

OUR TOWN

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



Here we are at the end of another summer - and going into the last four months of our 150th celebration. But that does not mean we are winding down - it just means we

have to step up the pace so that we can close out the year with a bang!

First I want to thank all of the volunteers, merchants, residents and visitors who have made our year of celebrating a huge success. Without the tireless efforts of those that are planning and organizing the events and all of the individuals who come out to celebrate with us we could not have pulled off the successes that we have.

We look forward to seeing everyone over the coming months to help us end the year with a big bang. Look for more info on the Fall Apple 'N Pumpkin Harvest Festival on Sunday,

October 11.

Now to some business - I would ask again that business owners and their employees keep in mind that parking on the streets downtown is 2 hour intervals and moving a car from spot to spot only takes away from parking for those who are shopping or doing business downtown. There is parking at the municipal building, Water Street parking lot and the Fire Department for anyone working downtown. We all win when businesses are able to do business because customers can park. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

As the summer comes to a close that means that school will be opening soon - please be aware of the children as they are walking to or from school.

We have had several new businesses open or are getting ready to open and

we wish them all the best. To me there is no better place to live than the Town of Clinton - and for those of you that may not be aware Clinton has had the distinction of making several lists this year as desirable places to live and raise your family. We are there because of everyone who lives, works and visits Clinton - Thank you!!!

Last but not least we are sad to say goodbye to Angela Hawes, administrative assistant in the Clerk's office. Angela has been with the Town for 4 1/2 years and has decided to relocate. We wish her and her family well.

As always please feel free to reach out to myself or any of the council members with questions or concerns. I can be reached via email jkovach@clintonnj.gov or 908-399-8921

CLINTON TOWN PICNIC



**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12th
COME JOIN IN ON THE FESTIVITIES!!!**

Music, Games and Fireworks
3:00 PM to Dusk @ Hunts Mill Park
(Rain Date September 19th)

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 3, 2015

6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Last day to register to vote is Tuesday, October 14

Last day to apply by mail for a Mail In Ballot is

Tuesday, October 27

Thursday, Oct 29th County Clerk's Office (788-1214) is open until 7pm to vote by Mail in ballot

Saturday, Oct 31 County Clerk's office is open from 9am to 1pm to vote by Mail in Ballot.

Voting for Town of Clinton is at the Community Center located at 63 Halstead Street



Clinton's 150th Celebration



The block party was a huge success. If anyone has any pictures they would like to send in please drop them off at the Clerk's office or e-mail them to bsosidka@clintonnj.gov or clinton150th@clintonnj.gov

SAVE THE DATE

**29TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARADE**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH @ 7:00PM



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

Never Enough Time

The title of this article just about sums it up. I too must admit that I frequently am not always able to get things done in the time frame I would like. There is simply too much to do and not enough time to do it. However we all need to make the time to get certain important and life safety things done for ourselves and our family. We need to prioritize and figure out appropriate time management techniques that allow us to do those things that may seem unimportant or that you tell yourself, "I'll get to that tomorrow." Tomorrow never seems to come though to take care of those items. Some important items are:

- ~ Check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
- ~ Check electrical devices.
- ~ Try not to use extension cords (If you must, read the manufacturer in-

formation and learn about these items)

- ~ Having a fire extinguisher in this house and knowing how to use it (*PASS* – **P**ull, **A**im, **S**queeze, **S**weep)
- ~ Know two ways out of your house and have a meeting spot to gather at
- ~ Practice fire drills regularly
- ~ Make certain that visitors and babysitters know what to do in the event of an emergency
- ~ Have all fuel and solid fuel fired appliances serviced annually .
- ~ Teach your children about fire and what to do if a fire occurs .
- ~ Explain to your children about the devastating consequences of playing with fire

Please do not take for granted that your home may feel like the safest place in the world; 2013 statistics indicate that 83% of all fatal fires in NJ occur in residential homes. A report from the NJ Division of Fire Safety based on data

supplied from fire departments via the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) can be found at the following link: http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dfs/pdf/fire_in_nj_2013.pdf. If you read through the information you will see many data based statistics about residential fires. This information should heighten your interest about looking to make fire safety one of those important must do tasks!

