

# OUR TOWN

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## From the Mayor's Desk...

**Janice Kovach**



I hope that everyone had a fabulous summer - it is hard to believe that another summer is almost over and the kids will be back to school. I would like to welcome Dr Seth

Cohen to Clinton as the new superintendent of CPS. As we begin the new school year I want to wish much success to our many residents who are heading back to college or off to college for the first time.

The fall will bring many more activities and events in Town - take the opportunity to enjoy the festivities and visit with our various businesses

downtown. In addition, there are still many infrastructure projects underway. Please be patient and as always let us know of any issues or concerns.

As Hunterdon County begins to wind down its 300th birthday celebration the Town of Clinton will kick into high gear for its 150th celebration. There is a committee working hard to coordinate the many activities already happening into the celebration. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact the municipal office.

Any questions or concerns please let any of us know.

### BOARD VACANCIES VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

The Town has some seats available for different boards. Anyone interested in donating their time and energy please call the Clerk's office at 908-735-8616.

The Positions are for:

Board of Recreation (2)

Historic Preservation  
Commission (1)

Shade Tree Commission (1)



### LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS SOON

Mid October to Mid December  
Rake leaves to curb.  
No Bags.

There will be no chipping during this time.



### CHIPPING WILL RESUME MAY 2015

There will be a special leaf pick up the last week of March through the 1st week of April.



### GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 4, 2014

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 28

Thursday, Oct 30th County Clerk's Office (788-1214) is open  
until 7pm to vote by Mail in ballot  
Saturday, Nov 1st 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**

### TOWN HISTORIAN POSITION AVAILABLE

Clinton has a position open for Town Historian. If you would like to apply, please submit a letter by Friday, September 5th to Mayor Kovach with your background and qualifications, and why you want to be the Town of Clinton Historian.



SAVE THE DATE

FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH @ 7:00PM

## Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

### Fire Safety Tips: Good Sense Practices

More fires occur during the winter months than at any other time. Fortunately, taking simple precautions can prevent most fires. Taking the time to “inspect” your business and/or home could avert a disaster. Follow the safety tips below to help ensure your safety:

#### Electrical Safety

- ~ Don't use residential type extension cords in a business environment.
- ~ Do not use “multiple plug” type adapters to increase the ability to plug items into a receptacle.
- ~ If circuits continue to “trip” contact a licensed electrician to check and repair it.
- ~ Do not use wiring or appliances that appear to be damaged or broken.

#### Portable Heaters

- ~ Put at least three feet of empty space between the heater and everything else.
- ~ Vacuum and clean the dust and lint from all heaters.
- ~ If the cord gets hot, frayed or cracked, have the heater serviced.
- ~ Never use extension cords with portable electric heaters.
- ~ Turn off portable heaters when leaving or sleeping.
- ~ An adult should always be present when anyone is using a space heater around children.
- ~ Make sure your portable electric heater is [UL approved](#) and has a tip-over shut off function.

#### Woodstove and Fireplace Safety

- ~ Have a certified chimney sweep clean and inspect your fireplace.

~ Place ashes outdoors in a covered metal container at least three feet away from anything that burns.

- ~ To prevent flue fires, burn dry, well-seasoned wood.
- ~ Always use a fireplace screen made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass. If children are present, use a special child-guard screen.

#### Generators

~ Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible killer. You cannot see or smell it. A generator's exhaust contains poisonous CO, which can kill you in a matter of minutes. Follow these important generator safety tips:

1. Never use a portable generator inside a home, garage, shed or other partially enclosed space, even if doors and windows are open.
2. Place portable generators outside only, far away from the home. Keep the generator away from openings to the home, including doors, windows, and vents.
3. Read the label on the generator and the owner's manual, and follow the instructions.

- ~ Install CO alarms with battery backup in the home outside each sleeping area.
- ~ Get to fresh air immediately if you start to feel sick, weak or dizzy. CO poisoning from exposure to generator exhaust can quickly lead to incapacitation and death.
- ~ Be sure generator fuel is properly and safely stored.
- ~ Always refuel the generator outdoors and away from any ignition sources.
- ~ If you choose to have a generator permanently connected to your home's elec-

trical system, make sure a licensed electrician installs it and be sure to notify your electric company.

