

OUR



TOWN

From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



Happy Spring!!! I figure if I keep saying this eventually we will see spring. I know that many if not all of you are tired of this winter and look forward to spring as well but

probably not any more so than the Town of Clinton employees who have done a herculean job of plowing and salting our roads and moving the snow. They have put in many hours of overtime and deserve a heartfelt thank you.

As we go into budget discussions I have to remind all residents that the budget workshops are open to anyone who would like to attend. We welcome your thoughts and input as we work through another year's budget. We have worked hard to ensure that our budget is financially sound – while flat taxes would be nice it is also not a reality when you are dealing with many rising costs that are outside of our control but as I stated I am happy with what we are accomplishing in ensuring Clinton remains a financially strong community.

As we get ready to go into the next few months remember that Hunterdon County is celebrating it's 300th anniversary – there are many FREE events countywide that are worth your time such as the 300th parade on March 22 in Flemington from 4pm to 6pm with birthday cake and fireworks. As we watch all of the County festivities we are preparing for Clinton's own 150th anniversary which will be celebrated in 2015. If you are interested in getting involved with our planning committee please reach out to the staff at the municipal building. You can follow the activities on our home page clintonnj.gov.

We have many activities that will be taking place in Town over the next several months – I hope that the weather will cooperate and we see many of you out and about. Also stay tuned for a new and improved website – we are excited that the communications committee is almost ready to unveil its creation but we also have to say one last thank you to Patty Hatalla who has guided the committee for many years – her dedication is truly unmatched.

Recently the Council approved the merger of the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment into the Town's Land Use Board. I want to offer a sincere thank you to Frank Gallagher who was a member and chair of the Planning Board for many years and we appreciate all that he has given to the Town. One last thank you is to Joe Manghisi who has served the Town in many capacities but most recently has retired from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Thank you Joe for all that you have given over the many years to the Town of Clinton.

As I close this message I want to take a moment to remember Pat and Allie McGaheeran – it has been a little over a year since we lost two of the Town's icons and they continue to be missed. As always please feel free to reach out to myself or any of the council members with questions or concerns, and again
Happy Spring!!!



CLINTON TOWN PICNIC SATURDAY JUNE 7th

SAVE THE DATE AND COME JOIN THE FUN!!!



Music, Games and Fireworks
3:00 PM to Dusk @ Hunts Mill Park
(Rain Date June 14th)

TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE SATURDAY JUNE 7th

\$10 registration fee
(payable to the Town of Clinton)
Mail your registration fee to
Town of Clinton
PO Box 5194 Clinton, NJ 08809

1ST ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY MARCH 16th 3pm down Main Street in Town
presented by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Hunterdon County.
Come out and enjoy the Irish festivities!!!



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

Recently, some local ordinances were modified and updated. Specifically, these are the Rental of Dwellings Ordinance (Chapter 70) and the Fuel Tank and Dumpster Ordinance Chapter 80). While the revisions have yet to be posted within the online ordinances the following is a brief overview of the changes that you should be aware of. If these ordinances affect you, please act accordingly to the changes. In some cases, you may now be required to obtain a license for the fuel tank or dumpster you have.

Rental of Dwellings (Chapter 70):

The referenced standard was updated to the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code,

Some additional definitions were added along with clarifications of others including identifying the NJ Uniform Fire Code as a referenced standard,

There is a timeframe requirement whenever there is a change of landlord for a rental structure. This landlord change information and applica-

tion must be submitted within 30 days of the change,

All associated fees must be paid as applicable before any required inspection or re-inspection may be made. It is a violation of the Town Code to not pay any applicable fees as required,

All rental dwelling units are required to have a working carbon monoxide detector if there is a fuel fired appliance or attached garage,

All rental dwelling units are required to have an approved and current fire extinguisher installed,

The tenant change application fee was reduced from \$25.00 to \$15.00,

A re-inspection fee of \$20.00 has established where there are 5 or more violations found upon the 1st inspection (*NOTE: it would behoove all owners to assure their rental units are compliant upon the initial inspection whereby avoiding the chance of a re-inspection fee having to be charged*),

While already present, the process and right of an appeal was formally estab-

lished and written into the ordinance,

A penalty fee was established for failure to abate violations in the time frame established within a violation notice,

Fuel Tank & Dumpster Ordinance (Chapter 80):

A Registration License is required (still no fee) for all aboveground tanks or dumpsters 10 cubic yards or less (was 6 cubic yards),

Securing the aboveground fuel tank or dumpster has been modified to contain specifics with regard to forces created and the minimum sizes of anchoring devices to be used,

Violation fees are now established if a violation is found to exist.

