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## From the Mayor's Desk...

## Janice Kovach



First I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the residents and businesses in the Town. While we did not experience the devastation of

other towns – we did see a disruption in our lives. Everyone remained positive and supportive and worked together as a community. Thank you for your assistance as we worked to get Clinton operational. It goes without saying that without the support of our police, town employees, fire and rescue the work would have been overwhelming. Thank you to each of them who gave time to the Town to ensure we stayed safe and worked towards restoration.

Events such as Hurricane Sandy and the nor'easter, as well as last years storms, remind us that we must always have plans in place for a potential natural disaster and while we were able to reach many residents and provide information, I know that we did not reach all. So that we can better serve each of you, if you could take the time to let us know the best way to communicate with you moving forward, whether you prefer a text message, phone call or email, please let us know. You can contact the municipal building or as many of you did this past storm contact me directly. We will compile a communications plan based on your preferences.

If you have any special needs, i.e. a ventilator, you can also register through a website Register-Ready.NJ.gov – this will alert local authorities and during weather emergencies they can reach out to you. You can contact 211, Hunterdon

Helpline and they will assist you in registering. Also make sure you are connected through the Clinton Police website [www.clintonnjpolice.com](http://www.clintonnjpolice.com); the Town website [www.clintonnj.gov](http://www.clintonnj.gov); as well as the Fire and Rescue websites. If you use Facebook, each entity including the County and State OEM offices have pages with updates available.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters we have begun our budgeting process earlier this year. We are working towards our revaluation – the hurricane may cause a delay and we are working with the county and the state to determine what our options are – if we are not able to complete the reval in 2012 it will be completed in 1Q2013. As soon as we have more information we will get an update on the website and out to residents through notification. If you are not signed up for the Town of Clinton or the Clinton Police email alerts please take a moment to do so.

We have signed an agreement with the Hunterdon Art Museum and payment will be made in full before the end of the year. It was a long process for many and I want to thank everyone who continued to work towards resolution even when the discussions were heated. We will move forward as a community and celebrate the completion of a long awaited project.

The Red Mill had a successful Haunted Mill this year and the extension to three weekends was a hit! Although Sandy interrupted Halloween we managed to host trick or treating in Town on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and the kids were out in force. It was great to see the resilience of the Town in coming together after the storm. Now we begin the holiday season in full force. Dickens Days were held on

Friday and Saturday, November 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> with the Guild Christmas tree lighting on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The tree is located on Dora's patio on Main Street. On December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, Rabbi Kornfeld will host the Menorah lighting, which will be located at the Municipal Building.

As we prepare for a new year I want to thank current Council members Bob Smith, Marty Pendergast, Rich Duffy and Dan Shea for their continued commitment to Clinton. I would also like to give a special thanks to Laurie Insel for her years on Council and wish her well as she prepares to move to Massachusetts. Additionally, I would offer another special thank you to Brad Cohen who stepped in to a seat that was open following the resignation of Maria Valenta. Brad stepped up when asked to throw his name into the hat and has been a valued member of Council. That being said I would like to offer congratulations to Beth Sosidka and Ken Carberry who will be joining Council.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!



**26th Annual  
Christmas Parade  
Friday, December 7  
7:00 PM**



## Code Enforcement by Jack Daniels

Recently, I was asked a question regarding when a code is enforceable within a home. This got me to thinking about the many variables as to when and when not any specific code is enforceable. I have the following advice and information to offer everyone.

There are many life safety regulations that are a part of the NJ statutes (laws). Many of these laws also have administrative regulations (codes) that are the enforceable parts of these laws. Some of these codes are the Uniform Fire Safety Code, Uniform Construction Code, Hotel & Multiple Dwelling Regulations, Rooming & Boarding House Regulations, State Housing Code, and on and on. These all deal with life safety, property protection, health, good & welfare of the public. Most of these codes are located within Title 5 of the New Jersey Administrative Codes (N.J.A.C.); which can be viewed at the following link - <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/njcode/>. Click on the "Agree" icon on the page then just click on the respective links for title 5 of the list. You will see the entire list of the chapters that are part of Title 5.

An example of a situation is as follows: You live in a townhouse development. There are multiple buildings of which there are multiple single family type townhomes connected to make up one complete building. This type of building is required to be registered with the NJ Bureau of

Housing Inspection (BHI) as a multiple family structure. Now the tricky part; BHI assumes that all of the townhomes are part of the inspection process unless they are officially exempted and documentation proves that exemption. If there is no documentation submitted to the State, each and every unit will be subject to the necessary inspection by the BHI inspectors. If the exemption has been filed and is validated, only the owner occupied townhomes are exempted from the required inspection. Additionally, any "common" element to the entire building is subject to the inspection.