#### Candles

- ~ Place candles in sturdy, fireproof candleholders where they cannot be knocked over.
- ~ Make sure all candles are out before going to bed or leaving the house.
- ~ Keep candles, matches, and lighters out of children's reach.
- ~ Keep candles away from Christmas trees, evergreen clippings, decorations, presents, and wrapping paper.

#### Smoke Alarms

- ~ Install smoke alarms outside each sleeping area and in each bedroom.
- ~ Test and vacuum your smoke alarms each month to make sure they are working.
- ~ Smoke alarms 10 years old or older need to be replaced with new units.

#### Fire Escape Plans

- ~ Know and think about two ways out of every room.
- ~ Practice an escape plan with your family or staff at least twice a year.
- ~ Do not attempt to go back into a burning building. “NO MATTER WHAT”

Anyone may contact me via email [jdaniels@clintonfd.org](mailto:jdaniels@clintonfd.org) or 908-468-1696 to discuss this or any other fire or housing related matter.

## Historic Commission by Christine Wood

The Historic Commission is working on a very exciting project which will be unveiled in the Spring of 2015 as part of the Town's 150th anniversary. We have partnered with the Red Mill to put together an exhibit which will showcase a timeline of people, places and events that have

shaped the Town since its incorporation in 1865.

We know that many of our residents have historic items that would be invaluable to us as we plan this exhibit. Old home movies are especially welcome. All loaned items will

be protected by the Mill's rigid security protocol.

If you have artifacts that you would like us to consider, please provide a description to Christie Wood at [woodbrazil@aol.com](mailto:woodbrazil@aol.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

## Public Works / Bus. Administrator by Richard D. Phelan



### Various Projects:

#### Halstead Street Water Main Replacement Project

On or about September 15th, the replacement of the water main on Halstead Street will commence which will last approximately 2 months.

#### Community Center Gym Floor Refurbishing

Starting on September 15th, the Community Center will be closed for 3 weeks to allow for the gym floors to be refurbished.

For updates on the above projects, as well as 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 electronic recycling offered by the Town. Recycling dumpsters are located at the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant (2 Ramsey Road), and are open Monday through Friday from 7AM – 3PM and Saturday & Sunday 6AM—8AM.

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

NOTE: The trash cans located throughout the Town are for trash generated by pedestrians enjoying the Town, not for commercial or residential use.

There are many different ways to learn about what is going on in the Town of Clinton as well as the entire County. We recommend visiting the following

websites and signing up for e-mail updates:

Town of Clinton – [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov)

Town of Clinton Police Department - [www.clintonnjpolice.com](http://www.clintonnjpolice.com)

Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad - [www.clintonems.org](http://www.clintonems.org)

Clinton Fire Department - [www.clintonfd.org](http://www.clintonfd.org)

Hunterdon County - [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us)

Hunterdon County Dept of Public Safety - [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/911)

Additionally, several of the entities above have separate Facebook pages as well, so feel free to "Like" them for additional updates.

Affordable Housing - If you know anyone who may be eligible to qualify for affordable housing, please visit the Clerk's Office to fill out an application. These units offer a valuable opportunity for income qualified participants to become homeowners in Clinton. We encourage anyone looking for affordable housing to get "pre-qualified" through the Town so when units become available, you are ahead in the process.

## Environmental Commission by Jeff Schaumburg

The Environmental Commission and Green Team conducted an in-the-river clean up in July. A handful of volunteers canoed the river from the Mill area upstream toward Route 31 to remove litter and debris, including jumping in the river to fish out items stuck on the shallow bottom. Numerous tires, bottles and other miscellaneous debris was retrieved, piled, and removed by the Clinton Town Department of Public Works.

Thanks to all for helping and to the Town for handling disposal/recycling.

