

OUR



TOWN

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



Happy Holidays
Everyone!

We are thrilled to announce that 2015 will mark the 150th Year of the Town of Clinton's incorporation on April 5, 1865 and Clinton will be celebrating in style!

To kick off the celebratory year, we are planning our Council re-organization meeting to be held at the Clinton Fire Department on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. All residents and dignitaries are invited to attend and join us for refreshments to follow!

A committee has been hard at work organizing events, printing a keepsake calendar which will be for sale in December, and planning a Block Party to be held in May that will span from the Red Mill Museum Village to the Clinton Fire Department with entertainment, contests and food, food, food!!! A Fall Harvest Fest will be held in early October in conjunction

with the Farmer's Market and will hold many surprises!

As you may have already noticed, Christie Wood, Chair of the Historic Commission, has begun working on a 72 x 15 foot mural entitled "A Bridge Through Time". You will watch this work of art come to life and you will even recognize a few familiar people in it! The mural is between the Clinton Pharmacy and the Hunterdon Christian Books and Gifts store. Stop by and check it out!

Old Highway 22 will announce the celebration with new banners that will line the roads and generous sponsors will have their names printed on them!

Another project is to spruce up our Gateways that display the Town of Clinton signs and have been recently repainted by another spectacular Town of Clinton artist, Karen Romagna! Watch this Spring for splashes of color!

www.clinton150years.com will be your connection to this exciting year! Thanks



to Meredith Hyland, resident and owner of Fourchette, who designed an amazing website with treasurers of the past and present!

In an effort to support our upcoming endeavors, sponsorships are being sought. If you know of anyone interested in making a donation, please contact Cecilia Covino, Town Clerk at 908-735-8616.

A very memorable year is on the horizon, so please stay tuned to this channel!!!!

Thank you,

Mayor Janice Kovach &
Megan Jones-Holt, Chair



**28th Annual
Christmas Parade**

**Friday, December 5
7:00 PM**



**Clinton Town
7th Annual
Yuletide Bonfire**

**Saturday, January 17th
(rain date Jan 24th)
6:00 PM**

@ Hunts Mill Park



**FREE RABIES CLINIC AT TOWN OF CLINTON BARN
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 FROM 8AM TO 11AM**



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

How to Be Holiday Safe

The holidays are upon us all and I would like to remind everyone that this time of year typically requires increased safety practices.

Please remember to clear all fire hydrants of any accumulations of snow. Minutes could make the difference.

Do not use residential type extension cords within any commercial business. These types of cords are not properly rated to deal with the higher electrical

draws in a commercial environment. The use of surge type devices is recommended however always verify use as per the manufacturer.

Exercise extreme caution when using open flames such as candles and the like. Do not become complacent and think a tragedy cannot happen to you; it most certainly can!

Verify that your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are functional. Replace devices that are over 10 years old.

Please note that I have **FREE** battery

operated smoke detectors that can be provided to town residents in need of these life saving devices. These are made available via a program sponsored by the State Division of Fire Safety and Kidde. Please contact me in order to obtain these free devices.

If anyone would like to speak to me regarding anything of concern, please contact my office at 908-735-2275 or via cell @ 908-468-1696. I would be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

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 Municip-

pal 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).

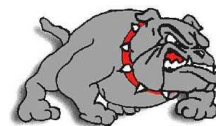
3. It is illegal to deposit snow or ice from your sidewalk or driveway onto the street after the street has been plowed. We highly recommend that you shovel the snow away from the street and not into it. You will be reported by the Public Works Department and you will receive a summons if you are caught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

Clinton Public School News

Clinton residents Erin Roop and Chuck Sampson were elected to the Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education in November. They will be sworn in at a reorganization meeting on January 7, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the school library, joining Bob Moul, Brendan McIsaac and Craig Sowell on the Board. Current Board members Margaret Layding and Patty Cooper's terms expire at the end of December 2014.

Please feel free to contact Superintendent/Principal Dr. Seth Cohen at 735-8512 with any questions about Clinton Public School.



Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

Friday, November 28 thru December 7

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

908-735-4101



Friday, December 5th,

CLINTON GUILD'S 28TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

One of the largest holiday parades in Hunterdon County with over 40 floats!!!

www.clintonchristmasparade.com

Starting at 7PM

Saturday, December 20th

Santa Claus is comin' to (Clinton) Town!

10am-2pm,

via Clinton Fire Department

Register to have Santa visit your house with pre-purchased gifts for your family! Suggested \$35 donation, pre-purchased gifts must be dropped off at CFD Monday, December 16th. Limited to 35 families.

See Town website at www.clintonnj.gov for details.

Thursday, December 11th

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



Sunday, December 14th

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

Santa arrives on Main Street, 1pm-2pm
Come down and say hi to the Jolly Fello

Sunday, January 11th

Contemporary International Tapestry exhibit, opening reception with presenters 2-4pm Hunterdon Art Museum.

Highlights the work of three generations of artists from nine countries who are taking tapestry to whole new level of technical and aesthetic excellence.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

February 7th through 14th:

SWEETHEART WEEK IN DOWNTOWN CLINTON

Come out for a chance on several drawings and prizes.



Sunday, February 22nd

Weaving Demonstration and Guided Tour, 2pm, Hunterdon Art Museum

A tour with curator Carol K. Russell. Registration is required as space is limited. Free with admission

A wine label designed to honor the 150th Anniversary of the Town of Clinton, by Balic of Clinton!

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the 150th Anniversary Committee. Details to follow.

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 for 2015 are Dogs spayed/neutered \$10.20 non-spayed/non neutered \$13.20; for Cats spayed/neutered \$7.00 non-spayed/non neutered \$10.00. 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 therefore this fee will accommodate for that. We are still below the average costs for pets. Also, late fees will be \$4.00 per month. 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. Hopefully this will encourage all pet owners to quickly respond to their renewals that are mailed in December and due by January 31st.



FREE RABIES CLINIC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015 AT THE CLINTON BARN
8:00AM TO 11:00AM



BRUSH PICK-UP HAS ENDED TILL MAY 1, 2015

LEAF COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE TILL THE NEW YEAR





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GARBAGE PICKUP
EVERY TUESDAY
(ONE DAY PER WEEK)



RECYCLE PICKUP
EVERY FRIDAY
(ONE DAY PER WEEK)



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 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 — 7:30 PM Third Wednesday of each month

LAND USE BOARD — 7:00 PM First and Third 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

Located at 47 Leigh Street :

TAXES, FINANCE, CONSTRUCTION, PERMIT OFFICES

For information regarding placing articles in this newsletter, contact
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