Free Smoke Detector Campaign: I have obtained battery operated smoke detectors as part of an ongoing campaign by the Division of Fire Safety and Kidde to reduce life loss due to fires. Residential home fires account for about 76% of all fatal fires. Having properly placed AND

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Clinton Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Hi there - hope you all have been enjoying a great summer. Time really flies - here it is September - and time to bring you important information on issues pertaining to seniors.

Medicare - Important Reminder
Once a year Medicare offers a time period when you can change your prescription drug plan or enroll in a plan if you missed an earlier deadline for enrollment. This annual period runs from October 15 thru December 7, 2015.

If you are already enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you should examine your coverage to determine if it will continue to meet your needs next year. Remember - each year plans can change and often do.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice, please call the County's Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services at 908 788-1361 to make an appointment to meet with a State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor.

Turning 65 ?

Although you might not have reached retirement age, that doesn't mean you aren't eligible for Medicare benefits when you turn 65. Remember - you are not automatically enrolled in Medicare when you turn 65 because you are not receiving Social Security benefits.

If you don't enroll in Medicare until you start receiving Social Security benefits, you will miss your initial enrollment period which is 3 months before, the month of your birthday and 3 months following your 65th birthday. If you fail to enroll in Medicare during this time, you may have to wait until next year's general enrollment period to apply for Medicare and you may have to pay a penalty - unless you have employer insurance through your or your spouse's current job at the time you become eligible for Medicare.

For more information on this important issue, please call Pia at the County's Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services 908 788-1361.

Last but not least - - free small appliance repair opportunity.

The County Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services is hosting their semi-annual Mr. Fix-It Appliance Day on October 29 from 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon at the County Senior Center, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington.

This program is open to county residents age 60 and over who wish to bring in a small appliance for repair - no appointment is necessary. Volunteers will be on hand to repair your item while you wait. There is no charge for repairs unless parts have to be purchased. For more info, call Sabrina Baarda at the County 908 788-1361.

In closing, as the Town's liaison for the seniors of Clinton, it is a pleasure to be of service to you. Should you have a need for Notary services, I am a Notary and would be happy to handle your needs at no charge. If you have questions or concerns pertaining to senior issues, please contact me at mrodenberger@hotmail.com or 908 310-3312.

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



Halstead Street Road Resurfacing

We are very pleased to say we completed all of the road work on Halstead Street. The new water line was installed and has been in operation for many months. In August, we just finished the road paving work, and everything looks great.

For updates and any other important information, sign up for e-mail updates via our website, Friend us on Facebook, or Follow us on Twitter. 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 elec-

tronic 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.clintonnjpolic.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 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.

Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka

We've had a fantastic summer with great reviews once again about the Summer Recreation Program and the Tennis program, run by Tiffany Cinquemani and Don Berkman.

Families and children love the outdoor Movies at the Red Mill. Thank you to sponsors such as Reiner Insurance and Mayor Kovach's family as well as organizer Sean Rogan! How to Train Your Dragon 2 was played on August 7th and had about 150 people attend.

The next movie night is Friday, September 4th at 7:30. The movie will be

Home (an animated children's film). This is a free family fun event so come out and enjoy! Thank you to Shop Rite for donating candy, popcorn, and drinks!

Another event everyone looks forward to – the next Canoe Race! The date will be Saturday, September 26. If you are willing to volunteer to help, please call Sean Rogan at 732-857-5263.

More information is in this issue about the Town Picnic on Saturday September 12 at 3pm, one of Clinton's most beloved family events with music,

games, events, food, and fireworks!