The team also is in the evaluation and planning stage for other possible projects. These include a possible butterfly garden to provide habitat for migrating butterflies, such as the Monarch Butterfly. Monarch's annually migrate thousands of miles from as far north as Canada to Mexico and Central/South America. Loss of habitat has impeded migration and threatened migratory and reproductive patterns. There is a national effort to locate and plant wildflower garden areas throughout the migratory pathway to help these butterflies safely make their journey. The gardens include native

wildflowers such as Milkweed and are often sited near water sources, of which the Town of Clinton has many. The Environmental Commission and Green Team is working on planning a site within at least one of existing public park areas.



## 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 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 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 offs and pickups.

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 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 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 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.

### 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. **NOTE: The Community Center will be CLOSED for indoor activities from September 15 to the 30<sup>th</sup> for floor resurfacing.** 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](http://www.clintonnjpolice.com). We are also on Twitter, Facebook and Nixel.

## Recreation Commission by Beth Sosidka



The FITNESS TRAIL equipment donated by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary Club has been delivered and the Town will be installing the six areas in late August. We hopefully look forward to an opening ceremony in September!

The COMMUNITY CENTER will be closed from September 15 through September 30th while the floor is re-done.

Thank you to Frank & Joan Hooper for donating a bench in Hunts Mill Park.

2014 marked the 15th year for the CLINTON SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM...I guess time really flies when you have to duck balls whizzing by you or be the first to be able to circle the court with a tennis ball balanced on your racquet. The program this year ran from July 21-Aug 14th and 71 children from Clinton and the surrounding area are now plotting out their next moves to make it to the U.S. Open! The famous Clinton Summer Tennis T-shirts had a retro 1980's look this year and the Rita's Italian ices at the end of the program were still a big hit. If your child is interested in learning the wonderful game of tennis, keep an eye out for the sign-up form being sent home at school in the April/May time period. The program has successfully taught

tennis to almost 1,000 children over the past 15 years and it's fantastic that we're making great use of our tennis court, the tennis backstop and the community center for rainy days.

132 children enjoyed the 2014 SUMMER RECREATION program coordinated by Tiffany Cinquemani. There were trips, games, and lots of activities for kids of every age. Thank you to Shop-Rite, the Phillipsburg Diner, and the Huntington Fire Department in Pohatcong, West Hunterdon Lanes, Rita's Italian Ice, JJ Scoops, Sub Base, The Clinton Book Shop, Dominick's Pizza, Pizza Como, Goodfellas, Just Chill, and McDonalds for their generous donations to the program of food, money, and prizes. These donations make a big difference to this program.

The annual TOWN PICNIC held on June 7th was a huge success, and a whole new group of volunteers worked hard to make it happen! Thank you to the Clinton Fire Department and the Clinton PTO for providing food and drinks. Rita's donated delicious ice again and everyone enjoyed the music, inflatables, popcorn, and cotton candy. Old fashioned games such as tug-o-war, sack races, and a balloon toss were enjoyed by the kids. Of course the bake-off contest was also a lot of fun! Thank you so much to Dawn

Drabble, Kim Rogan, Erin Roop, Laura Ochs, Dodie D'Alesandro, Mary Raiello, Michelle Coon, Mary McIsaac, Karen Rogers, Sophia Manoussakis, and Pam Cutarelli for pulling this all together, it wouldn't have happened without them!

On June 8th, THE FLEMINGTON NESHANOCKS and the Elkton Eclipse from Maryland played baseball at Clinton's Gebhardt Field, according to the rules and while wearing uniforms of the late 1800s. These rules include no gloves, the strike zone is from the top of the head to six inches off the ground, foul balls are not strikes, the pitcher throws underhand, catching a ball after the first bounce makes an out, a player cannot overrun first base, and home plate is round. Before the game, Councilman Bob Smith presented Lowell M. Snare with a plaque for his contributions to Clinton baseball, including his help in building the dugouts, and Snare threw a ceremonial first pitch. Dave Sosidka, a huge baseball aficionado, handed out popcorn for fans in the stands to enjoy.

Back by popular demand – THE CANOE RACES! Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 21, look for more information on the town website and facebook page 9/21. This is sure to be another fun event for the town, with many thanks to organizer Sean Rogan!

## Smart Growth Committee by Al Rylak

The Smart Growth Committee is in the process of preparing a survey to learn of the likes and dislikes of the residents and merchants of the Town of Clinton.