Please contact me regarding any of the above related matters. I may be reached at 908-468-1696 or jdaniels@clintonfd.org.

Environmental Commission by Denna Roberts

The annual **River Clean Up** organized by Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) will be held on Saturday, April 26th, 9am to 12 noon. The Environmental Commission is coordinating clean ups at two sites in Clinton. Volunteers can sign up and pick up supplies at the Red Mill site (near The Clinton House at 2 W Main St) or at the Beaver Brook site (parking lot at 43 Leigh St, Municipal Building). For more information about volunteering call RHA at 908-234-1852x323.

A **Green Team** was formed in 2013 to work on sustainability projects and events in Clinton. Its first task was to work on Clinton's Sustainable Jersey application. In December, Clinton was awarded Bronze level Sustainable Jersey certification. The Town earned

certification for actions it had already undertaken, such as having an Environmental Commission, conducting an energy audit of municipal facilities in 2010, and hosting a farmers market. To view the report outlining Clinton's sustainability actions go to the website www.sustainablejersey.com and find Clinton Town in the list of participating communities. The Green Team also participated in Mulligan's Harvest & Sustainable Living Festival at the Red Mill Museum last November.

Terracycle update: Thanks to everyone who is contributing to the collections in the Municipal Building and Basil Bandwagon! These collection locations, along with 3 others outside of Clinton, have contributed to keeping approximately 18,000 units of trash out of landfills while at the same time pro-

viding resources to make new products.

Terracycle©(<http://www.terracycle.com>) is a company that collects non-recyclable or hard-to-recycle material and uses it to create over 1,500 different products available at major retailers. With more than 20 million people collecting waste in over 20 countries, billions of units of material have been diverted from the waste stream.

Terracycle obtains this waste from individual and group collectors called Brigade Leaders. The Brigade Leaders receive points to raise money for specific charities or donate points to a variety of international charities (e.g. Heifer Foundation, Feeding America).

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.

Basketball Nets

Many residents in Town currently have a portable basketball net placed along the street. While playing basketball is a great way to stay active, the location of the nets can pose a hazard to municipal vehicles during snow removal and leaf collection. 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. As such, I would like to ask all residents to consider relocating the nets during winter storms and/or leaf collection. This will allow municipal employees

to safely remove the streets of snow or leaves 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. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 Christine Wood

With the Town of Clinton locked in a deep freeze, the members of the Clinton Historic Preservation Commission are busy with several projects that will ensure preservation as well as learning and enjoyment for our residents.

With the county's 300th anniversary

approaching, house and cemetery tours are being planned.

The expansion of the Historic District is progressing as Leigh Street and Olsen Lane homes undergo the careful process of architectural description.

Three of the five "Welcome to Clinton"

signs have been beautifully repainted by Karen Romagna, so slow down and take a look!

We encourage residents to join us at our monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 at 47 Leigh Street.



HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, March 8, 2014 9am to 1pm
Route 12 County Complex

For more information, call 908-788-1110

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



CANINE CITIZENS

As with all Town Ordinances, Chapter 64 of the Town Code is intended to protect the quality of life that we enjoy in Clinton. It contains six “**common sense**” regulations for dog owners to obey while walking their pets around the Town.

Licensing - All dogs/cats must be licensed annually through the Town Clerk.

Disturbing the peace - No person shall own, keep, harbor or maintain any dog which habitually barks or cries, and specifically between 8pm and 8am.

Running at large - No person owning a dog shall permit it to run at large upon any public street or in any public park, public building or other public place.