Something new to look forward to this year is the Fall Apple 'N Pumpkin Harvest Festival on Sunday 10/11. Thank you to Harvey Finkel of the Clinton Book Shop for bringing this idea to our Commission. It will begin at the Farmer's Market at the Clinton Fire Department in the morning with activities continuing throughout the day including Bluegrass Bands, games, a pie baking contest, food trucks, a beer and wine tent, animals, and more! Come on

Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

working smoke detectors can make the difference between life and death. I still have 18 battery operated smoke detectors available for residents of Clinton that need these devices. I will come to your home and

determine what is needed to provide the minimum level of protection (one detector per floor level including a basement). Contact me either via email or phone; no questions asked. I typically can assist with the installa-

tion of these detectors as well. Please take the time to contact me at 908-468-1696 or jdaniels@clintonnj.gov. If you know of a neighbor in need, please speak with them and contact me as well.

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



SCHOOL'S BACK IN SESSION

As the new school year begins we ask that parents please review some important safety practices with their children to help make this a SAFE year for everyone traveling to and from CPS.

The official school sanctioned walking routes to Clinton Public School are as follows:

From the west take the sidewalk along West Main Street past the Clinton House onto Main Street, turn right on Leigh Street south and continue across Route 173 with the Crossing Guard, continue south to the Crossing Guard at the CPS Bike Path and then up the hill to CPS. (DO NOT WALK UP SCHOOL STREET unless accompanied by an adult) **From Halstead/Center Street** cross with the Crossing Guard stationed at Leigh Street at Center Street, continue south on Leigh Street and then continue as outlined above. **From Alton Place or the South** cross with either the Crossing Guard at Alton Place or at the CPS Bike Path. **Children are not to walk along Route 173 between the South Branch River and Leigh Street unless they are accompanied by an adult.**

The very nature of Leigh Street, School Street and the CPS parking lot itself is not conducive to the efficient flow of the traffic volume generated in the morning and afternoon by parents delivering or picking up children directly at CPS. However, if you still choose to drive your children to CPS please plan to leave EARLY. Morning rush hour Interstate 78 traffic is extremely unpredictable and it DIRECTLY IMPACTS ALL TRAFFIC here in Town and will inevitably delay your arrival at CPS. To ease conges-

tion in the CPS parking lot we strongly urge parents to allow their children to walk to school or to utilize Riverside Drive for drop off's and pick-ups. Parents that do choose to deliver children directly to CPS must immediately make their drop off and proceed away from the curb as to not block other vehicles or buses. No vehicle will be permitted to park or stand in front of CPS in the Bus Lane or Fire Lane.

Aside from parents, our School Crossing Guards are the first line of protection for our children walking to and from CPS. Parents, please reinforce with your child the importance of obeying all instructions from our Crossing Guards. Motorists, please be courteous and patient with our Crossing Guards while they are at their posts safeguarding our children. Our Crossing Guards are empowered and encouraged to report motorists who they observe breaking traffic laws to the Police Department for prosecution, and to report improper behavior on the part of students to CPS Staff for counseling or disciplinary action. The job of a Crossing Guard is hot in the summer, cold in the winter, wet when it rains and frustrating when motorists or children are difficult and ignore their instructions, so the next time you see one of them please smile, wave and above all appreciate them for the very important job that they do!

If a parent or a student observes ANY activity or behavior on their way to or from CPS that they feel is suspicious or "out of the ordinary" they should report it **IMMEDIATELY** to a Crossing Guard, a Police Officer or to CPS Staff. Unfortunately suspicious activity is all too often not reported until "the next day"

when there is little if anything that can be investigated or done about it. And one final reminder, although there are Police Officers on-duty and patrolling Clinton 24/7, Police Headquarters is not staffed fulltime therefore unless otherwise instructed, to immediately contact a Police Officer you must call our Communications Center at **908-735-8611** where you will reach one of our civilian dispatchers 24/7.

ORDINANCE REMINDERS

Smoking Prohibited by Minors in Any Public Place: Chapter 128 prohibits smoking in any public place by anyone under the age of 18.

Smoking Prohibited in all Parks, Playgrounds and Park Facilities: Chapter 105 prohibits smoking in all Town parks, playgrounds and other park facilities.