It is anticipated that the survey will be delivered to your home or business by early Fall. It is hoped that each resident and merchant complete a separate survey to enable the Smart

Growth Committee to report to Council the information gleaned from the survey.

### HELP CONSERVE WATER CHECK



YOUR  
FAUCETS AND TOILETS  
FOR LEAKS

### SCHOOL IS OPEN DRIVE CAREFULLY





Logo designed by Kelsey Bower, a student of Hunterdon County Polytech's Commercial Art and Advertising Design, partnering with members of local Rotary Clubs Bridging the Gap program.



## **Your Passport to the Town of Clinton's 150th Anniversary**



The Town of Clinton will reach a very important milestone next year – its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The 150th Committee, with representatives from local business, town council, and residents are hard at work in planning a wide range of educational, fun-filled activities highlighting Clinton's past, present, and future for 2015.



We encourage town residents, area business owners, service organizations, educational and religious institutions to help support all activities that surround the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary by bringing your ideas to the committee, and contribute your time, resources and monetary contributions. Please reach out to our Town Clerk, Ceil Covino [ccovino@clintonnj.gov](mailto:ccovino@clintonnj.gov) and she will put you in touch with the appropriate committee member.



The committee has identified categories and a few projects already which encompasses:



### **History**



A joint exhibit on Clinton's history with Clinton's Historic Commission and the Red Mill Museum Village in April 2015.



Cemetery walking tour Clinton Historical Commission



### **Arts & Cultural**



Juried mixed medium art show that has everything to do with Clinton



Mural



Faces of Clinton



### **Quality of Life**



Town wide spring clean up day



Gateway enhancement Project



150th Pole Banners on Old Hwy 22



Directional Signage



Town wide Block Party from the Fire house to the Red Mill is being planned, everyone will be invited!



Your Passport to Clinton that will be available for the year will list all activities and each time you attend or participate, your passport will get a special TOC stamp. More details to follow on this.

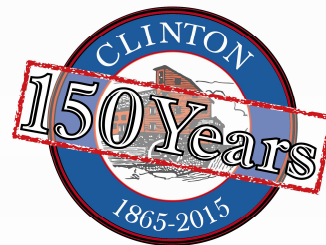


We hope you will help make the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration a stellar one by contributing to one or many of the projects. Please contact us today and let us know how you want to participate.



Thank You,

Megan Jones-Holt 150th Committee Chair



## Shade Tree Commission by Ches Snider

Greetings Folks,

We hope you enjoyed the summer – especially the accommodative weather that helped our trees and grasses thrive. As we head into the fall, don't forget about the impending hurricane season and the potential for extensive property damage due to flying debris. There is no such thing as a hurricane-resistant landscape, but with care and timely maintenance such as proper pruning, trees can be more resistant to storm damage. Those to watch out for include trees with dense canopies, dead or dying, codominant/multi-trunks, and new plantings and young trees.

Speaking of younger deciduous trees,

particularly those with thin bark - consider installing trunk protection this fall. Although mulch does a great job of keeping grass (and grass-cutting equipment) away from trunks, rodents such as rabbits and mice like to chew on young bark low on the trunk - deer also scrape tree trunks with their antlers.

To prevent long-term damage associated with trunk wounding, in early autumn install plastic tubing or hardware cloth (stiff wire fencing with 1/4-1/2 inch mesh squares) around the trunk. The tube should be big enough around to allow 1-4 inches of space between it and the trunk, 1-3 feet in height - extending above the anticipated snow depth for

small rodents and as tall as possible for deer.

Lastly, we will be conducting the Town's tree inventory in September/October and would appreciate the help of any volunteers. Please contact us at [dsheaclinton@hotmail.com](mailto:dsheaclinton@hotmail.com) via email and let us know if you would be able to help with the tree counting.

Cheers!

Ches Snider

Chairman, Shade Tree  
Commission,  
Head Tree hugger



### 150th Anniversary

#### Much thanks to the Clinton Sunrise Rotary

Clinton Sunrise Rotary is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and the Town's 150th next year by dedicating to the Town of Clinton a Fitness Trail at Hunts Mill Park. The trail that connects the soccer fields to Hunts Mill Pond will have six separate areas with two different types of exercise equipment.

