

OUR TOWN

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



I can't believe we are at the end of another year and celebrating a joyous holiday season. As I look back on the past year I'm reminded how lucky we are to live in the Town of

Clinton, we are a community that looks out for one another, celebrates the accomplishments and mourns the losses.

If I don't say it often enough the town could not survive without all who do so much to keep us moving forward; from the employees of the Town, sewer and water utilities, to the many volunteers who put in endless hours. Council and I are grateful to each and everyone of you. To the many businesses that call Clinton home - we are happy that you continue to be an active and integral member of our community.

I hope everyone is aware that Clinton has recently received some well deserved recognition. We received a

"Great Downtown" award from the NJ Planning Association and had a fabulous walking tour of the town with several visitors and dignitaries. Our most recent recognition comes from Architectural Digest - naming Clinton as one of the Top 21 Small Communities in the country.

As we close out 2016 I look forward to another successful year in 2017. We wish you and your family a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season however you choose to celebrate. As always feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns at any time to myself jkovach@clintonnj.gov or 908-399-8921 or any of the council members.

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**30TH
ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
PARADE
FRIDAY
DECEMBER
2nd
7:00PM**



**FREE RABIES CLINIC
AT TOWN OF CLINTON BARN
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th
8AM TO 11AM**



**Clinton Town 9th Annual
Yuletide Bonfire**

**Saturday, January TBD
(rain date Jan TBD)**

Check website www.clintonnj.gov

6:00 PM @ Hunts Mill Park

**Come Join Your Fellow Neighbors At
Our Town's Winter Festival**



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

Are You Serious About Fire Safety?

What can you do to promote fire safety? You can do quite a bit. To start educate yourself and loved ones on fire safety habits in your own home. If you are an avid reader of this newsletter, than you will recognize that I am restating the same things as written previously. Fire Safety is a habit, not something that you are born with but something that if you take it seriously, will need to be a habit. Very recently, there were home fires caused by the used of candles. Soon it will be cold enough to fire up the fireplaces and wood stoves. You most likely have already run your heating appliance several times this season. All of these can cause fires and we all recognize that. However, how many of you have seriously had these appliances serviced and cleaned. "But the cost", you say; imagine the cost of rebuilding your home due to a fire started as a result of failure of one of these appli-

ances. Or imagine the loss of your treasures and valuables. We all tend to "gamble" with this issue called fire safety. "It can't happen to me", we say. Talk to anyone that has had a fire in their home and you will most likely be surprised by what they tell you if they can talk about it at all. Please be serious about fire safety and practice it so that it becomes a habit in your home. Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are vital in fire safety and are proven to save lives. Maintain these in your homes!

The Clinton Fire Prevention Bureau has **FREE** Kidde 10 year maintenance-free battery operated smoke detectors that can be provided to and installed for 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.

Lastly, the key access lock box ordinance is in effect and all commercial

property owners/businesses are required to provide the approved standardized lock box for the property. The State Fire Prevention Code requires this and the Town has adopted an ordinance associated with this requirement. The ordinance can be viewed via clicking on the following link; <http://ecode360.com/31269646>. If anyone has any questions please contact me to review options regarding this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

If anyone would like to speak to me regarding anything dealing with fire prevention, housing or code enforcement matters, 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.

Jack Daniels, Fire Marshal/
Housing Official/Code Enforcement Officer

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016



The board is seeking authorization to:

- Redesign/upgrade the media center to be a collaboration learning commons & maker space;
- Upgrade lighting, replace ceilings;
- Replace a boiler nearing its lifespan;
- Upgrade interior and exterior doors for safety and security;
- Upgrade to HVAC improve air flow and air quality.

The total project costs shall not exceed \$985,000. The Board has received an award of State funding (debt service aid) in the amount of 40% of the total project costs, thus reducing the taxpayers' share of the project to 60%.

