENSING

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS: All cats and dogs are required to be licensed in the Town of Clinton, even in-door pets. Animal licensing fees will be going up \$2.00 next year, 2014. A census was taken of all surrounding municipalities and we were found to be extremely low. The State will no longer be providing the serum for the free rabies clinic so we have to accommodate for that. We are still below the average costs for pets. Also, late fees will be going up to \$4.00 per month beginning in January. Every year we have many delinquent pets and send letters, make phone calls, and as a last resort, Police issue summons. A summons may cost \$80.00 plus the cost of licensing your pets. **Late fees of \$1.00 per month beginning in February will be raised to \$4.00 per month.** Hopefully this will encourage all pet owners to quickly respond to their renewals that are mailed in December.

PET CENSUS – required by the State of New Jersey, a dog and cat census must be taken every two years. We plan on having this done in 2014. Someone will be going door to door seeking unlicensed pets.



FREE RABIES CLINIC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2014 AT THE CLINTON BARN

8:00AM TO 11:00AM



Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis

9. Above all, have any questions and/or concerns you may have answered or addressed well in advance of parade night because during the event parade organizers, police officers, firemen, EMS Personnel and other municipal officials will be very busy trying to bring you another enjoyable and safe holiday experience in Clinton.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Please report any and all persons and activities that you may feel is

suspicious or out of the ordinary to the Police Department immediately by calling 908-735-8611. This number is manned 24/7. Any delay in reporting minimizes what Police may be able to do regarding what you observed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AND ALERTS

Please visit the Police Department website at www.clintonnjpolice.com for police news, parking, hazardous weather and other contemporary in-

formation about Clinton. You can also sign up to receive email alerts from the department on our site. You can also receive alerts and other notifications from the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management by visiting

<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/communityalerts.html> and signing up. All

you need do is to provide the phone number(s) you wish contacted at in a weather of other emergency which may impact our County.

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Chad Newsome



With thoughts of Holiday excitement filling the heads of our children and some time off from school at the end of 2013, the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad reminds parents to take a moment to introduce or review general child safety tips.

Whenever children are outside playing, there are questions we need to ask our children and ourselves:

1. Is your child safe playing outside?
2. When your child is playing outside, do they know how to be safe?
3. Does your child know what to do if an emergency occurs?
4. Do you know what to do if your child is injured?

Do not assume that your children know how to play safe and that they would know what to do in an emergency situation. Children need to be taught what to do. Listed below are a few things you should talk to your children about:

1. Do not talk to strangers and tell your children why it is dangerous.
2. Always play in groups and never by themselves.
3. Always wear a helmet and pads when riding their bikes, scooters, skateboards and roller-blades. Explain to them what could happen if they fall and strike their head.
4. Always inform an adult when they are playing away from the house and make sure that they know how to get help if an emergency arises.

5. Review how to get an ambulance if an emergency happens.

Do you know what to do if your child becomes injured while playing?

1. The first thing for you to do is to stay CALM. If you are calm, it will help your injured child stay calm and not increase any chance of further injury.
2. Call or have someone call 911. Make sure to give all information about the injury to the 911 operator.
3. Keep the injured child from moving and have them lay still until the ambulance arrives.
4. If the child has a bleeding wound, cover it with a clean cloth and apply direct pressure to the wound with your hand.
5. If the child appears to have a fracture to either their arm or leg, ensure that the extremity does not move.
6. If the child is found to be unconscious, leave the child in position found and call 911.

While December is filled with holiday cheer and family events, take a moment to review these general safety tips with your children. On behalf of all of the officers and members of the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad, we thank you for taking the time to review them with your children!

The Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization providing pre-hospital emergency medical services and technical rescue services, including vehicle extrication,

water rescue, collapse, trench, rope and confined space rescue to the Town of Clinton, Clinton Township, Lebanon Borough, and portions of Franklin Township, Union Township and 18 miles of Interstate Route 78, for a total primary coverage area of approximately 52 square miles. We also provide EMS services by contract during the day to High Bridge Borough, Glen Gardner Borough, Hampton Borough, Califon Borough, Lebanon Township and portions of Bethlehem Township and Tewksbury Township. The Clinton Squad responds to approximately 2,400 dispatches per year. The Clinton Squad utilizes a hybrid combination of paid and volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). The Squad operates five ambulances, a rescue truck, a special services / marine support truck, 3 boats, a command vehicle, a rehab truck, a technical services trailer, and a first response SUV.

