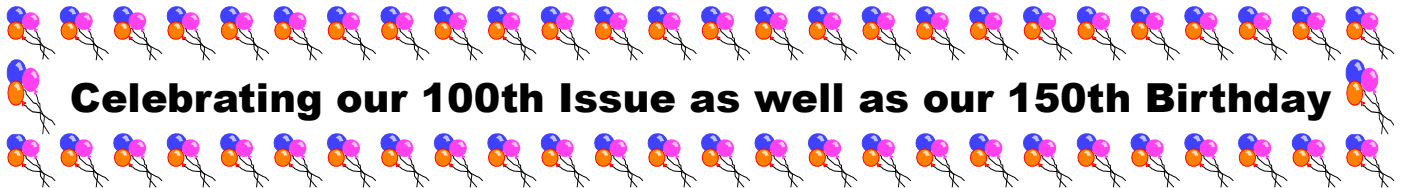


OUR TOWN

Clinton, NJ

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Celebrating our 100th Issue as well as our 150th Birthday

From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



Hard to believe that another year has gone by. 2014 started off a little rough with the multiple snow storms and cold weather but we managed through and were grateful to have some warmer weather. The Halstead Street water project was under way and will be completed later this year. We had some fabulous events last year and look forward to the tradition continuing this year with the second annual St. Paddy's Day parade hosted by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

2015 is a celebration year for the Town - 150 years since our incorporation. While the Town itself has been around much longer and has played a significant role in history, it was only in 1865 that we made it official. We

hope that everyone can participate in the many events scheduled throughout the year and will join us for the official celebration on May 30th downtown.

We have invited the CPS school children to also participate in the celebration: grades K-4 have been asked to draw, paint or color a picture of one of the buildings, structures or historic homes in Town. Grades 5-8 have been asked to write a 500-1000 word essay about a child growing up in Town sometime between the years 1750-1950. We hope to have enough entries that we can have all of them bound into a keepsake book. There will be prizes for each grade.

As with every year at this time we are working on the budget and always have an open door policy with residents. All budget meetings are open to the public and we are available to answer ques-

tions. Once we have the budget completed we will have a public hearing to review. One of our continued objectives is ensuring the health and public safety and to that end we continue to determine capital needs that will keep the Town vibrant for many years to come.

As always please feel free to reach out to myself or any council member with questions or concerns.



2ND ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY MARCH 15th 3pm down Main Street

Presented by the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Hunterdon County.

Come out and enjoy the Irish festivities!!!



TOWN OF CLINTON'S 150th BIRTHDAY

COME CELEBRATE SATURDAY MAY 30TH
BLOCK PARTY DOWN MAIN STREET to the CLINTON FIRE HOUSE
STARTING AT 11:00AM



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

It All Happened So Fast

The following is a recap of a recent structure fire within the Town of Clinton portions of which are comments from the victims;

The setting is Super Bowl Sunday approximately 4:30 PM. As most people were doing, food preparations were underway be it for an ordinary dinner or for the planned party get-together. Then it happened! Food cooking on the stove that in a split second turns an ordinary evening into a possible tragedy. The following is from resident and Councilperson Robert Smith, a long time and dedicated proponent of the Town.

I turned my attention for only a moment from the pot on the stove. It contained cooking oil for deep frying some food. Suddenly it was on fire. It wasn't just the pot on fire; it quickly turned into a kitchen fire. The fire traveled up the stove and attacked the wooden cabinets. These quickly became involved with the fire and added to the heat and flames that were growing larger. The smoke was becoming thick making it difficult to see and breath. I yelled for my wife, Nancy, to call 911 and I grabbed a fire extinguisher. The smoke alarms in the house were sounding already. I used a total of 3 dry chemical (the powder ones) fire extinguishers to try and contain the fire. The fire did not go out and continued to spread across the ceiling at the corner of the cabinets, looking for other combustible products to consume. Things happened so quickly! I recall running to get the other fire extinguishers and turning off the circuit breakers to the stove while in the