The 40% State contribution will only be available if this Proposal is approved by the voters



HUNTERDON COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE

ROUTE 12 COUNTY COMPLEX

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 908-788-1110

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



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, Please 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. Relocation of the nets will allow municipal employees to safely remove the streets of snow while ensuring that vehicles/equipment, and basketball net,s do not get damaged. We thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

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.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; feel free to “Like” them.

Affordable Housing - If you know anyone who may be eligible to qualify for affordable housing, please visit the Town's website at http://www.clintonnj.gov/affordable_housing.html, or stop into the Clerk's Office to obtain 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.



Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka

Save the Recreation Commission! Love our town and its many wonderful events, parks, and community center? Want to see more things to do for kids, teens, and seniors? Join the Recreation Commission! The Town recently honored Dan Mahoney with a proclamation for his many wonderful, appreciated years of service after retiring from the Commission. There are other long-term members who are looking to retire their

service as well once there is a group of new and excited members.

The Recreation Commission organizes or oversees annual events such as the Town Picnic, Summer Recreation at CPS, Summer tennis program, the Senior Luncheon, the Yuletide Bonfire, Canoe Races, and occasional movie nights. It also schedules time at the community center and the fields.

What would you like to see and do in Clinton? A walking club? Bocce ball

club? (Yes, there is a bocce court in the park by the Community Center!). More for teens to do? Come on out and make it happen! Join the Town of Clinton Recreation Commission by completing a Citizen Involvement form which can be found on the Town website or at the office.

http://clintonnj.gov/forms/Clerk/citizen_involvement.pdf

!!!! BRUSH PICKUP HAS ENDED FOR THE WINTER!!!!

Brush pickup will begin again in May 2017.

Please **DO NOT** put any brush out on/to the street till then. It will not be picked up. **DO NOT** put branches on top of leaves - they will not be picked up.

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 in violation of 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 during this period please contact the police department immediately so that we are aware and can try to accommodate your needs BEFORE you get a summons or get towed.**

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.

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 2017 are Dogs spayed/neutered \$10.20; non-spayed/non neutered \$13.20; Cats spayed/neutered \$7.00; non-spayed/non neutered \$10.00. We are still below the average costs for licensing pets. Licenses renewed after January 31 are subject to late fees of \$4.00 per month. Every year we have many delinquent pet owners and send letters, make phone calls, and as a last resort, Police issue summons. A summons may cost \$80.00 plus the cost of licenses and late fees. Therefore we encourage all pet owners to quickly respond to the renewals that are mailed in December and due by January 31st.



**FREE RABIES CLINIC SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017
AT THE CLINTON BARN 8:00AM TO 11:00AM
(All dogs must be on a leash and all cats must be in a carrier)**

MICRO CHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLINIC. (The cost is \$72.00)



NO PARKING WHEN ROADS ARE SNOW COVERED

On any street in the Town of Clinton between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM from November 15th to April 1st, except on Main Street and East Main Street where the hours are 11 PM to 6 AM.. Snow & Ice are to be removed from sidewalks, parking areas and rights of way used by the public by the owner / occupant of premises within 12 hours of daylight after the snow falls or ice forms.

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Bucky Buchanan



Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad to Mark First Anniversary of Successful Volunteer Recruitment Campaign

Faced with an ever-growing number of emergency calls, Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad launched a volunteer recruitment campaign in January 2016. The response has been outstanding!

In less than a year, more than 30 men and women from all walks of life have signed up to provide emergency medical, rescue and transport services to their Town of Clinton, Clinton Township, Lebanon Borough, Union Township and Franklin Township neighbors. Most of these new members have already taken the CPR class that al-

lows them to assist on ambulance runs, and many have taken the EMT course or will begin the new session in January.

“We learned that many talented people were looking for a way to give back to this community,” said Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad Chief Frank Setnick. “When they heard we needed EMTs and Rescue Associates, they found an incredibly meaningful way to contribute.”

This does not mean the need for volunteers has been met, Chief Setnick said. The number of emergency calls the squad receives continues to climb annually, and grew nearly 26 percent from 2012 to 2015, when it reached 3,009 calls. This year is on pace to be another record breaker.

