

OUR TOWN

Clinton, NJ

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From the Mayor's Desk...

Janice Kovach



I can't believe that summer is coming to an end already - it seems like only last week we were putting away the hats and gloves and pulling out the lawnmowers and gardening tools.

It has been a busy time for Clinton and we have more coming up in the following months. First however I would like to remind business owners and employees that parking on Main Street, East Main, Lower Center, Leigh/Halstead and the Lower Center Street lot are for shoppers downtown. Please park at the Water Street, Fire Department or Municipal lots - which allow for long term parking. As always we appreciate your assistance in keeping the short term spots available.

Over the last couple of weeks there has been discussion around "redevelopment" on West Main Street. I'd like to clarify for those who were not at the meeting but may have

read about the efforts on social media. The Council has approved a preliminary study to be conducted by the Land Use Board for several areas along West Main Street. This in no way guarantees that all or any of the properties meet the requirements established by statute but it gives us the opportunity to explore. Once the Board has created a preliminary plan there will be a public hearing before it is even sent back to the Council for review. There are many steps involved and what we are trying to accomplish is a proactive approach, including where the Music Hall once stood, in bringing new business/residential to our town.

As many of you are aware Clinton was named "one of the best downtown destinations" in New Jersey. We are so excited to be included and we are looking forward to the official tour which will be taking place sometime in October - so stay tuned and hope you can join us. Clinton will also play host to a reality TV show (streamed on Amazon Prime in the states and network TV interna-

tionally) called Fireball Run. They will be joining us on Wednesday, September 28 from about 11am - 1pm. If you are around please join us on Main Street - they love to have a crowd and filming will be ongoing. Again more info will be posted in the next week or so on social media.

As a final reminder, I know many are continuing yard work and brush cleanup. Please check the brush pickup schedule so that roads remain clear for traffic visibility.

Wishing all the students at CPS, North and Voorhees a great school year and best of luck to all of our high school graduates heading off to college and those of you returning to college.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me 908-399-8921 or jkovach@clintonnj.gov or to any of the council members.

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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, November 1st

Thursday, November 3rd County Clerk's Office (788-1214) is open until 7pm to vote by Mail in ballot

Saturday, November 5th 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

SAVE THE DATE

30TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd @ 7:00PM



**SCHOOL IS OPEN
DRIVE
CAREFULLY**



Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

FUN & GAMES

The fun and games of the summer will soon be changing to those of the fall and winter. This brings with it some important reminders that are again worth mentioning. It's all fun and games until an emergency occurs.

Plan to have your fireplace/s and heating appliance/s serviced and cleaned before their use. Review candle fire safety with all of your family members and babysitters. Also discuss and review how to get out of your home in the event of an emergency and plan on conducting fire drills at your home. Most importantly, test all of the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors within your home. Don't forget to change the batteries in these devices when the clocks change on November 6th.

Then there's the issue of the snow and fire hydrants. It may be difficult to imagine snow right now BUT rest assured, it will be here before you know it. Remember to adequately clear the

snow from around fire hydrants that would be needed if a fire were at or near your home. Seconds matter during fires so a cleared hydrant can make a huge difference. Clearing a path to your home is just as important.

The NFPA has a campaign that promotes fire safety during the winter months; "Put a Freeze on Winter Fires". Within the campaign website is information about winter fire safety such as some of the items above. It also mentions electrical fire safety due to the various holidays and indoor nature of this time of year causing an increased risk of fire during the winter. Click on the following link to view the information presented by the NFPA; <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/put-a-freeze-on-winter-fires>

The Clinton Fire Prevention Bureau has **FREE** Kidde 10 year maintenance-free battery operated smoke detectors that can be provided to and installed for town residents in need of these life saving devices. These are made available

via a program sponsored by the State Division of Fire Safety and Kidde. Please contact me in order to obtain these free devices.