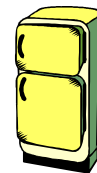
In 2014, why not positively impact your family, friends, neighbors and even complete strangers? As one of the busiest EMS/Rescue agencies in Hunterdon County, residents and visitors alike can rest assured that when the need arises, our patients benefit from the strengths of our organization. Now may be the time that you choose to actively impact those around you as a volunteer member of the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. Contact the station by calling (908)735-4012 or via email at 45rescue@clintonems.org.



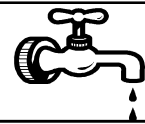
FREE ELECTRONIC & SCRAP METAL RECYCLING FOR TOWN OF CLINTON RESIDENTS

(Air conditioners & refrigerators—freon and any liquid must be removed)

Dumpsters are located at the Sewer Treatment Plant on Ramsey Road



HELP CONSERVE WATER CHECK YOUR FAUCETS AND TOILETS FOR LEAKS



Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying our beautiful fall weather. As promised, following are some topics of importance I'd like to bring to your attention.

“Town Hall” meeting with Freeholders:

The County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services/Senior Center is hosting a “town hall” meeting with the Board of Chosen Freeholders on Tuesday, December 3 from 3:00 – 4:00 PM at the Senior Center, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided by the Senior Center with 10 days advance notification. Inquires: 908 788-1361.

Ready Together New Jersey: It pays to plan ahead!!

If you have not done so already please get your **Public Health Guide to Emergency Planning** available through the County Public Health

Emergency Department; this publication is available on-line at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health.htm or call 908 788-1351 and ask for a copy to be mailed to you. It is also available for pick-up at the County Senior Center. With all the severe weather occurrences in the past few years, this little publication is a valuable tool to guide you in assembling an emergency kit, finding out where to go and what to do, and creating a personal action plan in the event of an emergency.

Medicare Reminder: Important deadline

Once a year you can change prescription drug plans or enroll in a plan if you need to do so. Medicare offers an enrollment/election period from October 15 through December 7, 2013. As most of you know, plans change each year - - therefore, it is to your benefit to carefully examine your coverage to make sure it will continue to meet

your needs in the new year. For more information on this, please call the County Division of Senior Services at 908 788-1361 to make an appointment to meet with a SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) counselor.

Reminder: Your County Senior Center is a valuable resource for all issues pertaining to seniors, veterans of all ages, and persons with disabilities. Contact information is: 908 788-1361 or visit them on the web: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging.htm.

As the Clinton Senior Coordinator, it is a pleasure to be of service to you. If you have any concerns or questions regarding senior issues, please feel free to contact me. Wishing you and yours a most beautiful and blessed holiday season.

Mary Ann Rodenberger
908 310-3312 or e-mail:
mrodenberger@hotmail.com

ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION FOR BRUSH AND LEAF COLLECTION

For the past two years we have changed our brush and leaf collection, and have realized there is still some confusion regarding the collections so we wanted to clarify some things for you. The brush collection runs from May to end of October with your appropriate zone pick up, after October you can take your brush pile to the Town’s Composting Center located at 2 Ramsey Road (Wastewater Treatment Plant, Monday –Friday 7am-3pm, and Saturday – Sunday 6am -8 am). During collection all small brush/debris is to be placed in buckets or garbage cans, all large brush/debris (large limbs and branches no longer than 6 inches in diameter) will be placed at curbside facing the flow of traffic. Please do not place brush on top or underneath your leaf pile, for our leaf machine is not equipped to handle brush.

Our leaves will be collected from mid-October through December with multiple trips through all the neighborhoods. If your leaves are not out when the DPW goes by, they will be pick up next time. All piles must be 10 feet or further away from any storm drain inlet in order to prevent the basins from getting clogged. The leaf collection is subject to inclement weather and other municipal emergencies. A special springtime leaf collection will be the last week of March and first week in April, so please mark your calendar accordingly.