Established Hours of Operation for Town Parks and Playgrounds: Chapter 105 establishes hours of operation for all Town Parks and Open Space. Hunts Mills Park 6am to 10pm. DeMott Pond 6am to 10pm. Community Center and facilities 6am to 10pm or upon conclusion of sanctioned activities inside the Center. Basketball courts, tennis courts and baseball fields are open for play beginning at 7am until 10pm.

If you have any questions regarding the provisions or enforcement of these or any other Town Ordinance please inquire with the Police Department or the Town Clerk's Office.

POLICE WEBSITE, NEWS AND ALERTS

If you wish to receive news, special event information, messages and other alerts from the police department via email you may sign up for them at www.clintonnjpolice.com.



HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, November 14, 2015 9am to 1pm
Route 12 County Complex For more information, call 908-788-1110

Smart Growth Committee by Beth Sosidka

Mark your calendars! The public is invited to attend a meeting to discuss the results of the Clinton Smart Growth Committee survey, Monday, September 21 at 7:30pm at the Town of Clinton Fire Department. Residents, Businesses, Developers, and anyone with a stake in the Town, see what respondents had to say about Clinton and how we can act upon the information gathered to make Clinton a better place for the future. Copies of the survey and its summaries can be found in the Clerk's office of the Municipal Building.

The Smart Growth Committee was established by ordinance in 2006 and assigned specific responsibilities. It was, among other things, to prepare a vision study as to growth issues that affected the Town of Clinton applying the criteria set forth in the ordinance so as to make the Town of Clinton a better place to live. Accepting this mission, the current Smart Growth Committee met on numerous occasions in 2014 and determined it advisable to conduct a survey of residents, merchants, tourists, and non-residents who care about the Town and to decipher not only the desires of those who chose to respond to the survey, but also to try to obtain a baseline view of how they felt about the Town.

With this mission in mind, a survey consisting of 40 questions was created to be helpful to the Smart Growth Committee in fulfilling its role and in providing general information to Council, the Town residents and public. Some of the questions were intentionally quite broad while others were issue specific requiring not just a yes or no answer, but general thought and analysis. It was hoped that those that responded to the questions in the survey would present information so as to better identify those positive things about our Town and also those things requiring improvement. The survey was disseminated electronically through Survey Monkey for ease of access, and paper copies were made available to all at the Town of Clinton Clerk's

Office and mailed to all residents along with the Town of Clinton Newsletter. Dissemination of the survey was through Facebook, the North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools, Clinton Public School, a sign placed at the Clinton Fire Department, an e-mail blast to the subscribers through the Town e-mail, signs placed in some prominent locations, general word of mouth, and members of the Committee actually going out to encourage participation in the survey. While survey results were initially expected to be compiled in December 2014, the date for answering the survey was extended as results kept arriving. Finally, the survey was closed on February 15, 2015, with an amazing 810 responses.

All electronic and written responses to the survey have been recorded and saved in a folder at the Town of Clinton Clerk's Office so as to enable the public full and transparent access to the results and further enable the public the ability to view the detailed data utilized in the report of the Smart Growth Committee. One person, namely Albert D. Rylak, Chairman, was responsible for imputing all the data from the written responses received into the Survey Monkey program so as to have a consistent data base.

The Smart Growth Committee then took the data and sorted it into general result oriented conclusions to present to Council and the public, all of which are also on file in the Town of Clinton Clerk's Office for review. As the nature of the questions were broad and open ended, analyzing the responses was somewhat subjective. Nonetheless, the Committee did its best to present the data in a truthful and analytical manner.

Next, the three Council representatives of the Smart Growth Committee, Beth Sosidka, Sherry Dineen, and Albert Rylak met with a doctoral candidate at the Rutgers University Department of Statistics to further discuss the methodology of determining the results of the survey which would

lead to its final report to Council and the public. Members of the public have expressed a desire to see the results of the survey on many occasions and the Smart Growth Committee wanted to do justice to their wants and the survey generally. The meeting at Rutgers was important as a survey of this type and magnitude has never been done in the Town of Clinton before and very well may be a first for the State of New Jersey. In a sense, it is democracy in action and the results had to be correctly presented.