basement. Within 4 minutes of the 911 call, the Clinton Fire Department was on the scene. My neighbor, former Fire Chief Steve Higgins, grabbed a water fire extinguisher from the 1st arriving vehicle, Fire Chief Walter Dorf Chief's vehicle, as it stopped. Firefighter Higgins ran into the kitchen and knocked the flames down on the cabinets. This proved to be key to stopping the fast spreading fire. Within a minute the crew of the next arriving fire unit, Clinton's ladder truck, came in and put the balance of the fire out. They then pulled the ceiling and wall down in the kitchen to insure the fire had not migrated into other areas of our house. Since our house is an old Victorian there was a good chance that if the fire had gotten into the walls or ceiling, it would have spread upward to the 2nd floor possibly even the attic area. The fire crew reported wall and ceiling temperatures in the kitchen of 176 degrees after the flames were extinguished. After the fire was out and there was a chance to look around the house, I noticed that the smoke from the fire had traveled to all parts of the house. There was smoke in the basement, 2nd floor and even in the attic. No one can understand how quickly this all happens unless you experience it firsthand. It all happened so fast!

Nancy and I want to commend the Clinton Fire Department for their immediate response, their professionalism and care in not doing any overhaul or demolition that was not required to save the balance of our Victorian home. It was a good feeling to see all of the mutual aid fire companies respond within 3 minutes of the Clinton Fire Department. The responding companies were Quak-

ertown, Annandale, High Bridge and Lebanon Boro. The Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad were also on the scene within minutes of the 911 call. The support of all of the emergency responders is greatly appreciated. Anyone can have a fire in their home; if you are not prepared to act quickly and notify the 911 system, the chances are that you will not be as fortunate as we were. While this fire has caused moderate damage to our home, it could have been much worse. The citizens of the Town of Clinton should be proud of our volunteer first responders and support them on a regular basis. I would like to remind everyone of the importance of having fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in their homes.

We thank you all for listening,

Nancy and Bob Smith
Water Street

Please note that the Clinton Fire Prevention Bureau has **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.

Jack Daniels, Fire Marshall



Saturday, June 6th

Town-Wide Garage/Yard Sale
@ 9:00am \$10 registration fee
(payable to the Town of Clinton)

Mail your registration fee to: Town of Clinton
P. O. Box 5194, Clinton, NJ 08809



ATTENTION CLINTON RESIDENTS:
CHIPPING AND BRUSH WILL NOT BEGIN
UNTIL MAY 2015
CHIPPING WILL BE PICKED UP BY ZONES
(see recycle brochure for more info)

PLEASE DO NOT PILE BRANCHES BY
CURB UNTIL BRUSH PICKUP BEGINS

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



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 ac-

ordingly. 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 up-

dates:

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.

Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Greetings and best wishes for a very happy and healthy 2015.

I am pleased to bring to your attention several important items pertaining to the Town's senior population:

Turning 65 in 2015 - Medicare & You !

For those of you who will be turning 65 this year, please consider attending a **Medicare Info session sponsored by the County's Div. of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services to be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 at the County's Senior Center located at the Route 31 County Complex, Bldg. #1, Flemington.** Regardless of whether you're planning to continue working beyond 65 or thinking about retirement, consider attending this info session to gather valuable information pertaining to you and Medicare. **For more information and to reserve a seat call: 908 788-1361**

41st Annual County Senior Art Show

Hunterdon County residents, age 60 and over, professional and non – professional, may enter the annual County Senior Art Show. **Registration and submission of artwork will take place on Friday, April 10 from 10AM to 2 PM at the County's Senior Center, Route 31 County Complex, Bldg #1, Flemington.** For Art Show rules and regulations (art size, categories, number of pieces of artwork allowed, etc.), please call the County Division of Senior Services at 908 788-1361.