In addition, the more volunteers CFARS has, the time commitment required of each individual lessens. “Of course, when an organization feels as much like a big family as ours does, many of our volunteers choose to spend as much time as they can at the squad,” Chief Setnick said.

Anyone aged 16 and up can volunteer, and can become a full EMT after reaching age 18 and successfully completing the EMT course and state exam. The cost is covered for CFARS members.

The Power to Save Others is In Your Hands. Share it! Visit www.joinclintonems.com or call 1-844-4CLINTON to learn more.

Clinton Conservancy by Kathy Madden

If you have not yet heard of Clinton Conservancy Gardens, it is a non-profit dedicated to beautifying the Town of Clinton and, using environmentally sound practices, turning the entire Town of Clinton into a Butterfly Habitat.

With a bit of sadness, but also some relief, the flower and butterfly season is over. Volunteers from Clinton Conservancy Gardens, with the help of the Clinton Guild, Country Garden Club, Clinton Presbyterian Church, youth and their parents from Immaculate Conception Church and town volunteers worked on cleaning up trash, weeding, planting and mulching the gardens at the Red Mill Museum Village and Hunterdon Art Center and three of the Welcome to Clinton signs. Clinton Guild had six new large planters installed and also took care of the hanging baskets of begonias on

the bridge. Under the inspirational guidance of Pastor Tracey Henry of Clinton Presbyterian Church, eager workers showed up in force for a day of volunteering. They planted azaleas, mums and bulbs in front of three of the “Welcome to Clinton” signs. Clinton Conservancy Gardens purchased the plants and bulbs but the volunteers did the hard part. They broke up into two groups and went right to work raking, digging and planting. By noon the job was completed. The flowering plants will benefit the pollinators and butterflies in early spring and late fall when nectar plants are scarce. The Conservancy members will plant annuals in summer so the entire growing season will be covered.

The Clean Plate restaurant planted a butterfly garden and raised butterflies. Employees of the Red Mill Museum and members of the Conservancy

also raised butterflies, a project that was time consuming but rewarding. The Town looks better than it did last spring and the butterfly count is up. Monarchs raised and released totaled 46 and Black Swallowtails totaled 16. The 48 chrysalises of Black Swallowtail butterflies that are now over-wintering in cages will emerge in spring and bring the count up even further. We met most of our goals for the first year. Now we can settle down and plan for next year.

The Conservancy is devoting the next three months to writing and applying for grants. It is also investigating planting a butterfly garden. Come spring we'll be ready to start again.

If you or your organization would like to donate to or help in any way please call Norma Kania at 908-803-0720.

LEAF COLLECTION

Mid October to Mid December Rake leaves to curb. No Bags.
There will be no chipping during this time.





CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT and CLINTON FIRST AID & RESCUE SQUAD ANNIVERSARY PARADE

MAY 20, 2017

WWW.CLINTONFIRERESCUEPARADE.COM

The Clinton Fire Dept. and Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad will be celebrating milestone anniversary years with a parade and celebration. 125 years for the fire department and 50 years for the rescue squad. These organizations have storied histories.

Please help us as we raise money to put on a parade to mark this wonderful event. We are currently soliciting area businesses and private citizens to place business ads and patron ads in our History/Ad book. Your ad will reach out to a broad area and is tax deductible. We are also selling T-Shirts for \$20.00 each with a beautiful print on the back. These shirts can be purchased from the fire department or the rescue squad. All the proceeds from these funds will go to offset the parade costs for marching bands, food, trophies for participants, etc.

If you would like to donate and help us, your check should be made out to Clinton Fire Dept and returned to PO Box 5062, Clinton, NJ.

Thank you for your support, Clinton Fire Dept. Parade Committee

BUSINESS AD

The Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad ask for your support in sponsoring our Anniversary parade. Your advertisement in our program brochure will reach residents of both Hunterdon County and numerous surrounding areas. Please make checks payable to Clinton Fire Department and mail to P.O. Box 5062, Clinton, NJ 08809. Your donation will be used to offset costs to host the parade.