The Smart Growth Committee thereafter offered its report and conclusions of the survey to the Town of Clinton Council and the public at duly noticed public hearings.

It is hoped that the results presented will offer the Council, Boards and Committees, Town employees, residents, the business community, and anyone else interested, a springboard for further discussion and analysis about the Town of Clinton and its preservation, growth, and future development. Our Town is a very special place and the need to preserve and protect its positive attributes is essential. Certainly the ongoing need to remedy and adapt its shortcomings will be recognized and improvement facilitated. The Town of Clinton is a wonderful place to live and to raise a family. Members of the Smart Growth Committee anticipate robust discussion and action from both Government and the private sector as a result of this survey. The essential purpose of the survey is the attainment of knowledge for all persons to use in the betterment of its residents, merchants, and public generally.

The Committee and its Advisers.

Albert Rylak, Chairman	
Beth Sosidka, Co-Chair	
Sherry Dineen	
Travis Roop	Walter Hetzel
Winnie Scuteri	Norma Kania
David Recame	James Smith
Liz Scannell	Whitney Wetherill

Shade Tree Commission by Ches Snider



Hello Fellow Tree-Huggers,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summers - fortunately, the near-draught conditions in May didn't last, and June proved to be the 4th wettest on record; creating sensational growing conditions for the hotter months.

As we head into the fall, keep in mind that September through November is an ideal time for tree and shrub planting because it allows the roots to be-

come established before the ground freezes and winter sets in. The increase in rain, cool temperatures, and shorter days mean less watering is needed given tree shoot growth halts; and stable temperatures promote rapid root development.

Also, trees planted in the fall are better equipped to deal with heat and drought in the following season.

Another great reason to plant in the fall is to pick the trees and shrubs by

the fall color they produce. Some tree species that are recommended for fall planting include the maple, buckeye, hawthorn, ash, honey locust, crabapple, pine, sycamore, linden and elm. Avoid broad leaved evergreens in the fall such as rhododendrons, azaleas, boxwoods and hollies. If planted, provide them with protection from winter winds and treated with an anti-desiccant.

Bring on the fall!!!!

Environmental Commission by Jeff Schaumburg

I hope everyone is having a great summer. The Town of Clinton Green Team, formed to support sustainable activities and service in our community, has been active. The mission of the Green Team is to promote and enact

sustainable environmental practices and projects in our town. We seek to get a network of potential volunteers interested in serving in any capacity, from full time support to one time events that peak your interest.

Interested parties can contact the Green Team at Clinton_Green_Team@outlook.com.

You may have seen members of the Green Team working trash duty and seeking volunteers for future projects at the 150th Anniversary celebration this Spring. Many have observed the problem of overflowing trash cans at peak town events, because even the ample provided containers can't keep up with the crowds our special town draws. The Green Team volunteers solved this problem at the 150th by working trash duty, emptying cans all day long into dumpster's kindly offered by local merchants. Thanks to those who also signed up to potentially help with future projects.

In July, a group of volunteers completed our annual "In-river clean up", using canoes and kayaks to reach areas in the water and steeper upstream banks. We removed mounds of debris including large tires and various other garbage from the river, which were subsequently removed by the Town. All agreed the river was in the best condition yet, and we got to clean all the way up to Route 31 this year.

The Green Team is seeking volunteers to help plant and maintain milkweed pods and other perennials for a butterfly garden at DeMott's Pond. We completed a preliminary spring clean up/weeding in preparation, and are preliminarily targeting the weekend of September 12 for initial fall planting. Monarch butterflies annually migrate from Canada to Mexico and Florida, but their population has been threatened by loss of habitat along their migratory zone. We have obtained milkweed seeds and are preparing to plant them in the existing rain garden at DeMott's Pond to help keep Clinton's piece of their migration route intact. A Master Gardener with Rutgers University will be assisting. Planting will occur in two stages in September and

October. Please contact us if you would like to help with this project.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you in the Fall!