Resource for issues pertaining to seniors

A reminder that the County's Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services is a fabulous resource for all issues pertaining to seniors. The Division is located in Bldg #1 at the Route 31 County Complex in Flemington, You can reach them by phone at 908

788-1361 or via the web at: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us. The Division publishes a great quarterly newsletter called Seasoned Years. If you do not already receive a copy of this newsletter, I urge you to either access it on the Division's website or call 908 788-1361 and asked to be placed on the newsletter mailing list.

The Senior luncheon will be held on May 3rd at 12noon at the Clinton Fire House. Invitations will go out in April.

In closing, I remind you that I am a Notary Public and am happy to provide notary services (free of charge) for any senior living in the Town of Clinton. Additionally, if you have an issue or question pertaining to seniors that you'd like me to research or address, please let me know either by calling me at 908 310-3312 or e-mailing me at mrodenberger@hotmail.com.

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 sanitary manner and on that persons own property".

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Clinton is a pedestrian friendly Town however the failure of a driver, a pedestrian or both to follow their separate but equal responsibilities at crosswalks can be tragic. Pedestrians

must use crosswalks, **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 have been fatal. Every year hundreds of pedestrians are injured and many are killed nationwide and within the last 2 years 5 pedestrians were struck in Clinton and 1 killed, and each of these accidents were easily preventable. So that's why the Police Department takes pedestrian safety very seriously and you should too. We actively enforce all laws related to pedestrian safety and have zero tolerance of violations.

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.

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 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 busi-

150th Birthday Celebration is May 30



Clinton officially became a Town on April 5, 1865, following an act of the New Jersey Legislature. Now, 150 years later, the residents of Clinton continue to cherish this historical gem of a Town.

Planning has been underway for several months on how we can celebrate such a milestone. The 150 Years Committee has created a website so all interested can keep track of its progress and join in the celebrating throughout 2015: www.clinton150years.com and a special edition 2015 Calendar that showcases beautiful photographs of our town –both old and new – and includes date of all events in town throughout the year. The calendars are available at several local shops and at the Municipal Building.

Many events are planned to gather people in our charming downtown throughout the year – from Sweethearts' Week in February, to the second annual St. Patrick's Day Parade that will take place March 15th...and some new and exciting events are being planned by the Clinton Guild – a not-for-profit organization comprised of 70 local businesses and museums -- for 2015.

The most special and unique event for this year will be our sesquicentennial block party, planned for Saturday, May 30th at 11am.

During the Town-wide block party, Main and East Main Streets will be open to pedestrians only between the Red Mill Museum Village and the Clinton Fire Department.

The huge bash will include activities for children, fun, games and contests... and lots and lots of street food and beer and wine gardens.

Your favorite local shops will be open for business and showing their wares on the sidewalk. There will be local musical entertainment in abundance, including a special

song about Clinton, written local musician, Gregg Cagno.

You'll see the unveiling of the new Clinton Mural, *A Bridge Across Time*, conceptualized by local artist, Christie Wood, who has been painting in the alley next to the Clinton Pharmacy. The 72-by-15 foot work of art, depicts Clinton the way it looked in 1865 to the way it looks now in 2015.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the celebration that will happen only once a century!

To learn more about upcoming events associated with the celebration, visit the website www.clinton150years.com

Anyone who wishes to volunteer to help organize the celebration or to make a donation for 150th event should call Town Clerk Cecilia Covino at (908) 735-8616.

There will be a Town Beautification Day on April 18 at 8am. If anyone would like to volunteer, please call the clerk's office 908-735-8616 for details.

150 Years Committee Volunteers:

Chairwoman and local resident, Megan Jones-Holt
Town Clerk, Cecilia Covino

Photographer and local resident, John Bohnel

CertaPro Painters Owner and local resident, Cece Gallo

Owner of Hetzel's Art Supply and local resident,
Walter Hetzel

Fourchette Owner and local resident, Meredith Hyland

Director of the Red Mill Museum Village,
Eileen Morales

Director of the Hunterdon Art Museum,
Marjorie Nathanson

Town Councilwoman and local resident,
Beth Sosidka



Police Department (cont) by Chief R. Brett Matheis

ness 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. You may

also sign up on this site to receive current information regarding local weather, traffic, special events and other information about living and visiting Clinton.