- Full Page Ad \$200.00 _____
- 1/2 Page Ad \$100.00 _____
- 1/4 Page Ad \$50.00 _____

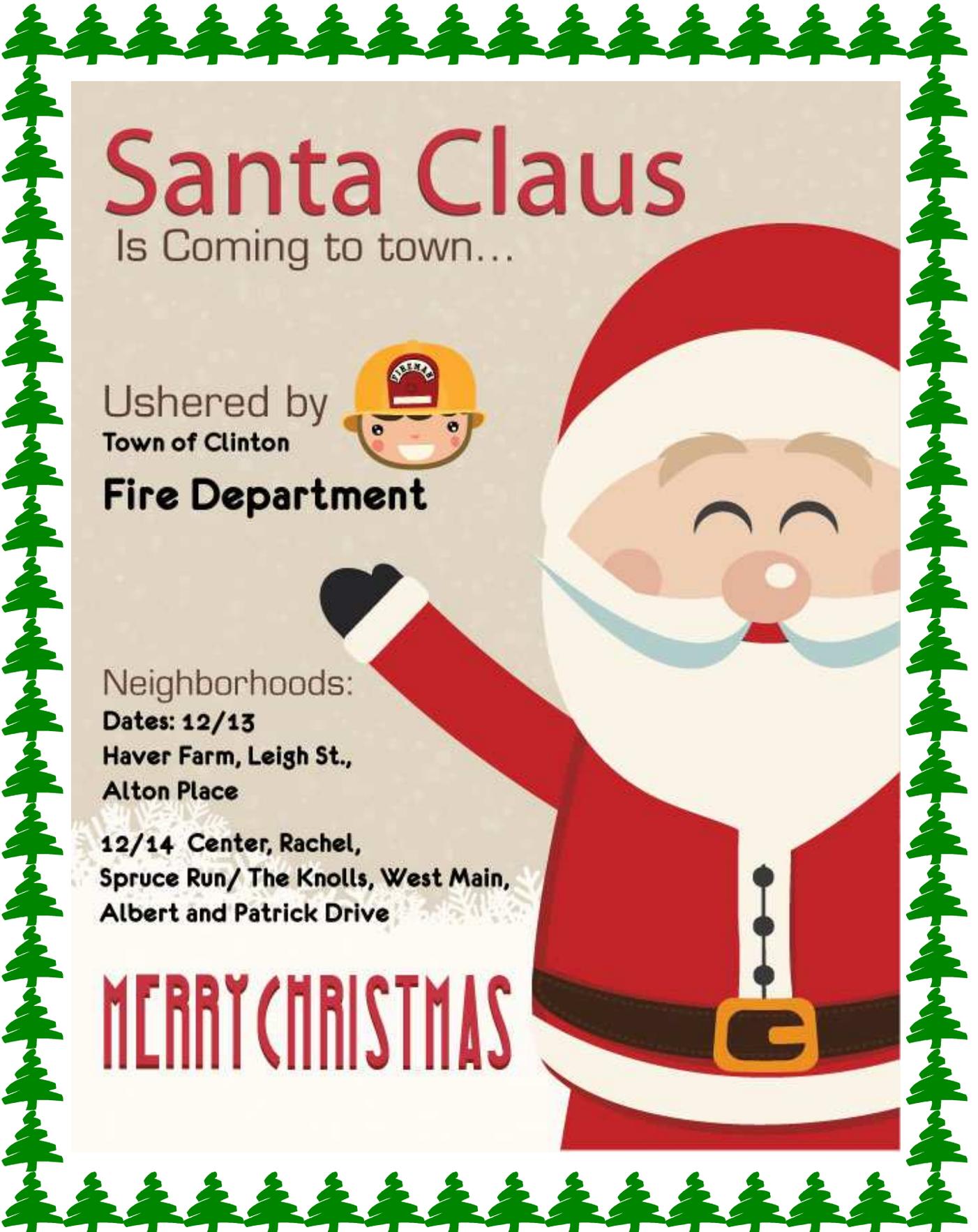
Please place my ad as follows: Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #: _____

You can also e-mail your business card or advertisement as you wish for it to appear to parade@clintonems.org.