Leashing – No person shall permit a dog to be upon a public street or in a public place unless that dog is accompanied by a person over the age of 12 years and it is securely confined and controlled by an adequate leash not more than 8 feet long.

Property damage – No person shall permit a dog to do any injury or damage to any lawn shrubbery, flowers, grounds or property.

The “Pooper Scooper” law – No person shall permit any dog to soil, defile, defecate or commit any nuisance upon any public or private property without the expressed permission of that property’s owner. Dogs may be “curbed” provided that the person having control of the dog “immediately removes all feces deposited and then disposes of that feces in a sani-

tary manner and on that persons own property”.

Violations of this Ordinance may result in a fine of \$50 for each offense.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Clinton is a pedestrian friendly Town and to remain that way both pedestrians and motorists must be aware of their separate but equal responsibilities at crosswalks. Pedestrians must **STOP** at the curb, look both ways and proceed only when safe to do so. Motorists must **STOP** for a pedestrian who has entered the crosswalk, and may proceed only when the pedestrian is clear of it. **After dark, pedestrians should wear light or reflective clothing. Motorists should slow down, pay extra attention at intersections and crosswalks and watch for the unexpected.** Bicycles operated after dark are required to be illuminated with some type of headlight and reflectors in addition to obeying all other traffic laws. When a bicyclist, pedestrian or a motorist ignore or neglect their responsibilities the results are tragic and expensive for both. Every year hundreds of pedestrians are injured and many are killed nationwide and within the last year 3 pedestrians were struck in Clinton, that’s why the Police Department takes pedestrian safety very seriously and we actively enforce all laws related to their safety.

HOUSE NUMBERS

Emergency responders are still having difficulty quickly locating some emergency calls at homes throughout Town because those properties are not properly marked with a street address that can readily be identified from the street or sidewalk. When an emergency happens seconds are critical to responding police, fire or rescue personnel. Please take the time to check your property to make sure that your house, apartment or building number is clearly marked and

visible from the street so that those critical seconds can be spent on your emergency and not trying to find it!

OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Winter overnight parking restrictions for this season will end March 31st, but until then please do not park on any street in Town between 0200am and 0600am when snow is forecast during those hours or streets are already snow covered. Your car will receive a summons and may be towed at your expense.

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IS DANGEROUS AND EXPENSIVE

Clinton is too busy and too small for motorists to be paying attention to anything else but driving safely. If a police officer sees you using a hand-held device he will stop you and you will be issued a \$100.00 summons. WWW.NJSAFEROADS.COM.

SKATEBOARDS, SKATES, ROLLERBLADES and SCOOTERS

The Town receives hundreds of complaints and inquiries every year regarding laws governing skateboards, skates, scooters and other locomotion devices that are gas or electrically powered. Skateboards, skates and non-motorized scooters are considered “human powered” locomotion devices. They are prohibited from being operated on any street, highway or other area of Town designed for motor vehicles by ordinance. Additionally they are prohibited from being operated on the sidewalks of Main Street, Lower Center Street, East Main Street and the section of Leigh Street from Route 173 to Center Street. Although they are sold in stores and on the internet, gas or electrically powered skateboards, scooters or any other “motorized” locomotion device are considered motor vehicles under current law and the operation of such powered devices is prohibited on any public street or sidewalk in New Jersey. Operation of these motorized devices on public streets can subject the operator

Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka



The Clinton Recreation Commission is in the planning stages for its annual Clinton Town Picnic to be held on Saturday June 7th this year (rain date 6/14) beginning at 3:00 at Hunts Mill Park.

The picnic is open to everyone. Volunteers are needed for running games, the bake-off contest, the dunk tank, and to hand out popcorn, cotton candy, and Rita's ice. The Commission is also seeking sponsors for the fireworks and for the inflatables. Ride on Frank Hooper's old fashioned fire truck, and you can also support the Clinton Fire Department as they grill up your favorite food! New ideas are welcome.

Please call the Town of Clinton Municipal Office @ 735-8616 or contact Rosemary Pendergast at rosemary3288@gmail.com to help out. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the music & festivities with your friends and neighbors.