Historic Commission by Richard Miller

Several exciting historic related events are coming up in the Town of Clinton over the next few months. On March 15th, the day of Clinton's second St. Patrick's Parade, a beautiful historic marker will be unveiled to commemorate the 19th century Irish immigrants to the Town who settled primarily on Halstead Street. This area was for many years known informally as "Irishtown". The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, organizers of the parade, have

arranged for the plaque and will hold the dedication ceremony in the morning of parade day.

The Historic Preservation Commission and the Red Mill Museum Village are working on a joint exhibit to highlight our Town's 150th anniversary. The exhibit will be housed in the Thomson Gallery on the second floor of the Red Mill. The exhibit will open to the public on May 17th. However, the formal kickoff will occur on

May 30th when we celebrate our Town's 1865 creation with a gigantic community Block Party.

Both of these events are sure to be wonderful additions to the celebration of 150 years of the Town of Clinton's history. Also be sure to check out a web site called historymapping.org. You will be able to see local historic sites that are cleverly overlaid onto Google Earth. Well worth a look!

Shade Tree Commission by Ches Snider



Greetings Fellow Tree Huggers,

Spring will be here before we know it – and if home landscaping improvements are in your sights, consider planting deer-resistant trees, shrubs, and flowers.

As background, over the past 40 years populations of white-tailed deer have increased dramatically throughout the Northeast. Much of which can be attributed to changes in habitat - including reversion of abandoned farm fields to forest, and shifts in human population to rural and suburban areas, e.g. Hunterdon County.

Notably, deer frequently feed on flow-

ers, fruits, and vegetables as well as the buds and twigs of fruit trees and ornamental shrubs – examples include Cherry, Plum, and European Mountain Ash trees, Rhododendron and Azalea shrubs, and flowering plants such as Tulips, Hosta, and Phlox.

Damage to landscape plantings and ornamentals may occur at any time of year; but is usually most severe in the late winter and early spring when other food supplies are limited. In many cases, deer browsing may permanently disfigure ornamental trees.

By selecting plant species that deer

avoid, damage can be reduced or eliminated. For trees, try the American Holly, Bottlebrush Buckeye, or Pawpaw; a common Boxwood, Barberry, or Oregon Grape Holly for shrubs; and Bleeding Hearts, Forget-Me-Nots, and Peonies for flowers.

For more recommendations, a detailed listing of trees, shrubs, and flowers and their relative resistance to deer browsing can be found at www.njaes.rutgers.edu/deerresistance/.

Happy planting – and let's enjoy another beautiful spring.



Smart Growth Committee by Al Rylak

The Town of Clinton Smart Growth Committee would like to thank all 810 participants who answered the survey over the past two months. Residents of all ages, merchants, and many people who simply like and care about our Town took the time to respond to the survey. Now the Smart Growth Committee is in the process of analyzing the results and will meet with a doctoral candi-

date from the Rutgers University Department of Statistics in that process. After all necessary analytical work is accomplished, a presentation of the results will be made in open forum to Town residents and any other interested people. All the supporting data will soon be available for the public to review at the Clerk's Office in the municipal building. Please contact Clerk Ceil Covino

with respect to this issue. The analysis however will take quite a bit of time to complete. If any residents have experience in statistical analysis and would be willing to volunteer to assist the Smart Growth Committee in this venture, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you all again.

Albert D. Rylak, Chairman



PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 2, 2015

6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Last day to register to vote - May 12

Last day to apply **BY MAIL** for mail in ballot - May 26

Council Highlights by Angela Hawes

August 12, 2014

~ Shade Tree has prepared an estimate for the removal of trees and stumps but will wait until hurricane season passes before spending anything. A tree inventory needs to be done and a scout project is a possibility. The trees circumference must be measured and the types of tree determined

~Environmental Commission to meet with an organization that does river clean ups. The recent river clean up by the Commission went very well, once again, however, the Commission is arranging a meeting with the organization that does them to coordinate efforts.