Lastly, the key access lock box ordinance is in effect and all commercial property owners/businesses are required to provide the approved standardized lock box for the property. The State Fire Prevention Code requires this and the Town has adopted an ordinance associated with this requirement. The ordinance can be viewed via clicking on the following link; <http://ecode360.com/31269646>. If anyone has any questions please contact me to review options regarding this matter.

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 Marshal

Historic Preservation Commission by Richard Miller

The first school in Clinton was opened in 1817 and was located 100 yards east from the intersection of Leigh and Center Streets in an existing commercial building. It was taught by Nathan Wakefield. (note: This was most likely NOT a public school but an academy that parents paid an educated individual a sum of money to teach their children.)

The first district school house in Clinton was a small stone structure built in 1827 that stood at the corner of Center and New Streets. The first teacher was Reuben Frame. (note: probably the stereotypical one room school house)

On February 22, 1869 the voters of Clinton approved by a vote of 61-11

the expenditure of \$10,000 to construct a new two story wood frame school building on farm land donated by John T. Leigh. This school had "four departments" and existed till March 1922 when a fire destroyed it. The original portion of the current school was built on the same site.

HUNTERDON COUNTY COLLECTION DATES

ROUTE 12 COUNTY COMPLEX

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 908-788-1110



HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, November 12, 2016
9AM to 1PM



COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, October 8, 2016
9AM to 1PM



ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS PAINT, OIL, PROPANE TANKS

Saturday, September 10, 2016
9AM to 1PM

Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



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.

Residents are invited to take advantage of free scrap metal recycling offered by the Town. Recycling dumpsters are located at the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant (2 Ramsey Road), and are open Monday through Friday from 7AM – 3PM and Saturday & Sunday 6AM—8AM.

The garbage collection services that are provided by the Town are for residential customers only, not commercial entities. Commercial entities are required to arrange for private collection.

NOTE: The trash cans located throughout the Town are for trash

generated by pedestrians enjoying the Town, not for commercial or residential use.

There are many different ways to learn about what is going on in the Town of Clinton as well as the entire County. We recommend visiting the following websites and signing up for e-mail updates:

Town of Clinton – www.clintonnj.gov

Town of Clinton Police Department - www.clintonnjpolice.com

Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad - www.clintonems.org

Clinton Fire Department - www.clintonfd.org

Hunterdon County - www.co.hunterdon.nj.us

Hunterdon County Dept of Public Safety - www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911

Additionally, several of the entities above have separate Facebook pages; feel free to “Like” them.

Affordable Housing - If you know anyone who may be eligible to qualify for affordable housing, please visit the Town's website at http://www.clintonnj.gov/affordable_housing.html, or stop into the Clerk's Office to obtain an application. These units offer a valuable opportunity for income-qualified participants to become homeowners in Clinton. We encourage anyone looking for affordable housing to get “pre-qualified” through the Town so when units become available, you are ahead in the process.



!!!!NO DUMPING AT THE SEWER PLANT ALLOWED!!!!

No brush, leaves, sticks, branches, cement, rocks, etc.

Seniors by Mary Ann Rodenberger

Hi folks - - despite some very HOT weather, I hope all of you are enjoying a lovely summer.

I have several notices I'd like to bring to your attention:

Medicare 2017 Information Session – the Hunterdon County Division of Senior Services invites you to a 2017 Medicare information session on November 3 at 1:30 PM at the County Senior Center located on Route 31, Flemington. Pia Rey-Doklan, S.H.I.P. (State Health Insurance Program) Coordinator will be on hand to discuss Medicare changes for 2017 – this could mean that you'll have decisions to make regarding drug coverage as well as supplemental (Medigap and Advantage) plans. Registration for this info session is required: please call 908-

788-1359 to reserve a seat.