PATRON AD

You may purchase a line in the fundraising advertisement book for \$10.00. this donation is tax deductible and will support the Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. Please make checks payable to Clinton Fire Department, mail to P.O. Box 5062, Clinton, NJ 08809. Keep this stub for tax purposes. Thank you in advance for your support!!!

How you would like your name or line to appear:



Santa Claus

Is Coming to town...

Ushered by
Town of Clinton



Fire Department

Neighborhoods:

Dates: 12/13

Haver Farm, Leigh St.,

Alton Place

12/14 Center, Rachel,

Spruce Run/ The Knolls, West Main,

Albert and Patrick Drive

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Council Highlights by Nancy Burgess

August 23, 2016

~ Diane Race, President of the Clinton Guild informed the Mayor and Council that Downtown Clinton was named one of the top three "2016 Great Places in New Jersey."

~ James Izlar of Asbury presented to Council his Eagle Scout Project to map Main Street.

~ Mayor Kovach commented the Board of Chosen Freeholders will be holding the annual Hunterdon County Veterans Medal Ceremony on August 24, 2016.

~ A resolution was approved to purchase a police sport utility vehicle.

~ A resolution was approved to purchase two 2017 Ford F350 Pickup Trucks.

~ A resolution was approved to appoint a water utility laborer, Kevin Hallinger.

~ A ribbon request was received to tie teal colored ribbons around the trees in town for "Turn the Towns Teal."

~ Councilman Pendergast reported Eli Pieretti, sewer employee passed his probationary period and is a permanent employee. Motion was carried.

September 13, 2016

~ Harvey Finkel, Clinton Book Shop, came before Council to answer any questions about his special event Apple N' Pumpkin Harvest Festival to be held on October 9, 2016.

~ Dan Mahony was presented with a proclamation to thank him for over 20 years of community service to the Board of Recreation Commission.

~ A resolution was approved to hire Caitlin Haughey as a part time Administrative Assistant in the Clerk's office.

~ A letter of resignation was received from Christie Wood, stepping down from the Historic Commission. Mayor

and Council accepted her resignation with regret.

~ Councilman Smith reported he attended the 9/11 Patriot Ceremony on Sunday, September 11, 2016. It was very well attended.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported the Clinton Conservancy is working on "Welcome to Clinton" packages and working on the butterfly gardens in designated areas.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported there have been two new applications for membership to the Fire Department: Trevor Wene and Jack Vajda.

September 27, 2016

~ North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board Member, Francis Goger, addressed the Council regarding the \$9.7 million referendum question of the November 8, 2016 ballot question.

~ Mayor Kovach thanked Mary Lou Carhart for organizing the downtown clean up on Sunday, September 25. The Town looks great for the Fireball Run to be held September 28, and the award presentation for the Great downtown Award on October 16.

~ A proclamation was presented to Walter Hetzel for a happy, healthy retirement. Walter is closing the doors to Hetzel's Framing and Art Supplies after 35 years of a successful business on main Street!!!

~ The Historic Commission has named member, Roger Mellick, as the chairman.

October 11, 2016

~ Roger Mellick, Chairman for the Historic Commission, presented to Mayor and Council information on an exhibit in conjunction with the Red Mill to open at the museum on April 6, 2017 called "The 100 Year Celebration of World War I". Mr. Mellick

also requested additional funds for the joint project.

~ An ordinance was introduced amending the Land Use ordinance of the Town to update submission requirements for applications for development.

~ A resolution was approved to put curfews in effect from October 11 to November 4, 2016.

~ Councilman Smith reported that the steps have been replaced in the Lower Center Street parking lot which lead down to the alley near the drug store.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the Clinton Fire Department has accepted a junior application for membership from Patrick Hill.