September 9, 2014

~ Lebanon Township adopted a new policy for disabled veterans. If a Tax Assessor qualifies a veteran, they would pay no taxes to the municipality. A claim has come about from a veteran that he wished to get paid retro from the time of the disability. This new policy would ensure that a veteran be tax exempt from the date applied not the date the vet becomes disabled. Mr. Cushing said he will distribute sample ordinances for the Town to review and prepare one for the Town.

~The Town may be introducing an ordinance on behalf of the Clinton Fire Department which would enable the Fire Department to recoup expenses from incidents on the highway. Residents would not be affected by this ordinance. This "pay for service" ordinance pertains to truck accidents with fire and/or hazardous discharge or negligent drivers. Pattenburg Fire Department currently has this in place and has received a significant amount of money from Route 78 incidents.

September 23, 2014

~ Frank Setnicky, Chief of the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad; Joe Olivo, Squad President; and Scott Wintermute of the Clinton Fire Department, attended this evenings meeting to present their plans for

their upcoming anniversaries with a joint parade! The Fire Department is celebrating their 150th in 2017 and the Rescue Squad is celebrating their 50th in 2018. Their plans are for May 20, 2017 with a big parade and a huge party at Hunts Mills Park! More details to follow in upcoming months.

~Shade Tree Commission - some large limbs over the playground have been cut down as well as a split tree on Spruce Run Road. Shade Tree funds have been dwindling but there still remains about \$3,000, funds that are reserved for storms in the Fall. If funds are not needed for storm damage, the Commission will continue with addressing areas of need.

~The Board of Recreation has a wonderful new group of volunteers for the Town Picnic!

~Historic Commission has been going through old photos preparing for a photo display for the 150th Celebration. The Historic Commission is in the process of planning events for next year.

October 14, 2014

~ Walt Dorf, Chief of the Clinton Fire Department, announced that the Fire Department along with the Clinton Police Department raised \$9,300.00 for St. Baldrick's organization. The men shaved their heads and accepted donations towards finding a cure to childhood cancer.

~~A letter of gratitude sent to Chief Matheis from Caroline T. Rodgers, commending Officer Ollerenshaw for his assistance and his kindness expressed during a recent incident.

~150th Committee has been meeting regularly and the sponsorship letters are ready for mailing listing the various levels of sponsorships. A Town calendar is being planned as well as bright new banners to be displayed on Old Route 22. Kelsey Bowers designed the logo and Meredith Hyland, Fourchette on Main Street, is designing the 150th website and

preparing press releases. Faces of Clinton banner on the Hunterdon Art Museum are also being planned. Christie Wood has submitted a sketch of a mural that will be painted on the side of a building on Main Street and beautifying the gateway. All planning is in the early stages and will continue in the upcoming months.

November 12, 2014

~ A letter of thanks from Christie Wood, Historic Preservation Commission chair, thanking officers Ollerenshaw and Thompson, for their going above and beyond during a Boy Scout tour of the Municipal Building. Their guidance and stories were an unexpected and welcome addition to their event!

~ Letter of thanks from Debbie Burns to Patrolman Matt Thompson, for coming in the middle of the night when the alarm went off on the smoke detector. Patrolman Thompson changed the batteries for Ms. Burns and she was very grateful.

November 24, 2014

~Board of Recreation – the fitness trail is in the process of being installed, two out of the six stations are in place. When the project is completed, an early Spring event will be had to "christen" the trail.

~150th Committee has completed work for the calendar which is going to press and should be ready for sale in mid-December. The calendar will have Town events filled in. The Town of Clinton won a day to have the New Jersey Hall of Fame Mobile Museum visit! They are scheduled to be here May 30, 2015 for the 150th Block Party Celebration!