Back by popular demand, the Town of Clinton Summer Recreation Program will again offer varied registration rates this year. You will be able to register your child/children for the entire four week program, or you can register per week or for the trips only. Look for a flyer in the CPS Virtual Backpack and on the Town website

for registration information after spring recess.

Seniors, mark your calendars! The annual Senior Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2014 12:30pm at the Clinton Firehouse. Information will be sent out soon with details & RSVP information.

Everyone had a great time at the January Yuletide Bonfire organized by Sean Rogan with many volunteers and sponsors working together to make this happen. Music and refreshments all made the night spectacular. Special thanks to the Clinton Fire Department and to Boy Scout Troop 121 again for their help.

Joint Presentation on Irish History at CLINTON RED MILL MARCH 11

Just in time for Saint Patrick's Day, join the Red Mill Museum Village's Trustee, the Honorable Richard Miller for a talk on the migration of Irish Settlers in the town and area of Clinton, NJ.

Concluding Richard's talk, Robert Sheridan, President of the G.W. Taylor Civil War Round Table, will present on "Three Important Irish American Civil War Generals: Corcoran, Meagher (Marr), and Sheridan."

Richard Miller, a former Mayor of Clinton and the former Board President of the Board of Trustees at the Red Mill Museum Village, obtained his Masters from the College of New Jersey. Richard served as the Humanities Department Chair and taught social sciences at South Hunterdon Regional High School for over thirty years.

Robert Sheridan is a marine geophysicist and marine geologist. A descendant of a Union army veteran, Robert's work on the discovery and recovery of the USS Monitor allowed him to bring together his interest in Civil War history with his educational background. Obtaining a masters and Ph.D. from Columbia University, Robert studied the North America Atlantic Continental Margin for forty years and taught as a professor at Rutgers University.

The presentation will take place at the Clinton Township Middle School on Tuesday, March 11th. Admission is free; however advanced registration is required. Please visit <http://www.hunterdon300th.org/events-march.html> to register.

The presentation will start at 7pm. Refreshments to follow. This presentation is sponsored by the Red Mill Museum Village and the Hunterdon Tercentennial Committee.

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis

to being charged under State motor vehicle law with operating an unregistered and uninsured vehicle in addition to any other traffic violation they may be committing, REGARDLESS OF AGE. If you have ANY questions regarding ANY motor vehicle law or Town ordinance regulating any of these devices PLEASE ASK an officer FIRST. Also, please remember that if you are under 18 years of age you MUST wear an approved helmet, even on a bicycle.

BUSINESS LISTINGS

The police department maintains emergency contact information for all commercial businesses and properties in Town. To keep this information current we must rely on you the business owner or manager to keep your contact information updated with new or retiring staff or tenant information. Please contact Patrolman Pete Tilstra at 735-2665 ext. 215 with any new or updated contact

information for your property or business.

POLICE WEBSITE

Please visit and bookmark www.clintonnjpolice.com on your computers. You may also sign up to receive current information regarding local weather, traffic, special events and other information generic to us in Clinton.

Clinton Town Picnic

COME JOIN THE FUN

Music, Games and Fireworks

For the Whole Family!

Hunts Mill Park (behind Kings Crossing)

Saturday, June 7th - 3pm to Dusk

Rain Date is Saturday, June 14th

Bring a picnic for your family, including lawn chairs and blankets or our Fire Dept. will be selling grilled burgers, dogs, chicken and steamed clams.

Bake-Off Competition

Bring your entry to the Bake Sale Tent. Judging at 4 pm, with desserts for sale afterwards.

Volunteers are needed to make the day a success. Please call the Town of Clinton Municipal Office @ 735-8616 to help out!

Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Greetings friends,

What a winter this has been - - think we are all eagerly looking forward to the arrival of spring.

With the coming of spring, there will be some new offerings at the County Senior Center I'd like to bring to your attention:

Elder Quest – held at the County Senior Center in Flemington on the 3rd Wednesdays in April – 16, 23 and 30 from 10 AM to 12:30 - - each session consists of two 1-hour presentations with a half hour intermission between presentations so you can enjoy some refreshments. Presentation Topics: water fowl of Hunterdon County; Radio – Yesterday, Today

and Tomorrow; Raritan River Music Ensemble; Crime, Celebrity & Tragedy as Entertainment; Medicare Fraud & You; Hunterdon Central Fiddlers. Cost for all 6 lectures (including refreshments) is \$3; for registration information please call the Senior Center at 788-1359.