Medicare Prescription Drug plans – once a year Medicare offers an election period when you can change your prescription drug plan or enroll in a plan if you missed earlier deadlines. This election period runs from October 15th through December 7th. If you are currently enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan, please examine your coverage to determine if it will continue to meet your needs in 2017 as plans can, and often do, change. I encourage you to contact the County Division of Senior Services (908 788-1361) and make an appointment to meet with a S.H.I.P. (State Health Insurance Program) counselor to discuss any concerns regarding your plan.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program – reminder that vouchers for

this program are valid through October 31, 2016. If you haven't used your vouchers, please do so - - Clinton has a fantastic farmers' market every Sunday at the Clinton Fire House. If you are not aware of this program for seniors (age 60 & over), please contact the County Senior Center – 908 788-1361 for more information on this great program.

Reminder: The Hunterdon County Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services is a great resource for a plethora of information pertaining to seniors. Please visit them at the County Complex on Rte 31, Flemington, or visit their website: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging.htm.

Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



SAFE ROUTES TO AND FROM CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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 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 layout of Leigh Street, School Street and the CPS parking lot 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 so walking is highly recommended. 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 in Town and can delay your arrival at CPS. To ease congestion 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 children 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 Guards are empowered 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. 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 behavior or activity 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 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 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.

GENERAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

As we get into the Fall our hours of daylight will begin to get shorter and

shorter making it even more important that pedestrians during low light conditions or darkness wear light colored or reflective clothing, use sidewalks and take extra precautions at crosswalks.

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.

HOUSE NUMBERS

To assist Police, Fire and EMS find you in an emergency, please make sure that your home is properly marked with an address number that is clearly visible from the street. Seconds count in an emergency and there are still many residences in Town that are not marked properly.

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. We are also on Twitter, Face Book and Nixel.

Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Bucky Buchanan



The Power to Save Others is In Your Hands!

High school students looking for a meaningful way to provide community service and/or explore any career in the medical field, look no further than the Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad (CFARS)!

CFARS is a volunteer-based Emergency Medical Services and Rescue Squad that serves Clinton Township, the Town of Clinton, Lebanon Borough, Union Township and Franklin Township. Volunteers can join as cadets at age 16 or 17.

Cadets receive much of the same training and serve in many of the same ways as our other volunteers. They learn CPR, first aid, and land and water rescue techniques. They develop a sense of responsibility and pride. All of these skills are transferable to medical and many other careers and certainly stand out on col-

lege applications.

Beginning in 2017, a new CFARS and Hunterdon County Poly Tech partnership will allow Poly Tech high school students to take Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class as part of their high school curriculum!

Whether in conjunction with their school or not, cadets start learning and helping the squad immediately. Once they have completed the necessary training, they respond to ambulance and rescue calls with full-duty members, assisting as the squad helps people in medical or other emergencies, and even saves lives.

With all the training and experience received, Cadets can quickly become full-duty members at age 18.

Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad needs older volunteers as well. Volunteering is the way some families

choose to spend quality time together! It's also a great way to make new friends that feel like family.

To find out more, visit joinclintonems.com or call 844-4-Clinton and leave a message.

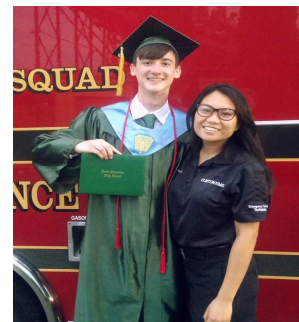


PHOTO CAPTION: Ryan Mulhall started with Clinton EMS as a Cadet, went through our EMT program and became a Senior member/EMT. He is pictured with Simberlene Mariano, his crew partner on the Squad.

Clinton Conservancy by Beth Sosidka

The Town of Clinton Conservancy Gardens is the brainchild of Town Councilman Al Rylak. As chair of the Smart Growth Committee, Al decided the Town needed more than smart growth, it needed to beautify the Town. Councilwoman Beth Sosidka, joined the Conservancy, as did a few merchants and a number of interested residents.