December 9, 2014

~ Proclamation to the Clinton Public School Girls' Volleyball Team! The girls and Coach Sue Penn were in attendance along with Superintendent Dr. Seth Cohen and family members! A round of applause and photos were taken! Great job Lady Bulldogs!

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Council Highlights (cont) by Angela Hawes

~A second proclamation was read to Eve Glasergreen, a senior at North Hunterdon High School who holds an impressive cross country track record! Eve will be traveling to San Diego, California to compete on Saturday, December 13, 2014. Best of luck to you, Eve!!

~A third proclamation was read aloud but will be presented to Nathan Herrington at the Clinton Fire Department Banquet on Saturday, December 13, 2014. Nate is a member of the Fire Department and has made a commitment to join the Navy. Council wishes him much success!

~ St. Baldrick's foundation held a fund raiser which was attended by Town of Clinton Police and Firefighters who took part in shaving their heads and raised much

needed funds for childhood cancer research. The event totaled over \$52,000!

~ Mr. Phelan sought OEM funding following Super Storm Sandy for an emergency standby generator. The federally funded grant disseminated through the State was approved, then rejected, now approved again! Expecting more information on requirements next week.

December 23, 2014

~ Historic Commission is planning a joint exhibit with the Red Mill Museum Village beginning May 17 with a photo contest in conjunction with the 150th and a focus on "What Makes Clinton Clinton!" Deadline to submit photos is March 26, 2015.

January 13, 2015

~Appointment of Town Planner,

David Maski, PP of the Firm Van Cleef Engineering Associates.

January 29, 2015

~ Smart Growth Committee received 808 surveys to date. They have been separated in different areas and results will be forthcoming.

~ A sign post depicting "Irishtown" on Halstead Street is to be erected the day of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 15, 2015. The committee has been discussing the location of the 2x2 sign.

February 10, 2015

~ Environmental Commission is reviewing the Geo-therm study for the proposed apartments located on Halstead Street next to the library.

~Shade Tree – inventory is complete, Arborist Spanner to come identify a few trees. Four trees have been cut down and free wood is available in the Knolls.

Environmental Commission by Jeff Schaumburg

The Commission has been busy this winter completing plan and technical document reviews for two active development applications in town; planning for the spring river clean up; and working with the Green Team to support sustainable activities in our community.

Projects for which our Commission has provided review and advisory comments relevant to environmental components have included an application for the Shell station on West Main Street to convert the existing building into a 7-11 store; and an application by Eastern Hills Estates for residential units located at the site north of the library on Halstead Street.

On April 18, 2015, The Environmental Commission will support the Raritan Headwaters Association

annual river clean up. We are seeking volunteers to help pick up general litter along the banks and accessible portions of the South Branch River to keep our downtown beautiful and to protect this important watershed resource. We are an important and highly visible part of the larger clean-up effort along the entire river that is being coordinated by the Raritan Headwaters Association. Volunteers in the Town are encouraged to join us at the site on Main Street between the Clinton House and Red Mill on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 9AM to 12PM to assist. Walk-in volunteers are always welcome, but advanced sign up is greatly appreciated at www.RaritanHeadwaters.org/StreamCleanUp. Advanced registration helps us most effectively plan and coordinate resources. Please spread the word to your family, friends and

service organizations!

At the time of writing, the Green Team was making final preparations for a Natural Remedies Workshop, led by several of our volunteers, Veronique Lambert; Jean Pierson; Deena Roberts; and Patty Smeltzer. The workshop is scheduled for February 28, 2015 from 2PM to 3:30PM at the Community Center. The workshop will provide demonstration and recipes for environmentally sustainable homemade laundry detergent, face scrub, silver cleaner and more. Presently planned future Green Team activities include a summer in-river clean up, and a possible Butterfly Garden at DeMott's Pond. To get more information and/or volunteer to support sustainable activities in the Town of Clinton, you may contact Veronique Lambert and/or Deena Roberts at clinton_green_team@outlook.com.