South Branch River Clean Up Day



Volunteer Sign Up Board



Trash Duty



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

May 26, 2015

~ Water Committee is preparing a water system asset management plan which will identify needs to establish a 10 year plan.

June 9, 2015

~ The 150th Block Party was a huge success! Lots of positive feedback from merchants, vendors and visitors! Months of hard work certainly paid off! Please send in your photos for the 150th Block Party

~ Clinton Fire Department – is planning their parade to be held in two years in conjunction with the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. CFD is celebrating 125 years and the CFARS is celebrating their 50th! The parade is scheduled for May 20, 2017. A website is being designed to follow the progress!

~ Mr. Rylak took this opportunity to share a story he encountered this morning. At the corner of Exit 15, formerly known as Pip's corner, Officer Jeff Ollerenshaw stopped his police car with his lights on to escort a family of five across the street. Once they were safely across the street, he got back in his car. Something you do not see every day! A wonderful occurrence, kudos to Officer Ollerenshaw.

June 23, 2015

~ Shade Tree met and discussed pruning, spraying and stump removal. The commission also discussed the Emerald Ash bore that infects Ash trees and eventually kills them, the bore is currently in Somerset County. There a couple of beautiful big Ash trees at the Community Center that concerns the commission. There is a

chemical that can be injected into each tree to prevent this at a cost of \$350 per tree. The Commission is deciding how to proceed. Ms. Sosidka asked Ms. Dineen if she put a message to residents on social media because residents expressed interest in donating for trees in the Smart Growth survey

~ St. Baldricks fund raiser that the Fire Department participated in last year will be repeated this year on September 27, 2015. The fire department and the police department will take part in the event if anyone would like to sponsor them. Please donate.

July 13, 2015

~ The Veteran's Memorial sign is down for its annual maintenance of the sign.

July 28, 2015

~ Eileen Morales, Executive Director of the Red Mill Museum Village and Vice President of the Clinton Guild attended this evening's meeting to update Council and the public of upcoming events for both entities.

Red Mill: The 150th Exhibit is on display until September 20, 2015. Ms. Morales urged everyone to visit the exhibit which was composed by partnering with the Town of Clinton Historic Commission.

September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Splashes of History lecture series will host the history of the Clinton Music Hall: Let the Good Times Roll, location to be determined.

Clinton Guild: The new Guild brochures are available at Valerie

Wilson Travel.

"Shop Clinton" bags will be given to realtors in Town with items selected from various shops to promote local shopping.

Come Together: Music on Main Street, is held every Friday night until September 25 from 7 – 9 pm in five locations.

Planning for 2016 has begun and will be discussed with the clerk for scheduling.

~ Chief Matheis said the newly purchased body cameras are incredible! He offered Council to stop into his office for a demonstration of the clarity and precision. Chief said these cameras are a valuable asset that can eliminate accusations or challenges. "Best spent money!"

~ Sewer Committee discussed the two bids received for the sanitary sewer pipe relining project which were incomplete and the costs were exorbitant. The bids have been rejected as council adopted the resolution earlier this evening. The project will be re-bid.

~ The Smart Growth Committee will be presenting the results of the survey on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clinton Fire Department. There will be a legal notice in the newspaper the week prior encouraging the public to attend and will be posted on the Town's website.

~ The fire department is researching a new community bulletin board sign to replace the old one located on the corner of the fire department property.



LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS SOON

Mid October to Mid December

Rake leaves to curb.

No Bags.

There will be no chipping during this time.

SCHOOL IS OPEN DRIVE CAREFULLY





Clinton Town Picnic

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Rain Date Saturday, September 19, 2015

Hunts Mill Park
3PM- Dusk

Activities

Fireworks

Music

Inflatables & Kids Activities

Adult & Children's Bake-Off Contest

Grilled food for purchase

Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

TOWN OF CLINTON 150TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

Check www.clinton150years.com for events

Clinton Farmers' Market

Every Sunday thru October, 9am-1pm,
Clinton Fire Dept. parking lot

Come Together Music Every Friday Night

Friday night music will be ending September 18
Come out and enjoy music from local artists
Downtown on Main Street



Saturday - September 12th

ANNUAL TOWN PICNIC
Hunts Mill Park 3pm to dusk
Fireworks, inflatables, bake-off,
grilled food for purchase.