Health and wellness is a big component in our community as Hunterdon has been noted for being one of the healthiest counties in New Jersey. The Rotary club is emphasizing health and wellness with this dedicated trail.

The new fitness trail will compliment the County's Landsdown Trail that runs between Fox Lumber and the old Agway property.

The club has been raising funds for the past two years to bring this project to fruition and expects installation to take place as early as September. Members of the community will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication party.

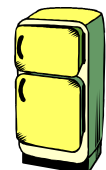
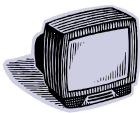
As a last fundraising drive, equipment naming opportunities, equipment patrons, are available for the twelve pieces of equipment. \$500.00 for a single sponsor or a shared sponsor of \$250.00. Additionally, supporting sponsors of \$100.00 will receive recognition at the dedication. To take a sponsorship please send your checks payable to Clinton Sunrise Rotary, PO Box 5435, Clinton, NJ 08809. Or if you have any questions you may reach us at 908-279-0112.

### 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 Nancy Burgess

### May 27, 2014

~ Dan Mahoney gave a presentation about the Upcoming Old Time Baseball Game to be held June 8, 2014 at Gebhardt Field.

~ A proclamation was given to the volunteers for the senior luncheon who were Kelli Best, Ann Marie Gregory, Kelly Shea, Jon Sosidka, Hogan Laskey, and Jack Pendergast.

~ Council accepted a resignation from Rosemary Platt for stepping down as chairperson for the Historic Preservation Commission.

~ An application from Patrick Querry was accepted to join the Clinton Fire Department .

~ A bond ordinance was introduced for a multi purpose bond.

~ Two ordinances were introduced for capital improvements for sewer projects and water utility.

### June 10, 2014

~ A resolution was approved or the 2014 Summer Recreation Fees.

~ Councilman Smith read a letter of praise on behalf of Dan Mahony and the Recreation Commission to the Public Works employees for all their work in preparing the Gebhardt Field for the 19th Century Baseball games. Another acknowledgement was made to the DPW for preparing the fields at Hunts Mill Park for the annual Town Picnic.

### June 24, 2014

~ 2013 Annual Audit was given to Mayor and Council for review.

~ Resolutions were approved to renew the liquor licenses in Town.

~ A resolution was adopted to purchase/lease a police vehicle.

~ A letter was sent to the Mayor and Council from Frank Caroselli, President of the Clinton Sunrise Rotary notifying them the Rotary is presenting a gift of the fitness trail equipment and installation at Hunts Mill Park.

### July 8, 2014

~ Mayor Kovach reported there is an opening on the Clinton/Glen Garner Board of Education.

~ A proclamation has been presented to Brody Longo, Rescue Squad member, at a dinner for him for joining the Army medics.

~ A resolution was adopted certifying that Council has reviewed the 2013 Annual Audit and signed the Group Affidavit.

~ A resolution was adopted for the submission of a grant application for the road improvement of Union Road.

~ Councilman Smith reported he received approval from the State Historic Preservation Office to make repairs to the Municipal Building. Due to the fact that the Municipal Building is on the State Register of Historic Sites, the State Historic Preservation Office must review plans and give their approval before any work or repairs can be made.

~ Councilwoman Sosidka reported that 120 children signed up for the summer recreation program.

~ Councilman Pendergast reported the Clinton Fire Department is in the early planning stages of celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2017. They are hoping to work in conjunction with the Clinton first Aid and Rescue

Squad who will be celebration their 50th anniversary in 2017.

~ Fire Chief Walt Dorf and President, Scott Wintermute came before Council to present their findings of seeking proposals for a new fire truck.

### July 22, 2014

~ Hunterdon County Prosecutor, Anthony Kearns, presented an in depth documentary and real life situations of drugs in Hunterdon County. The shocking truth is how explosive the epidemic has become and it is imperative that education become prevalent in our communities.

~ A resolution was adopted to have liens assessed to properties where the Town of Clinton Public Works Department had to maintain the property to keep with the code for Brush, Grass, and Weeds of the Town of Clinton Code Book.