HUNTERDON COUNTY COMPLEX—SPECIAL DATES

9am to 1pm 908-788-1110

Hazardous Waste Clean Up Day
Saturday, March 14



County Shredding Day
Saturday, April 25

Extra Drop Off Day Certain Items
Saturday, May 30
(only paint, oil, propane tanks, smoke detectors)

Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

The Town of Clinton is celebrating its 150th Anniversary!

Please check www.clinton150years.com for details on events and promotions!



Saturday, March 14th

Run O' the Mill 5k,

8AM start at Community Center
check out therunothemill5k.com
for registration and details.

Saturday, March 15

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

2nd annual St. Patrick's Parade,
3pm down Main Street in Town
presented by the Friendly Sons of
Saint Patrick of Hunterdon County.



Thursday, March 19th

Family Craft Day

at Hunterdon Art Museum, 10:30am-11:30am
2yrs. & up with an adult will make paper bird nests,
FREE

Check out other Thursday craft days!

Saturday, April 11th

Red Mill Civil War Day,

Reenactment brings history to life
Drills, weapons, music,
Red Mill Village Museum



Friday, April 17th

Clinton Fire Dept. Grill Night

5:30pm at the Fire House
Come out and enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, clams
and other delicious items.

Saturday April 18

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 Ext 323
or e-mail americorps@raritanheadwaters.org

Sunday, April 19th

Handweaving Tapestries for Kids
with Carol K. Russell
Hunterdon Art Museum, ages 6yrs & up;
1:30pm -3:30pm; Cost \$40, Member Cost \$30

Saturday, April 25th

Clinton Sunrise Annual Clinton Fishing Derby

Free Admission: Registration 8-9am
Fishing 9-12 pm
DeMott Pond For all kids ages 4-16



Annual Chili Cook-Off,

4pm-7pm
Clinton Rescue Squad

Saturday & Sunday, April 25th and 26th

"Doing Clinton in the Spring Time"

12pm - 4pm

Spring fashions, jewelry, flowers, home décor and gifts!
Music, merchant promotions, fun for the whole family!

For more info, contact Joan Schaming
at 908-713-9463

Sunday, May 3rd through October

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

Sunday May 3rd

"HAM It Up"

Hunterdon Art Museum Community Day, on site

Clinton Art Walk

Troll the main streets of Clinton to view art demonstra-
tion musical and other entertainment, and more!
10am-5pm

Thursday, May 7th

Fund Raiser for March of Dimes
Celebration of their 1950 accomplishments
5:30pm to 7:30pm at Balic on Main St.

Friday, May 15th

Clinton Fire Dept. Grill Night

5:30pm at the Fire House

Friday, May 22nd

Come Together: Music On Main Street
returns, Every Friday, 7pm on Main St.

Saturday, May 30

150th CELEBRATION
Block Party down Main Street @ 11AM
(rain date Sunday, May 31st)



Saturday, June 6

Town Wide Yard Sale @ 9am

Clinton Public School News



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.

From the Superintendent / Principal

Seth Cohen

Facility Update:

The fire alarm replacement is complete and we've held multiple drills without complication. The next phase of the project involves solicitation of bids for the HVAC controls, HVAC units, and the partial roof replacement. We received and awarded the bids for all three components of the project.

During the week of April 3, 2015 there will be a large crane on the CPS campus as the old HVAC units are removed and the new units are properly installed and secured. During the spring months, utilizing a second shift approach, the new HVAC controls will be installed, followed by the partial roof replacement beginning as conclude the 2014-2015 academic school year. We intend to host the summer sports program, the summer recreation program and potentially a summer art program on campus during the remainder of the project work.

In February 2015, we conducted a successful infrastructure trial for the 2015 Spring PARCC Performance Based Assessment administration. We are prepared from a technology readiness standpoint for the regular administration. The daily high quality instruction from our staff has certainly prepared our students through the lens of educational content.