October 25, 2016

~ Mayor Kovach asked for a moment of silence for former Clinton Police Chief, Joe Manghisi, who passed away October 20, 2016 on his 92nd birthday. Joe was a long time resident and friend of the Town of Clinton.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported the Recreation Commission is desperately seeking new members. Anyone interested can fill out a citizen involvement form in the Clerk's office.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the Clinton Fire Department is considering posting placards on abandoned buildings for safety reasons.

November 8, 2016

~ A resolution was adopted authorizing and directing the Land Use Board to undertake a review of the submission requirements for applications for development to determine consistency with the Master Plan.

~ Councilman Pendergast received a membership application from Deryk R. Slaton to join the Clinton Fire Department team.



HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON



Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

Every Wednesday starting November 18th

“Simply Senior Wednesdays”

Seniors 60+ are eligible for discounts and specials from over 25 Clinton businesses!
Yoga, dining apparel, jewelry, hair and beauty services, floral, art, music & media, candles, antiques and MORE!!!



Friday, November 25th thru December 11th

Red Mill Museum Festival of Trees

Donated decorated trees on view in the Mill with holiday music/entertainment.
\$5 admission, members and kids under 12 are free
Call The Red Mill for more info
908-735-4101



Friday, December 2nd,

CLINTON GUILD'S 30th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

FLOATS - BANDS - HOLIDAY FUN

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

Tuesday, Dec 6th & Wednesday, Dec. 7th

Pysanky Holiday Ornaments for Kids
sponsored by the Hunterdon Art Museum
For ages 10 & Up
For registration and information call
908-735-8415 or www.hunterdonartmuseum.org

Friday, December 9th

Story Time and Art Making
Admission Free @ Hunterdon Art Museum
1:15 to 2:15pm

Will read the book “Where the Wild Things” by Maurice Sendak and then create art inspired by the creatures & current exhibition by Heather Ujiiie.

Thursday, December 15th

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT IN TOWN

Come enjoy late-night shopping on Main Street! there are carriage rides, and the streets are lined with luminaries,
5pm-9pm



Saturday, December 17th

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 12th from 6:00-8:00pm.

Limited to 25 families.

See Clinton Fire Department website at www.clintonfd.org or call Liz 908-303-7287 for details.

Saturdays, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th:

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO HIS WORKSHOP!!!

Santa's workshop is located on the terrace of the Hunterdon Art Museum, 1pm-3pm
Come down and say hi to the Jolly Fellow

Saturday, January 14th

Annual Rabies Clinic

8:00am to 11:00pm
Located at the Town of Clinton Barn

Saturday, Late January TBD

check website: www.clintonnj.gov

CLINTON TOWN YULETIDE BONFIRE

Hunts Mill park 6:00PM



Horse & carriage rides (Clydesdales), live music, hot chocolate, and cookies.

Rain date: Saturday, January TBD
www.clintonnj.gov for date

February 5th through 12th:

SWEETHEART WEEK IN DOWNTOWN CLINTON

Come out for a chance on several drawings and prizes.

Sunday, February 12th

HAM It Up!!! - Art Party

The Annual fundraising gala to benefit the Hunterdon Art Museum
This year's sponsor is Flavororganics LLC.



Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, December 2016



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

Notes from the Board

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

As we begin the holiday season, we want to remind you of the referendum question to be decided on December 13th and ask for your support. The project includes revitalizing our library into a learning commons and maker space, upgrading the lighting throughout the building, and replacing an old boiler. Thanks to prudent fiscal management and state contributions, voting yes to these projects will result in no increase in taxes. We hope you come out to support the vision of CPS as we strive to make our children into creative, curious, and compassionate learners charged with building the future.