~ A thank you was received from the Clinton Public School for the Town of Clinton Award which this year was given to Ryan Ragozine.

~ Councilman Smith reported the road repairs for Union Road and West Main Street will take place early Fall 2014.

~ Councilman Shea reported the final stage of the Leigh Street Handicap Accessible Ramp project is taking place. The old striping has been peeled off and the new markings are being done to have them properly aligned with the intersections.

~ Councilman Rylak reported the Smart Growth Committee along with Councilwoman Sosidka prepared a first draft of a questionnaire which will be sent out as a public survey. Questions such as "what is important to you in Clinton" will be on the questionnaire.



### DOG OWNERS PLEASE CURB YOUR DOG

Protect the health, safety and welfare of your neighbors.



### HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

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



# Around the Town by Sue Komorowski

## HUNTERDON COUNTY 300TH ANNIVERSARY

Events and activities commemorating the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hunterdon County continue at various local venues for children and adults to learn and enjoy! Many are FREE of charge!

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

### Clinton Farmer's Market!

Every Sunday thru October  
Located in Clinton Firehouse parking lot  
9AM - 1PM

### Fridays, September 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Figure Study, 6:30-9pm

Open life-drawing studio, ages 18+. Uninstructed, but with a facilitator. \$15 per session. Hunterdon Art Museum. [info@hunterdonartmuseum.org](mailto:info@hunterdonartmuseum.org)

### Sundays, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

Katherine Trubek 1PM - 4PM  
*Sundays on the Terrace Series*

Fun community projects for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. FREE!

Hunterdon Art Museum [info@hunterdonartmuseum.org](mailto:info@hunterdonartmuseum.org)

### Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine and Beer Tasting, 7PM -10PM @ Red Mill Museum Village

Put the "fun" in "fundraiser" with wine, beer and bourbon, appetizers and live music! Ages 21+ only, \$50 per person. For more info, please visit [www.theredmill.org](http://www.theredmill.org)

### Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> "Pay What You Can" Family Yoga, 9:15-10:45am

Gist Finley of Om Clinton offers instruction through a series of 11 poses and guided relaxation for *beginners through advanced* with individual modifications and levels. "Pay What You Can"- payment is discreetly made into a donation box-no pressure to pay any certain amount. Hunterdon Art Museum [www.omclinton.org](http://www.omclinton.org)

### Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Final Friday Night Grill Clinton Fire Department 5:30PM - 9:00PM

### Saturday & Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> "Doing Clinton-A Fall Focus" Noon-4pm

Over 40 businesses invite you to "See what we do, and how we do it"! Demonstrations, Music, Sampling, Wine Tasting, Sales and MORE!  
For more info, contact Joan at 908-713-9463

## Fridays & Saturdays October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

### 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, this year features a spinning, disorienting hallway known as "The Vortex"! Proceeds benefit the Red Mill Museum Village. For tickets, details, contact info to volunteer, visit [www.redmill.org](http://www.redmill.org)

### Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Clinton Guild Pumpkin Fest!

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



### Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

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

### Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Balic of Clinton Wine & Gifts 6PM - 8PM

Balic invites you to celebrate their 10-year anniversary!  
20 Main St. For info, contact Joan at 713-9463

### November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup> "Festival of Trees" fundraiser, Red Mill Museum

### Friday thru Sunday, November 28, 29, 30

**DICKENS DAYS** in downtown Clinton  
Noon - 6PM

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

### Friday, November 28

**LIGHTING OF COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE**  
Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony  
6:30PM Santa arrives by fire truck!!!



### Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>,

### CLINTON GUILD'S 28TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

One of the largest holiday parades in Hunterdon County with over 40 floats!!!  
[www.clintonchristmasparade.com](http://www.clintonchristmasparade.com)  
Starting at 7PM

# Clinton Public School News



*Town of Clinton, September 2014*

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

## **Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education**

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

### **Back to School**

We are looking forward to a great 14/15 school year! Our new Superintendent/Principal Dr. Seth Cohen arrived at Clinton Public over the summer. Dr. Cohen lives in Somerville, NJ and comes to us from Allamuchy Township District where he has been Superintendent/Principal for the last 2 years. We are pleased to welcome him to our school community and hope you will soon be able to meet him.