County Senior Art Show – this art show is open to any senior age 60+ wishing to enter and display their artwork. Show includes a variety of art – oil, water, pastel painting, woodcarving, digital photography and others. Registration date is April 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM; please contact Pia Rey-Doklan at 908 788-1361 or visit the Senior Center to obtain a package of information on

rules and guidelines for entering your artwork.

Remember: Notary Service - free to seniors citizens residing in the Town of Clinton. I am a Notary Public and will be happy to notarize your documents free of charge. Please contact me at 908 310-3312.

It is always a pleasure to be of assistance to you; please do not hesitate to contact me should you have a concern pertaining to senior issues. I can be reached by phone at 908 310-3312; by e-mail at: mrodenberger@hotmail.com.

Thank you, and best wishes.

ATTENTION CLINTON RESIDENTS:



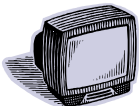
**CHIPPING AND BRUSH WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL MAY 2014
CHIPPING WILL BE PICKED UP BY ZONES
(see recycle brochure for more info)
PLEASE DO NOT PILE BRANCHES BY CURB DURING THIS TIME**

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.



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



Council Highlights by Angela Hawes

November 12, 2013

~ Mayor Kovach introduced the Clinton Public School, Lady Bulldogs Volleyball champions and read the proclamation to them! Job well done! Congratulations!

November 26, 2013

~Raritan Headwater Association will have the annual Stream Clean Up on Saturday, April 26, 2014.

December 10, 2013

~ Clinton Public School has developed a Long Range Facility Plan for the March 11, 2014 referendum election. Copies have been distributed to the Mayor and Council. If anyone has questions they may contact Bob Pyle or Margaret Layding from the School Board. Three major building needs have been noted, replacement of the 1996 roof, replacement of the 1996 HVAC and replacement of the 1969 fire alarm system. The Board is seeking grant money. This will have no impact to the Clinton resident's taxes, it will actually have a positive effect. The referendum is needed since the cost is too much for the annual budget.

~ Department of Public Works, Pete Bross, saved the life of his co-worker, Wayne Smith, Road Foreman. The men were picking up leaves on Center Street recently when Mr. Smith was stricken with a heart attack. Mr. Bross's quick action resulted in saving his life. The Rescue Squad told Mr. Pendergast that if it wasn't for Mr. Bross, Mr. Smith could have died. Mr. Smith is a lucky man and Mr. Bross should be recognized as a hero!

December 27, 2013

~ Mrs. Sosidka reported the Town newsletter has not been receiving any complaints from residents on not receiving the newsletter by mail. Therefore due to budget constraints in 2014 the process will remain the same. There will be two issues printed and mailed and two issues sent out electronically. Which issues to be printed or electronic has not been determined yet. Copies of the electronic newsletter will be in the municipal building in the North Hunterdon Library and in the Clinton Book Store.

January 14, 2014

~ The Buildings and Grounds have three capital projects. First is the new pole barn. Second is the instal-

lation of the gas diesel tanks. Third project is getting estimates for the repairs to the porches on the municipal building.

~ There are openings on the Board of Recreation, the Website/Newsletter committee, and the Historic Preservation Committee. If anyone knows of someone who would like to volunteer have them fill out a Citizen Involvement Application.

January 28, 2014

~ Board of Recreation re-elected Rosemary Pendergast as the Chair and Dan Mahoney as the Vice Chair. The Yuletide Bonfire was again a huge success and thank you to Sean Rogan for his work in organizing the event and to Steve Lione for raising donations. Thanks to the scouts once again for serving hot chocolate and cookies. With all the donations received, money is leftover for next year!