Dickens Jewelers & Design Studio was the first merchant to become a sponsor with a generous donation. The Clinton Guild had the new large flowerpots planted with butterfly attractant flowers. The Clean Plate restaurant was the first to plant a butterfly garden and host plants of tropical milkweed and parsley so butterflies will have a place to lay their eggs. If

and when that happens the caterpillars will be on display so patrons can watch them progress over time through their lifecycle and emerge as butterflies and be released.

Attorney Dan Makoski from Gebhardt & Kiefer, P.C volunteered to work on the necessary papers needed to form a nonprofit charitable organization and, in record time, they were granted 501 (c)(3) status.

Since then the Conservancy worked with Country Garden Club and the Green Team planting butterfly gardens at the Red Mill Museum Village and helped with the planters on the Hunterdon Art Museum's terrace. They also planted butterfly host plants between the Hunterdon Art Museum and the river.

Future plans include working to improve the plantings at the "Welcome to Clinton" signs, identifying areas that "need help", painting murals, planting a major butterfly garden in town, working with the Town and County to increase meadows in order to benefit pollinators, educating the public on the life cycle of butterflies, offering new members a planting plan for their own butterfly garden, and developing a website containing pertinent information. The Town is becoming a "Butterfly Habitat" with the help of Clinton Conservancy Gardens.

If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteering please call Norma at 908-803-0720.



FREE RABIES CLINIC JANUARY 14, 2017

At Town of Clinton Barn 8AM TO 11AM

MICRO CHIPS Micro chips will be available at the clinic. The cost is \$72.00.

LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS SOON

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





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

MAY 20, 2017

WWW.CLINTONFIRERESCUEPARADE.COM

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

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

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

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

BUSINESS AD

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

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

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

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

PATRON AD

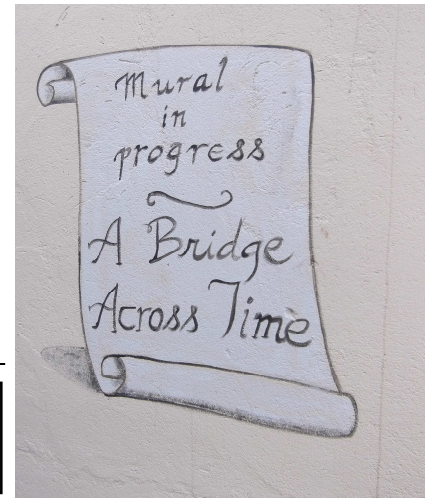
You may purchase a line in the fundraising advertisement book for \$10.00. this donation is tax deductible and will support the Clinton Fire Department and Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad. Please make checks payable to Clinton Fire Department, mail to P.O. Box 5062, Clinton, NJ 08809. Keep this stub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

How you would like your name or line to appear:

Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka

Thanks to Don Berkman, Clinton's Tennis program back this summer with over 60 kids and teens ages 6-14 participating! Also we want to thank Kim Rogan for leading the group of many volunteers who made our Town Picnic at Hunts Mills Park so successful this year. The 2016 Summer Recreation program was enjoyed by 92 children, with pictures posted on a special Facebook page

throughout the month. We look forward to continuing to offer this program in the years to come!



“ A BRIDGE ACROSS TIME ”



In celebration of Clinton's 150th which was celebrated in 2015, Town resident, Christie Wood, painted this amazing mural, "A Bridge Through Time". Christie dedicated herself to depicting the history of the Town of Clinton since it's incorporation in 1865 to the present. A visit to the mural which is on the wall between the Clinton Pharmacy and the Christian Book Store, will bring a smile to your face! You will see familiar faces like the Town Crier, Gene De Cleene; Former Mayor, Town Historian and Clinton Public School, Teacher, Allie McGaheran, reading to small children; familiar to everyone, Dave the Rave and of course, Frank Hooper and his iconic antique white fire truck.

Christie spent endless hours in the sun and heat and when the weather breaks she will return to make a few more additions. Please stop by and spend a few minutes admiring all the detail this mural brings to life.

The Mayor and Council wish to thank Christie Wood for all her efforts in producing a story on a wall for all to enjoy! Great job!!!