Sunday, September 13th

"Katherine Trubek Sundays on the Terrace"
Free! "Dino Day" 11am - 2pm
Art-making for everyone @ Hunterdon Art Museum
www.hunterdonartmuseum.org
Check out web site for other Sunday events.

Friday, September 25th

Final Friday Night Grill @ Clinton Fire Department
5:30PM - 9:00PM

Saturday, September 19th

Art Party Gala @ Hunterdon Art Museum
About 15 chefs & culinary artisans, Live music
both silent & live auctins www.hunterdonartmuseum.org

Sunday, September 20th



Blacksmith Hammer-In
10am - 4pm @ Red Mill Museum

Saturday & Sunday, October 3rd & 4th

5th Annual Doing Clinton - A Fall Focus
Noon till 4pm

Over 45 businesses encourage you to check out
sampling, tasting, seminars and product demonstrations
by both your favorite shops & businesses
- and several NEW ones!!!

Saturday, October 17th

Happy Hauntings for Kids @ The Red Mill
12 noon - 3pm
Special effects turned OFF, no scary actors or sound
for info call 908-735-4101



Fridays & Saturdays

October 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th

HAUNTED VILLAGE, 6PM ALL NIGHTS

Over 50 actors and state-of-the-art sound and visual
effects, 9 acres of haunted terrain, and 3 horrifying
adventures for one low price,

Volunteers needed for setup and event!
For tickets, details, contact info to volunteer, visit
www.redmillhauntedvillage.org

Friday, October 23rd **Clinton Guild Pumpkin Fest!**



Original carved pumpkin decorating contest!!
Fall-themed festivities & events in downtown Clinton!
Free Event 4PM - 9PM



Saturday, October 31st

TRICK-OR-TREATING
throughout the Town from 4PM - 8PM

November 27th through December 6th

"Festival of Trees" fundraiser,
Red Mill Museum

Friday thru Sunday, November 27, 28, 29

DICKENS DAYS in downtown Clinton
10am - 6PM

A holiday extravaganza, store specials,
live entertainment, horse and carriage rides!
Clinton's Favorite Festive Weekend Event

Friday, November 27th

LIGHTING OF COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
6:30PM Santa arrives by fire truck!!!

Saturday, November 28th

"Small Business Saturday"
Come and support the local businesses

Friday, December 4th,



CLINTON GUILD'S 29TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

One of the largest holiday parades in Hunterdon Coun-
ty with over 40 floats!!!

www.clintonchristmasparade.com
Starting at 7PM (Rain or shine)

Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, September 2015



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 Clinton Public School Board of Education

The Clinton - Glen Gardner Board of Education would like to welcome everyone back from summer vacation, and we are looking forward to an exciting new school year. Over the summer a lot of work was done at CPS. On the outside, this included the installation of a new roof and completing work on the new HVAC system. On the inside, our maintenance team, led by Rick Trimmer, has freshened up the entire building. Regarding instruction, Dr. Cohen, Mrs. Turner, and the CPS faculty and staff have worked hard over the summer revising curriculum and preparing lessons and materials for the year ahead. This year teachers will be focusing on initiatives in language arts, math, and technology including training in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). It is great to see students back in the building, and we all look forward to the great work our teachers will be doing this year.

Our goals for the 2015-2016 school year are as follows:

- Continue to implement the math program and improving articulation with the high school.
- Review the language arts program with a focus on curriculum and professional development.
- Revise the facilities plan to re-imagine and optimize the learning spaces in and around the building.
- Develop a plan to provide service learning opportunities to all CPS students.

Finally, we want to invite the community to attend our monthly board meetings to hear about the exciting things happening at CPS and provide feedback on the work of the district.