The work of CPS and our two communities is on display every month at our board meetings. This month we heard from our student council on their ongoing leadership projects. Student Amelia Boyd was recognized for penning a new Bulldog Pledge. Teachers Barbara Shaffer and Stacey Viotto, accepted a grant from Exxon Mobil to support science and inquiry initiatives. Dr. Cohen shared reports on new community partnerships with Hunterdon Healthcare and Raritan Headwaters to provide learning experiences across grade levels in support of this year's water theme. And CPS gratefully accepted donations from John Thatcher, John Rivers, Susan Stevens, and Hamant and Parul Desai to provide funding for new field trips to enrich our children's education.

Don't forget about the upcoming Winter Concert on December 12 at 7:00 p.m. where our students will herald the holiday season. Our communities have much to be thankful for and the Board of Education would like to wish students, faculty, staff, and all residents of Clinton and Glen Gardner a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends

From the Assistant Principal

Jacqueline Evans-Turner

CPS is a great place to be a learner because as stated in our mission we truly foster curiosity, creativity, and compassion. You may have noticed the Legos that stick directly to the wall in our main office, the 3D Printer constantly churning in our library, the nature trail, or perhaps it was the chatter about the GaGa pit that caught your attention; they are all signs of the incredible possibilities for fun, inventing, and learning tucked into almost every nook of our school.

In terms of curriculum, students in grades K-8 just completed benchmark assessments to mark the end of the marking period and inform our instruction as we make plans for the rest of the year. Our Kindergarten and First Grade students are well into consonant digraphs and tapping out their words with our multi-sensory FUNDATIONS phonics program. Our 6th grade classrooms are enjoying piloting a new program that has them taking their time with "close" readings as they learn to be more analytical. Our elementary classrooms are in year two of our Lucy Calkins Writer's Workshop implementation, and teachers report that there is a difference in terms of our student's stamina for writing. *Go Math* continues to inform our mathematics instruction, and we continue to expand our use of the on-line interactive resources.

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

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

www.cpsnj.org

CPS in the News

From the Superintendent/Principal

Dr. Seth Cohen



CPS Staff on the River

In the first full year of our strategic plan implementation, we are happy to report many wonderful activities as we strive to fulfill our mission. We started the year with an environmental activity in conjunction with the Raritan Headwater Association as the staff explored the water that flows through the heart of Clinton. We learned as we paddled and imaged how we could bring this dynamic and powerful resource into our classrooms.



Collecting the Great Pumpkin Race of 2016

The second grade team decided to develop the Great Pumpkin Race of 2016 STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) activity. The challenge was to design and build a pumpkin boat utilizing standardized materials. With the help of the Clinton EMS and Clinton PD we took a walking field trip to the river to test the student designs as they passed over the falls in an effort to cross the finish line first! Our wonderful second grade team waded in to the river to collect the buoyant creations. We enjoyed a beautiful academic day in Clinton.



In keeping with the school-wide theme of water our third grade students traveled to Hunterdon Health and Wellness for a water safety lesson followed by a yoga session. In an effort to study public spaces to help inform design projects, several students traveled to New York City to study the inner workings of the Javitz center and walked on the 6 acre green roof. Upon exiting the building they walked the High Line to experience repurposed public spaces and associated aesthetics. After exiting the High Line the students were provided with a guided tour of the Whitney Museum and focused upon creative artistic use of materials. Helping to support these immersive experiences, our teachers are constantly searching for funding to enhance and pilot different activities.



Walking the High Line In NYC



Grade 3 learning to be safe and calm!

Mrs. Merrigan and Mrs. Brenner received a \$625 grant from First Energy to develop a "Scenecasts" project. Grade 5 students will create real world virtual tutorials for math topics and concepts. The students will use technology to put a new spin on mathematics education. Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Viotto were awarded \$2,600 from ExxonMobil to purchase 20 STEM series Walk Kits and 1 STEM Teacher's Guide from The Walking Classroom. The goal of the Walking Classroom is to improve the health and build the knowledge base of as many children as possible by getting them walking, listening, and learning. I am sure you will see them around Town! Thanks to the Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education for approving all walking trips within the Town of Clinton. The flexibility allows for teacher and staff creativity to translate into community based learning opportunities for our students!



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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

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