Santa Claus is coming to Town.... Clinton Town, that is.

Santa will visit the various areas of Town on the Clinton Fire Truck from 7pm - 9pm:

| <u>Neighborhood</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Alton Place, Haver Farm Rd, Leigh St | 12/18 (Wednesday) |
| The Knolls, West Main St & Center St, Rachel Court | 12/23 (Monday) |



Council Highlights by Angela Hawes

August 13, 2013

~ 47 Leigh Street (Finance and Construction Building) has a transfer switch installed that in case of a power outage a generator will maintain operations.

August 27, 2013

~ Clinton Olympian, Julie Culley, took part of an event called, Belmar Chase. Julie is donating her \$500.00 cash winnings to the Town of Clinton Parks and Recreation Commission! Thank you, Julie!

~ The Historic Commission is working on a cemetery and walking house tour for the Fall, 2013 and extending it down Leigh Street. The Commission will also host a tour for the County's 300th anniversary next Fall in conjunction with the Red Mill Museum Village. The Commission is working towards perfection to host the Town of Clinton's 150th Anniversary in 2015!

September 10, 2013

~ Comcast addressed Mayor and Council that they will continue to provide free high-speed internet service to local school and libraries. Additionally, Comcast launched Internet Essentials which provides families with children eligible to receive free lunches with low-cost internet service, affordable computers and digital literacy training.

~ Board of Health, the Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

~ The Environmental Commission met and 98% of their meeting is the creation of a

Green Team. Three new volunteers joined in last night to work on the Green Team.

~ The Green Team is conceptually an adjunct committee to work with the Environmental Commission, local people getting involved with earth day and other projects and increasing awareness and participation in the environment. Points in certain areas can be earned towards applying for grants.

September 24, 2013

~ Rolling Thunder, Inc. National members will be placing wreaths on the graves of Veterans at the Somerset Hills Cemetery on December 14, 2013. This project is part of the "Wreaths Across America" program. The cost of each wreath is \$10.00 and donations will be used to purchase the wreaths. If interested, checks are payable to "Rolling Thunder Charities Inc., Wreaths Across America Project."

~ SWAC – this was the first meeting since May and this meeting addressed State grant availability information and updates on marketing efforts. Interesting information on updates of recycling endeavors, years ago, Hunterdon County was one of the worst in recycling, now we are at 37%. More community involvement is being sought and a perfect goal would be 50%. Clinton, however, is the highest in recycling in the County.

~ Board of Recreation – Town Picnic scheduled for June 7, 2014.

~ Website/Newsletter committee making progress. Met with provider to discuss updates. In January noticeable changes to the design work will be seen. Trying to make communications more mobile friendly.

October 8, 2013

~ Jersey Cares coat drive runs from November 1, 2013 through February 7, 2014. Jersey Cares Coat Drive is partnering with the 2014 NY/NJ Super Bowl Host committee. Interested

municipalities can register online at www.jerseycares.org.

~ Letters from Clinton Public School's Interim Superintendent/Principal, Judy Burd, expressing appreciation to Sergeant Jay Hunter and Officer James Kramer for their dedication during the transition to the Standard Response Protocol and the overall improvement of their safety procedures

October 22, 2013

~ Roads Committee met at Exit 15 with representatives from Department of Transportation. A study is being made by DOT as to the number of vehicles traveling on West Main Street and going through the intersection. If it is determined that a right turn only lane is warranted, it could take up to six months to make changes regarding signage and the Town would be responsible for 25% of the cost. Also discussed during the meeting was the guard rail that is constantly being damaged on the right turn towards Union Township and sidewalks on West Main. Extra lighting was addressed, however, JCP&L will have to address that issue on West Main Street and near the Clinton House.

~ Board of Recreation discussed the number of keys distributed for the Community Center and will consider an alternative.

~ Fire Department Chief, Walt Dorf, announced a new fund raiser that will be held on December 21, 2013. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., the fire department will be driving Santa to homes that register for toy delivery to children. The form is available on the web site clintonnj.gov. A donation of \$35.00 is requested and deliveries are limited to 35 families.