Council Highlights by Nancy Burgess

May 24, 2016

~~ Frank Setnicky, Chief of the Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad, presented the squad's quarterly update and said it would be posted online.

~ Mary Lou Carhart brought the garbage situation on Main Street to the Council's attention.

~ Mayor Kovach received a request for a dog park in Town and referred the matter to the Building and Grounds committee.

~ Clinton Public School has submitted a Long Range Facility Plan.

~ A resolution was adopted to proceed with the New Jersey Highlands Council Plan Conformance Process.

~ A resolution was adopted to renew the Clinton Holiday Inn's liquor license.

~ A resolution was adopted to allow BYOB consumption of alcohol at the June 5th Town Picnic

~ A public hearing was held on an ordinance to require lock boxes for businesses.

~ An application from the Clinton Fire Department to hold an Oktoberfest Craft Beer Tasting on September 24th was approved.

~ A second application from Chabad of Hunterdon County to hold a Jewish Music Festival on July 17th was approved.

~ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Jersey thanked Mayor Kovach for supporting the Bowl for Kids' Sake 2016 on May 5th.

~ Ms. Olsen reported that deployed military personnel will be given extra time to catch up on taxes without having interest calculated.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported on the devastating Music Hall fire. Thank you notes will be sent to all the neighboring towns that assisted.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the Fire Chief will attempt to get reflective vests with the firefighters name's on them.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported there are opening on the Board of Recreation.

~ Councilman Rylak reported the Clinton Conservancy Gardens becoming a 501 group and the by laws are being proposed.

~ Mary Lou Carhart shared the Guild's efforts to beautify the downtown area with hanging flower baskets and planters.

June 14, 2016

~ The Town of Clinton Good Kid Student Awards were presented to North Hunterdon student Erin Nolan and Voorhees student Jessica Dorf.

~ Mayor Kovach stated the United Way 2015 Community Impact Report is available in the Clerk's office for anyone interested in reviewing.

~ Approval was granted to the production company of Fireball Run to close Main Street for filming on September 28th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

~ A resolution was adopted to renew the Quick Check/Shop Rite's liquor license and the Clinton House's liquor license.

~ Police Chief Matheis recognized Patrolman Tim McGuire who saved a life using Narcan.

~ The annual Water Quality report was sent to all customers and the State of New Jersey.

~ Councilman Smith reported there are still issues with dumping at the sewer treatment plant. There is no dumping allowed.

~ The Historic Commission is collecting information on the destroyed Music Hall.

~ The Clinton Fire Department will be holding their grill night on June 17th.

~ Extra garbage cans on Main Street will continue during weekends in the summer.

~ Sean Rogan was appointed to the Recreation Commission. One more vacancy still exits.

~ Two new police officers were hired, Anthony Robbins & Alberto Bonilla.

June 28, 2016

~ The minnows are helping with the fly problem at the treatment plant

~ A resolution was adopted to set the registration fees for the summer recreation program.

~ Clinton Fire Department received 3 new membership applications: Christopher Querry, Brian Plushanski, and Wesley Huckin.

~ Councilman Rylak reported the Clinton Conservancy are now accepting donations.

July 12, 2016

~ The feasibility of a dog park in town was discussed.

~ Clinton Public School 8th grader Olivia Ramirez received a Good Kid Award.

~ Councilman Smith reminds everyone to be aware of inattentive children playing Pokemon Go.

~ The Fire Department will be holding a Grill Nigh August 19th, the Annual Clam Bake on August 20th, and the Craft Beer Festival on September 24th.

July 26, 2016

~ A resolution was adopted to allow a grace period for the 3rd quarter taxes due to the delay by the Hunterdon County Tax Board.

August 9, 2016

~ North Hunterdon Education Foundation will be holding the Running of the Lions on October 9th

~ Hunterdon Art Museum will be having a special event, "Ghouls, Gremlins & Goblins ... Eat, Drink and be Scary!" on October 29th pending approval of the Fire Department

~ Thank you to Clinton's Finest for locating the stolen Rubber Duck!~ The Green Team will hold an in-river cleanup on the third Thursday in August.

Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

The Clinton Farmer's Market Returns

Sundays, 9am - 1pm
@ Clinton Fire Department parking lot.
Local farmers, vendors, & products through October

Come Together Music Every Friday Night

Friday night music will be ending September 30
Come out and enjoy music from local artists
Downtown on Main Street



"Simply Senior Wednesdays" in Clinton

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

Fridays & Saturdays

October 14th, 15th, 21st, 22 and, 28th, 29th

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, September 16th

Jersey Paranormal Investigation @ the Red Mill Museum
7 pm for tickets call 908-735-4101

Sunday, September 18th

Friendly sons of St. Patrick Irish Heritage Festival and halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party

Join the Friendly Sons at a Catholic Mass in the Mulligan Quarry at noon followed by food and festivities.

Call the Red Mill Museum for ticket information

Noon to 6 pm

908-735-4101

Sunday, September 18th

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

Saturday, September 24th

Clinton Fire Department 1st Annual

OCTOBERFEST

Craft Beer Festival

featuring local craft beers food and music.

1:00PM - 5:00PM

For tickets and information call 908-735-8613 or
e-mail: wdorf@clintonfd.org rhoffman@clintonfd.org



Friday, October 21st **Clinton Guild Pumpkin Fest!**

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

Friday, October 21st



Face Painting at the Hunterdon Art Museum
Put on a scary or funny face - FREE
All ages are welcome. 6pm - 7:30pm

Saturday, October 29th

Ghouls! Gremlins! Goblins!
A benefit for the Hunterdon Art Museum. East, drink and be scary with fabulous food & drink, a dance contest & chills galore.
This is a 21 and older event.

For tickets contact Hunterdon Art Museum
908-735-8415



Saturday, October 31st

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

November 25th through December 8th

"Festival of Trees" fundraiser,
Red Mill Museum

Friday thru Sunday, November 25, 26, 27

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 25th

LIGHTING OF COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

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

Saturday, November 26th

"Small Business Saturday"
Come and support the local businesses

Friday, December 2nd,

CLINTON GUILD'S 30TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

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

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



Clinton Public School News

Town of Clinton, September 2016



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

Notes from the Board

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

We would like to welcome everyone back from a fun and restful vacation. Over the summer the staff and administration has been hard at work revising curriculum, cleaning and repairing the building and grounds, and refining our strategic plan. The year ahead looks to be an exciting one with a new focus on curiosity, creativity, and compassion as well as proposed improvements to the facilities in order to meet the goals of our newly forged vision for teaching and learning at CPS.

That vision, cited above, will drive an emphasis on field trips, service learning, questioning in the classroom, inquiry driven projects and instruction, and teaching compassion. These will complement our ongoing attention to our language arts and math programs, open up opportunities for online and blended instruction, and provide enhancements to programs such as art, music, and computers.

In December, the board will put forth a question to access both state and local funding that will allow the district to revitalize the library as a modern maker space and collaborative and flexible learning commons. In addition to the library, we plan to improve the lighting and ceilings throughout the building, upgrade ventilation, replace a number of doors for safety, and purchase a new boiler. In addition to accessing state funding to cover 40% of these projects, the question utilizes existing capital funds and savings from the roof and HVAC projects in a way that will result in a zero tax impact to both municipalities. We ask for your support and please stay tuned for more information about these important projects.

As always, we invite you to attend our board meetings to learn more about the great work at CPS and share your questions and perspectives. We hope that you and your family have a great start to the school year, and we look forward to all of the exciting work ahead.

From the Assistant Principal

Jacqueline Turner

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year. I truly hope that the summer break gave all of you opportunities to re-connect with your children, family and friends, see a different part of the state, listen to the waves, find a chance to read a great book, listen to an outdoor concert, and just relax!