February 11, 2014

~ The Town is applying for a grant to repave Union Road

~ The Town of Clinton is celebrating its 150 year anniversary in 2015

SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION



MARCH 11

Polls open 7am to 9pm at Community Center

REMINDER

The Town of Clinton publishes four issues of the newsletter per year. Only two issues will be mailed out. The issues not mailed will be sent out electronically. Copies can also be picked up at the Municipal Building, the Library or the Clinton Book Store.

FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC

ON MAIN STREET



May through September

"Come Together and Enjoy the Music"

7pm to 9pm

DOG OWNERS PLEASE CURB YOUR DOG

Protect the health, safety and welfare of your neighbors.



HELP CONSERVE WATER CHECK YOUR FAUCETS AND TOILETS FOR LEAKS



Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

HUNTERDON COUNTY 300TH ANNIVERSARY

Events and activities commemorating the 300th Anniversary of Hunterdon County continue at various local venues for children and adults to learn and enjoy!

Many are FREE of charge!

<http://www.hunterdon300th.org/events-march.html> for details, dates, and registration!

Tuesday, March 11th, 7pm

The Honorable Richard Miller, a Red Mill Museum Trustee, presents on the migration of Irish settlers to the Clinton area, followed by Robert Sheridan, President of the G.W. Taylor Civil War Round Table, presenting on "Three Important Irish-American Civil War Generals: Corcoran, Meagher (Marr), and Sheridan" at Clinton Twp Middle School. Reserve tickets via

<http://www.hunterdon300th.org/events-march.html>.

Free.



Saturday, March 15th

2nd Annual Run O' The Mill 5k,

8am start at Community Center

For more details, see

<http://www.therunothemill5k.com/raceinfo.html>

Sunday, March 16th



ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

First annual St. Patrick's Parade, 3pm down Main Street in Town presented by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Hunterdon County.

Thursday, March 20th

Balic of Clinton hosts an Open House: The History of March of Dimes...Celebrating the Early Years (1940's). Wine Tasting-Refreshments-Silent Auction-Music, 5pm-7:30pm, \$20/per person. Proceeds and % of sales donated to March of Dimes. Questions? Call Joan Schaming (Balic) at 908-713-9463 or Kelly Witkowski (March of Dimes) at 732-952-9018

Saturday, March 29th

Free Youth Art Workshop,
10am, Red Mill Museum Village

Kimberly Cheifer will guide children to make fabric-yarn pictures of the Red Mill in recognition of Hunterdon County's 300th Anniversary!

April 12th and 13th (Saturday/Sunday)

3rd Annual "Doing Clinton-Springtime", 12pm-4pm!
Food, Wine, Chocolates—just in time for Easter and Passover!

Spring fashions and jewelry!
Springtime flowers, home décor and gifts!
Children's activities, music, and much more!
For more info, contact Joan Schaming
at 908-713-9463

Thursday, April 10

Spring Ladies Night Out

Complementary in-store events, discounts, drawings, refreshments.
Enter to win the Grand Prize "Clinton's Queen for a Day" prize package! 6PM to 9PM in Downtown Clinton

Saturday, April 26th

Raritan River Cleanup

Volunteer sign up at the Red Mill (near Clinton House) or Beaver Brook site (Municipal Bldg) 9am-12noon. Volunteers needed!
For more info call @ 908-234-1852 x323

Saturday, April 26 Rain or Shine

Clinton Sunrise Annual Fishing Derby



Free admission; Registration 8-9am
Fishing 9-12pm
Demott Pond Town of Clinton;
For all kids ages 4-16 years old

For more information or sponsorship
call 908-279-0112

Sunday, May 4

Clinton Pansy Festival!



Horse & Carriage rides, garden displays and much more! Birdhouse decorating contest. Birdhouses will be displayed on Main Street from noon-4PM
Judging at 2PM Vote for your favorite!
Drop off entries between - 6PM on May 5th or Sunday, May 6th before 11AM
12 to 4PM

May 2014 through October 2014

Clinton Farmer's Market returns
Sundays, 9am-1pm, weather-permitting
, at the Clinton Fire Dept. parking lot (1 New Street).
Fresh local farm products!

Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, March 2014



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

Margaret Layding, Bob Moul, Patty Cooper, Brendan McIsaac, Craig Sowell

CPS Facility Plan and March 11, 2014 Referendum

In 2013, the Board updated the school's facility plan. There will be a special school election on March 11, 2014 to ask for Clinton and Glen Gardner voter approval to issue \$2.1M in 10 year bonds for facility work at CPS.

While we always budget for ongoing maintenance, we've identified 3 important projects which need to be funded through a bond issue so we can spread the cost over many years:

1. Replacement of 1996 portion of the school's roof, which is nearing the end of its useful life
2. Replacement of 1996 rooftop HVAC equipment, and the building's HVAC controls, for improved efficiency and savings
3. Replacement of the fire alarm system, much of which was installed in 1969 making repair parts difficult to find.

In Summer 2013, the State offered facility aid funding which can cover 40% of \$2.1M cost. The District applied, and will receive the State funding if the referendum passes. The remainder would be funded locally by Clinton and Glen Gardner at a cost of roughly \$30/\$100,000 in valuation, annually, for the 10 year life of the bonds.

We want to take advantage of the availability of the State funding now, since the State doesn't consistently offer this support. We also are benefitting from relatively low interest rates, which helps minimize the cost.

In Clinton, there would be no impact to taxes from this Referendum. This is because we are timing these bonds to **replace** 1996 bonds which are already part of current taxes and will soon be paid off.

In Glen Gardner, there is a tax impact since this is the first Referendum since the districts merged in 2009.

Please check the CPS website at www.cpsnj.org for more information and detailed fact sheets on the proposed projects or contact the school's business office at 735-8512 with any questions.

Vote on March 11, 2014!

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 for this school year. We have been pleased to have Mrs. Burd join us, she has brought 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. We sought input from teachers, parents and community members and have been interviewing candidates. We expect to have a final decision announced this spring. As required by state law, we have sought candidates with Superintendent certification. The role will continue to be a combined Superintendent and Principal position, a change made several years ago to help manage costs effectively.

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Town of Clinton, March 2014



Ryan McKeever Wins Local School NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE

On January 9, 2014, Ryan McKeever, a 6th grade student at Clinton Public School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and a chance at a \$25,000.00 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 26th annual National Geographic Bee. This year's Bee is sponsored by Google (visit www.google.com/educators/geo). Ryan is the son of Jim and Ana McKeever of Clinton.

Along with Ryan, the following students competed in the competition held at the school: Sarah Upwood (6th), Jahir Stover (6th), Adam Lum De-Bono (7th), Jonah Liono (7th), Emily Klein (6th), Dylan Harrison (6th), Gerry Endersen (6th), Alex Endersen (7th), and Matthew Czerw (8th).

The kick-off for this year's Bee was early in January, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, including Ryan, will now take a written test. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 4, 2014.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the Bee national championship rounds May 19-21, 2014. The first-place national winner will receive a \$50,000.00 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands., courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Award-winning journalist Soledad O'Brien will moderate the national finals on May 21. The program will air on television.

CPS Debate Competition

On Thursday, November 21, 2013, four teams of two students each from Clinton Public entered a spontaneous debate competition at the Clinton Township Middle School. Although the debaters were prepared at their home schools on the rules of debating, they did not know what topic they would be debating at the competition, nor which stance (affirmative or negative) they would defend. Students were assigned a topic and stance once they arrived with some of the research materials prepared for them. They were then given an hour and a half to prepare their position and debating points. A computer was provided for the last half hour of preparation.

The initial rounds of debates were conducted in small groups and scored by two judges. Then the finalists debated in front of the whole group and were scored by a panel of judges. The CPS team of Julianne Bavaro and Ian McKillip advanced to the final round, arguing that violence in school media should not be censored.

The other CPS teams consisted of Kadie Davis and Abhay Bhatt, Chloe Boyd and Alyssa Tombs, and Lyra Tomljanovich and Izzy Nunes.

These teams debated whether saying the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools is unconstitutional or not. Although CPS did not win the overall competition, the students gained valuable insight into the process of debating, including preparation strategies, time management, public speaking skills, working collaboratively, and researching.

All 7th and 8th graders at CPS learn the art of debate in their social studies class.





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(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

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