~ Notification has been received from the State of New Jersey that the Town of Clinton has received \$277,600 through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Energy Allocation Initiative. The Initiative is intended to

Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

Friday, November 29 thru December 8

Red Mill Museum Festival of Trees

Donated decorated trees on view in the Mill
with holiday music/entertainment.
\$5 admission, member and kids under 12 are free
Call The Red Mill for more info

Friday, December 6

CLINTON GUILD'S 27TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE



One of the largest holiday parades in Hunterdon County
with over 40 floats!
www.clintonchristmasparade.com
Starting at 7PM

Friday December 6th

An Evening with Mrs. Claus
Hot Cocoa, Cookies and Activities with Mrs. Claus
Come decorate a canvas bag to fill up with goodies!!!

4:30-6:30 Red Mill Museum Village

Saturday, December 7th

Hunterdon Art Museum Open House-for all ages!
FREE, from 2pm-4pm.

Come learn about our classes and workshops
for children and adults. See our art studios, meet our
teachers, and make some art!

Tuesday, December 10th

Hunterdon Art Museum: Crafting Your Own Beeswax

Candles, 10:30am-11:30am, FREE!
Ages 2 ½ and UP with adult
take home beautiful beeswax candles-a delight to make,
a delight to burn on cold evenings!



Thursday, December 12th

Candelight night in Town: late-night shopping,
carriage rides, streets lined with luminaries,
6pm-9pm

Sunday, December 15th

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

Santa arrives on Main Street, 1pm-2pm

Monday, December 16th

Celebrating "National Chocolate-covered Anything
Day" with Wine & Chocolate

Pairing at Balic of Clinton Wine & Gifts
at 20 Main, 1-4 pm
chocolate-covered fudge, oreos, pretzels,
espresso beans, almonds, and MORE!

Tuesday, December 17th

Hunterdon Art Museum: Felt Forest Gnomes,
10:30am-11:30am

FREE! Ages 2 ½ and UP with an adult
Make adorable wool felt gnomes to take home!



Saturday, December 21st

Complete form on www.clintonnj.gov ,
and forward with wrapped gifts
and suggested donation of \$35 to the
Clinton Fire Dept. between 6-9pm on Dec. 16th
Santa will arrive between 10am-3pm
on Saturday, December 21st!

Friday, January 10th

Hunterdon Art Museum: Famous Artist Friday:
Claude Monet Storytime and Art Making,
1:15pm-2:30pm

Free! Ages 2 ½ and UP, with an adult
please call to reserve your place

Council Highlights (continued) by Angela Hawes

support efforts to encourage enhanced energy resilience for critical assets and facilities in New Jersey, such as generators. In order to qualify, Mr. Phelan will have to attend a seminar offered to discuss the technologies available through the Energy allocation Initiative and information will be provided on the process for accessing

HMGP Energy allocation Initiative funding, as well as opportunities to leverage other available funding sources to support resilient energy projects.

~Historic Commission met and voted to have the Commission pay to replace the Historical Register sign on

Center Street. A survey was discussed as to extending the historical register from Route 78 overpass to Olsen's Lane. The Historic Commission is also working on a baseline demolition ordinance. They discussed working as an advisory aspect, when homeowners ponder what to do with their historic homes.

Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, December 2013



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.

Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education

Bob Pyle, Margaret Layding, Patty Cooper, Brendan McIsaac, Bob Moul

Update on Superintendent Search

After 6 years at CPS, Dr. Richard Katz took another role this past summer. The Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education hired Mrs. Judy Burd as our Interim Superintendent effective August 1. We are pleased to have Mrs. Burd join us, she brings a wealth of experience, with 30+ years in Lebanon Township Schools from which she retired in 2011.

The Board is now actively searching for a permanent Superintendent/Principal. The role has been advertised and we expect to interview candidates in January and February. As required by state law, we are seeking candidates with Superintendent certification, though we did combine the role of Superintendent and Principal several years ago to help manage costs effectively for our one-building district.

As part of the replacement search process, the Board is also seeking input from parents, staff and community members about qualities you value in a school leader.

We would appreciate your participation in our survey to get your input, please visit the school website at www.cpsnj.org and click the survey link on our home page to provide your feedback. The survey will be available through January.