2016-2017 is set to be a great year at CPS! We have teachers at various grade levels, who after having had a full year of professional development and hands on experience with the Lucy Calkins Units of Study, are now taking their knowledge to the next level by spending a portion of their summer updating curriculum to reflect a more calibrated approach. Our Kindergarten classrooms will continue their implementation of our Foundations multisensory Phonics program. In fact, as a consequence of the great results we saw with last year's Kindergarten implementation of Foundations, we are expanding the program into our first grade classrooms, and teachers will receive training in October.

As you can see, we have been carefully planning and getting ready to welcome everyone back with learning adventures that will continue our solid foundation.

At CPS our commitment to the total child is best summed up by the words of King Arthur in Camelot: "*One of what we all are... Less than a drop* in the great blue motion of the sunlit sea...but, it seems some of the drops sparkle". At CPS, our students learn to sparkle and make a positive contribution to the community! I look forward to the return of all our students and hearing all about their summer adventures in the sun!

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From the Superintendent/Principal

Dr. Seth Cohen

We welcome the 2016-2017 school year eager to implement many of the wonderful concepts and strategies that we developed during our strategic planning process. Academically, we are analyzing student data from both local and state assessments and making instructional decisions that will support student achievement. Our student to teacher ratio for the 2016-2017 school year in grades 1-4 English Language Arts, is anticipated to be 15:1, allowing for individualized instruction and attention. Stay tuned for information regarding school wide class meetings, online learning, the CPS Nature Trail and aquatics based programming to support our school wide theme of water!!! If you ever want to chat about education or CPS, please send me a message via email: scohen@cpsnj.org. The Clinton-Glen Gardner School District is a community who values traditions. Our MISSION is to nurture and cultivate each child to be a compassionate, curious, and creative thinker, entrusted and empowered to build and lead the future.

Meet our New Staff!!!

Jessica
Asaro



My name is **Jessica Asaro** and I am very excited to join Clinton Public School as a Special Education Teacher. I graduated from Rowan University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and English, a Middle School Language Arts Endorsement and a Special Education Certification. Throughout my time at Rowan, I was able to work with students in many different settings, each of which helped me to grow as a teacher. In my free time I enjoy reading, spending time with my nieces and nephews, and practicing yoga. I am passionate, energetic, and confident that this year will be successful for both me and my students. I am also very grateful to begin my first year teaching in such a wonderful school.

Stephanie
Evans



My name is **Stephanie Evans** and I am thrilled to be joining the Music Department at CPS!. After graduation from West Chester University, I taught music for eleven years in South Brunswick Township. I have been a substitute teacher at CPS the last two years, and I am looking forward to working with Mrs. Ruch, Mrs. Blickenderfer, and all of the band students! Everyone in grades 4-8 are welcome to play in the band, whether you have been playing, started but stopped, or have never played. Information on signing up and renting an instrument will come home during the first week of school.

Cassie
Rudd



My name is **Cassie Rudd** and I am so excited to be teaching 2nd grade at Clinton Public School! I graduated from Centenary College with a BA in History and certifications in elementary education and teacher of students with disabilities. I come to Clinton Public School from Lopatcong School District where I taught Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 4th grades. I am thrilled to be working in such a fantastic district, and I am looking forward to getting to know you all!

Kara
Shaw



My name is **Kara Shaw** and I am very excited to join the community at CPS as a 7th grade ELA teacher for the upcoming school year. I am a lifelong lover of books and writing, however, education was not my intended profession. After graduating from Villanova University, I began my career in marketing in Manhattan. During that time, I spent countless hours tutoring for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and knew it was time to follow my passion and pursue a career in education. I returned to graduate school at Kean University where I ultimately received my teaching certification and Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I spent several years teaching Language Arts Literacy at Bridgewater Raritan Middle School, where I also created the district-wide curriculum and assessments. When not teaching, I am usually very busy raising my two sons, running and watching Villanova basketball.

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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 — 7:00 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 — 7:00 PM First Monday of each month

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