Selected 2014-2015 Clinton Public School First Semester Notables

2014 Girls Volleyball Champion

North/Voorhees Junior Athletic Conference Christopher Fischer Cross Country Champion

SIFMA Foundation Second Place in the Northern Elementary School Division of The Stock Market Game Fall 2014 - 10 week session

Recipient of BASF \$5,000 grant for underwater robotics studies and supplies.

Recipient of a \$4,100.00 grant from the ExxonMobil Corporation to support curriculum in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) areas

Inspiring Children and Building the Future

Five teams made up of fourteen students from Clinton Public School grades 5, 6, and 7 rose early on a January Saturday morning to participate in the regional competition of Future City held at Rutgers University. Their goal was to develop sustainable agriculture solutions for growing food to feed their city citizens. This is a daunting challenge facing the world and the students embraced it with excitement and high energy.

They confronted the issue with creativity by building upon current techniques employed today like hydroponics, the growing of plants in a liquid solution, and vertical farming, utilizing structures to create more growing surface than just flat land affords. They did not limit their efforts to what is currently done today. They stretched today's current capabilities by considering and creating methods to increase the overall food production.

The guidance to the students is provided by Ms. Santacross. She is the accelerated math teacher at the school and the winner of the Clinton Public School's Teacher of the Year award this year. She utilizes the Future City program as part of her math course for 6th grade students and manages an afternoon club to include more students. The emphasis of her efforts is to provide more science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instruction to the students. Part of the support the students receive is learning about the engineering process and engineering disciplines. It amazing students of this age receive broad exposure to engineering and get to apply it in a challenging and rewarding program like Future City.

The teams from Clinton Public School invested countless hours of effort into the program including a research essay, a city digital model created utilizing SimCity software, a city narrative, a physical model, and an oral presentation. The students were very excited, and a bit nervous, entering Rutgers University. This was the school's second year in the competition and everyone hoped to win an award (or two!) for their efforts. The efforts paid off with one team winning the Best Futuristic City and another winning the Most Sustainable Food Production awards! However, all of the students that participated are winners. They take away a broader knowledge of challenges facing their future and an understanding of how engineering can help to address them.

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The Science of Polymers



Eighth grade lab partners, Kaylee Colantano and Vincent Cicalese, display the polymer they made during a lesson on Newtonian fluids and Non-Newtonian fluids. Teacher, Mrs. Karen DiLollo, led the investigation on the properties of polymers.

Clinton Public School National Geography Bee Finalists

Assistant Principal, Jacqueline Evans-Turner, of Clinton Public School is joined by the 10 finalists in the school's National Geographic Bee. Left to right are Estelle Yeung (7th grade), Kyra Hissner (6th), Hannah Perfetti (6th), Sommer Wilson (8th), Ryan McKeever (7th), Emily Nugent (8th), Arthur Lai (8th), Andrew Tota (8th), Matthew Flegg (8th), and Garrett DiRienz (8th).



Teacher of the Year

The New Jersey Teacher of the Year Program and the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program have been integrated into the Governor's Educator of the Year Program. This updated program highlights educational innovation, student achievement, the rewards of teaching, and important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success. The Clinton Public School solicited nominations from the staff community and Ms. Amy Santacross was selected as the Clinton Public School Governor's Educator of the Year!

Spelling Bee Denise Grimm

Students in grades 5-8 recently participated in preliminary rounds of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. After administering two rounds of a 25-word written exam, five finalists qualified to compete in the final round of the Bee. The five finalists were Anna Monks, Gianna Menes, Ryan McKeever, Garrett DiRienz and Luca Naughton. This oral round proved to be challenging as contestants had to draw on their knowledge of Greek and Latin roots. CPS is proud to announce Ryan McKeever as our school champion. Ryan also represented CPS as our champion last year. Later in February Ryan will compete at the regional round. Congratulations, Ryan!



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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 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

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