CPS Facility Plan and March 2014 Referendum

Over the last year, the Board has been updating the school's facility plan. Clinton Public School was built in many sections. Parts of the building are still original from 1923; we also did major additions in the 1960s, 1996 and in 2001.

While we always budget for ongoing maintenance, there are 3 important projects coming which need to be funded through a bond issue: 1) replacing the large 1996 section of roof which is near the end of its useful life, 2) upgrading the 1996 heating/cooling system for better energy efficiency, and 3) replacing the 1969 fire alarm system which is difficult and expensive to repair due to obsolete parts.

About 35% of the project cost will be covered by state funding. The remainder would be split between our sending communities via a bond issue; for Clinton estimated costs are \$29 per \$100,000 valuation, for Glen-Gardner \$32 per \$100,000. (The slight difference is driven by state requirements on budget splits.)

In Clinton, there is a net tax savings from this work because these bonds would **replace** the more expensive 1996 bonds which are already part of current taxes. The net tax savings between old and new bonds is (-\$68) per \$100,000

In Glen Gardner, the final net impact to taxes is still to be determined. Glen Gardner was a separate school district until the 2009 merger, so did not vote on or pay taxes on previous bond referendums.

We will have an Open House meeting at school in early 2014 (date to be scheduled) to address any questions about the building and referendum. Please join us then for more information! The public vote will be in March.

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Christine Steiner, Assistant Principal • Jenine Kastner, Supervisor of Special Services
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Full-Day Kindergarten

Judith Burd, Interim Superintendent/Principal

This school year, Clinton Public School joined the majority (now over 80%) of Hunterdon County districts offering full-day kindergarten. The state's adoption of the Core Curriculum State Standards has increased the expectations that kindergarten students are expected to meet. The kindergarten program begun this year at CPS has doubled the amount of instructional time that kindergarten students receive, thus providing more time to focus on important content and achieve these increased demands.

Students have responded favorably to a full-day program. Teachers have seen an improvement in the development of students' social skills; students are learning the skills needed to be part of a community such as taking turns, listening to their peers, and caring for materials. Academic progress has been accelerated when compared to previous (half-day) programs because students have been able to explore ideas and topics more fully with the increased time of a full day program. Teachers have also been able to work more closely with their students both in small groups and individually. Our kindergarten students are working hard and becoming an important part of the CPS community of learners.



Veterans' Day was celebrated early at Clinton Public School. On Wednesday, November 6, 14 veterans were recognized at an all-school assembly. The kindergarten classes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Third grade classes led their peers in patriotic songs. Sixth grade students partnered with first graders to create centerpieces and second graders made patriotic decorations for a reception. Christine Steiner, Assistant Principal, read *America's White Table*, a book by Margot Theis Raven, that recognizes all POWs and MIAs. Veterans attending represented the Army, Navy, Marines, Merchant Marines, Army/National Guard, and Naval Reserve.

Pictured left: Col. Wright are his wife, daughter, and grandsons Aiden & Liam Casey who are students at the school.

Volleyball District Champions

Congratulations Clinton Public School Volleyball Team for an outstanding season! The volleyball team led by co-captains Sarah Khan and Kadie Davis, steamrolled their way through the season to an impressive 10-0 record. The team had an impressive out of district record of 2-1. Bulldogs were seeded #1 in the District Tournament on October 23 at North Hunterdon High School. They defeated both Bethlehem Township and Clinton Township to win the District Tournament. Caroline Layding was named MVP of the District Tournament. Congratulations Bulldogs! We are proud of you.

Clinton Public School's annual Halloween parade through downtown Clinton was a great success! The weather held and students were warmly greeted by parents and community members along the route.





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Calendar of Town Committee Meetings at Municipal Bldg.

ASSESSOR — 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 ADJUSTMENT — 7:00 PM Fourth Monday of each month (as needed)

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 Fourth Monday of each month

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE — 7:30 PM Third Wednesday of each month

PLANNING BOARD — 7:00 PM First Tuesday of each month

SHADE TREE COMMISSION — 7:30 PM Third Monday of each month

SMART GROWTH COMMITTEE — 7:30 PM Third Thursday of each month

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