### **Facility Update**

We are pleased to share that over the summer we successfully completed the bond sale authorized in last March's election. The bonds are being used to finance 3 key facility projects: replacing the school's fire alarm system, replacing the 1996 section of roof and replacing old HVAC units. Due to the school's strong financial practices, we secured an AA bond rating and a 2.1% interest rate on the debt. With that low interest rate and by timing our project to receive state aid, we are getting maximum value for the community for this much-needed work. (As a reminder, in Clinton, the bonds have no tax impact, since they will replace 1996 bonds which will soon be rolling off. In Glen Gardner, the bonds will have a new tax impact starting next year.)

We are wrapping up the fire alarm replacement work now. Over the next several months we will finalize the project details for the roof and HVAC work which will be completed in summer 2015. Thank you to Business Administrator Lisa Craft for her leadership throughout this project.

### **Board of Education November Election**

This November two seats on the Board of Education will be up for election. No candidates have signed up to be listed on the ballot by name; the top two qualified write in candidates will win the seats. If you are interested in running as a write in candidate please check the CPS website ([www.cpsnj.org](http://www.cpsnj.org)) for more information about the election. Please also feel free to contact any current member of the Board for more information. If for any reason the seats are not filled by the election, the Board will seek applications for membership and fill any vacancies in January.

Thank you for your continued support of school. All are welcome to attend any Board meetings to learn more about CPS. The next sessions are September 17 and September 23 at 7 pm in the school library..

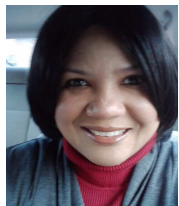
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## From the Superintendent / Principal

*Dr. Seth Cohen*

Summer Greetings to the Town of Clinton and Borough of Glen Gardner! My name is Seth Cohen and I am honored to serve as the Superintendent/Principal with the Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education. We've had great summer preparing for the 2014-2015 school year. We look forward to the expansion of our 1:1 iPad initiative to include grades 7 and 8, and a new math series for grades 6-8. We have many goals this year so please stay tuned for exciting activities and experiences.

There will be several new staff members for the upcoming school year:



**Mrs. Jacqueline Evans-Turner**, our new Assistant Principal and Curriculum Coordinator comes to CPS after serving the students of New Jersey as a middle school English teacher, high school English teacher, K-8 instructional coach, and for the last eight years as a central office administrator for curriculum and instruction. Mrs. Evans-Turner studies at Rutgers University and attended St. Peters University for graduate studies.



**Mrs. Gursky** comes to us after filing a maternity leave in Clinton Township and the past year teaching Spanish in Edison at Herbert Hoover Middle School. Mrs. Gursky studied at Rutgers for her undergraduate and graduate degrees.



**Mrs. DiLollo** comes to us after several years in the Bridgewater Raritan Regional School District serving as a high school chemistry teacher, teaching multiple levels including AP and Honors. As the seventh and eighth grade science teacher, our students will be prepared for high school and beyond.



**Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Vasquez** are the new Clinton Public School Speech and Language Specialists. Mrs. Thomas comes to CPS after undergraduate studies from Temple University and graduate studies at Loyola University. Mrs. Vasquez completed undergraduate and graduate studies at Kean University.



**Ms. Castellano** is the newest member to the CPS staff, serving in the role of special education instructor. Ms. Castellano studied at Desales University with a concentration in elementary education and at Lehigh University for a graduate degree in special education.

Please visit <http://www.cpsnj.org/Page/1047> to meet the new staff members.

### Important Dates to Remember:

Thursday August 28	First Day for Students
Monday September 1	School Closed Labor Day
Wednesday September 10	12:45 p.m. Dismissal Staff Development
Thursday September 11	Grades 5-8
Monday September 15	Grades PK-4
Tuesday September 16	iPad Parent Workshop Grades 7-8



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**RECYCLE PICKUP**  
EVERY FRIDAY  
(ONE DAY PER WEEK)



## 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

**Located at 47 Leigh Street :**

**TAXES, FINANCE, CONSTRUCTION, PERMIT OFFICES**

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