Sincerely,
Robert Moul - President
Brendan McIsaac - Vice President
Craig Sowell
Charles Sampson

Dates to Remember



- Thursday, September 3 - First Day of School
- Monday, September 7 – School Closed: Labor Day
- Monday, September 14 - School Closed: Rosh Hashanah
- Wednesday, September 23 – School Closed: Yom Kippur



Substitutes - CPS is looking for substitutes for teacher/aide, school nurse and custodians

If you are interested in substituting as a **teacher/aide or school nurse** please call Tonya Reese in the Main Office 908-735-8512.

If you are interested in substituting **as a custodian** please call Rick Trimmer, Head Custodian 908-735-8512 ext. 250.

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CPS in the News

From the Superintendent/Principal

Dr. Seth Cohen

Welcome Back to School!

The summer of 2015 can be described as the summer of construction in both the literal and figurative sense. We have been working on the physical plant and the backbone of our instructional practice, our curricula. Our referendum projects are almost completed with the partial roof replacement in the final stages. We're not going to miss the smell of tar and construction vehicles! From a facilities standpoint, we enter the 2015-2016 school year with an environment ripe for learning. Our maintenance crew is hard at work putting the finishing touches on the building; we are so very excited to open our doors to the

students on September 3! Our 1 to 1 iPad initiative will continue in grades 7 and 8 and we will introduce 75 Chromebooks for student use along with additional teacher and student laptops. In addition to the aforementioned education technology, Mr. Rehrig is updating the technology curriculum to reflect the technology education components of standard 8.2. Design and problem solving along with programmable Lego robotics in the middle school will be a welcome addition to the technological literacy of our students. Mrs. Turner is facilitating the construction of an updated English Language Arts curriculum. Staff members are engaged in the development of thoughtful and challenging units that will continue the excellence of CPS and raise our level of achievement. We upgraded our math series to the 2015 GoMath version, allowing for additional technological exposure and focus on the required math skills and concepts. Our staff professional development calendar is designed to support our initiatives and to help translate training into implementation and student achievement.

I am pleased to welcome Mrs. Morra as our new CPS Social Worker. Mrs. Morra comes to CPS with extensive public school experience and we look forward to Child Study Team contributions and to the entire CPS community. I would also like to welcome back Mrs. Stacy Viotto as our grade seven and eight science teacher. We look forward to outstanding instruction and the Science Club!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and please know that we are if you want to chat or to stop by and have a cup of coffee. Take care and we will see you on September 3!

From the Assistant Principal

Jacqueline Turner

What could be more important than the art of written communication? Clinton Public Schools is partnering with the National Writing Project and the Lucy Calkins Reading/Writing Project to embark on a series of professional development opportunities that focus on the craft of writing. In today's global market, students are often in competition with peers from around the world. Although the current trend in learning casts a spotlight on Science, Technology, and Math the art of communication and in particular written communication is critical. After all, podcasting, screencasting, and webinars are all exciting digital tools that require detailed WRITING. Students need to be able to assess information, break down information, and make decisions about what's important and what's not as they present to an audience with an increasingly short attention span. Students need to understand how to engage their audience and keep their attention.

Many high tech companies will tell you that the difference between merely landing an interview and being hired for the job comes down to who has the best communication skills. The ability to translate highly complex ideas into concise documents with images and charts that result in increased understanding is a valued skill. To this end, CPS is excited about delving into the craft of writing with a laser sharp focus that begins with developing a love of writing in the primary grades and extends to increasingly complex multimedia presentations as they progress to the upper grades. The Language Arts Curriculum has been updated this summer to reflect the 21st Century shifts, and teachers will continue to reflect on and revise the curriculum throughout the year as they apply the techniques and strategies gained through professional development. The professional development includes learning how to be better writers themselves so that they can bring their own passion for writing to the classroom!

In addition, Kindergarten teachers will be working collaboratively with the Newgrange School of Princeton to learn Wilson Foundations techniques that will focus on letter formation, print knowledge, alphabetic awareness, and phonological and phonemic awareness. Further, they will be able to use diagnostic and prescriptive teaching methods to most effectively enhance the skills of their students.



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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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