This brings me to the point of this. Any and all rental type units (non-owner occupied) will be inspected and subject to the regulations. These units are no different than the owner occupied units except that the occupancy is by a tenant that typically does not have a vested interest in the unit itself and relies on the owner for any repairs or maintenance issues. Therefore, certain code requirements now lick in and need to be checked on based on the frequency within the associated code. This system provides protection to the tenant, the owner and the other units within the structure itself. Imagine if the rental unit was left in disrepair and a fire occurred as a result of some maintenance issue that was not dealt with. The fire will have a direct effect on the units next to the rental and within the entire structure possibly causing displacement. For this reason, these rental units are

subjected to a code and the inspections of that code.

The next issue that should be addressed is the fact that although the owner occupied units are not subjected to any specific code as the rental type units are does not mean that the laws do not apply. The only difference is that the codes are not enforceable within these units unless and until something occurs that requires enforcement. These issues can be anything from illegal storage or activities not permitted within the unit to overcrowding or construction or use of a space within the unit without the proper construction permits being obtained. This very situation occurs all too often when a basement is "finished" or used as a bedroom without obtaining a construction permit. There are certain safety features that must be addressed under these circumstances and the lack of these could prove deadly.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the appropriate code official to determine if there is a situation that needs to be addressed. If anyone would like to speak to me regarding any of the above-mentioned information, please contact my office at 908-735-2275 or email me at [jdaniels@clintonfd.org](mailto:jdaniels@clintonfd.org). I would be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

## Clinton Seniors by Vince Cardarelli

This is being written before the Presidential election. We hope that whoever wins will handle Medicare and Medicaid changes (that everyone knows are coming) in such a way that the elderly sick, the poor and the disadvantaged children will not be penalized. In that regard, seniors who are on Medicare can enroll and/or change their prescription drug coverage at any time now until December 7. People with limited incomes may

qualify for extra help to pay for their prescription drug costs. Many people do qualify and don't even know it. Our county Senior Services center is of great help in this regard, and if you have any questions call the center - 908-788-1361. An appointment with a volunteer at that office can help you decide whether or not to change your Prescription Drug plan to another which is less expensive and has more coverage for your needs.

Here's some information for your Rolodex: Two assisted living residences which I know about and are well worth keeping in mind are: Parker at Stonegate, 443 River Road, Highland Park, NJ 08904 732-565-2400 and Abington Manor 215 Cedar Park Blvd, Easton, PA 18042 610-829-0100. Both will welcome a visit for a tour and explanation of eligibility requirements.

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



### Filter Replacement and Upgrades at the Waste Water Treatment Plant

This much needed replacement will replace the old filter mechanism with a new one that will be more efficient. Construction has begun and is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

#### Reminders:

- 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 Sat/Sun 6:30AM - 8:30AM.
- Curbside leaf collection has begun. We ask that all residents try not to rake their leaves in between parked cars as it is very difficult to collect them with our equipment. If

possible, try and place the piles away from parked cars so that they can easily and quickly be collected.

- 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, not for commercial or residential use.

In the wake of the recent Nor, Easter, the Town has been diligently cleaning up storm debris throughout the Town. Specifically, this includes the removal of brush and/or trees that came down in the storm. Rest assured, we will collect everything, but due to the amount of brush, this task and will take several months to fully complete, and we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

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 Department 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.

## Recreation Commission by Rich Duffy



The Clinton Recreation Commission will host its Fifth Annual Yuletide Bonfire at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at Hunts Mill Park on Haver Farm Road. Discarded Christmas trees will be burned to create a large bonfire, managed by the Clinton Fire Department. Thanks to resident Sean Rogan for bringing this tradition back to Clinton and his continued assistance with the event.

The annual Clinton Town Picnic will move from the usual September date to June 1 to take advantage of longer daylight hours and warmer weather. Because of financial challenges and budgetary cuts to the Recreation Commission's funding, we are looking to form a committee to help solicit corporate sponsors and other sources of income. The committee will also explore ways to expand the day's events and new ideas for the picnic. If you

are interested, please contact Rosemary Pendergast at [rosemary3288@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary3288@gmail.com).

### Clinton Town Yuletide Bonfire

Saturday, Jan 19  
6:00 PM  
@ Hunts Mill Park



### FREE RABIES CLINIC

Hosted by Town of Clinton  
& Clinton Township

Saturday, January 19, 2013  
8:00 am to 11:00 am

Located at the Town of  
Clinton Barn



### JANUARY IS RADON ACTION MONTH

Radon is a leading cause of lung cancer; second only to cigarette smoking, resulting in approximately 21,000 deaths per year in the US. Radon is a health risk which can easily be prevented by testing and action taken if needed.

Test kits will be available for purchase in the amount of \$20 with additional information at the Town clerk's office. If radon remediation is completed, an inspection by the building inspector must be scheduled. Go to the EPA National Radon Action Month Web site at [www.epa.gov/radon/nram](http://www.epa.gov/radon/nram) for more information.

## Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis



### POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AND ALERTS

Please visit the Police Department website at [www.clintonnjpolice.com](http://www.clintonnjpolice.com) for police news, parking, hazardous weather and other contemporary information about Clinton. You can also sign up to receive email alerts from the department on our site. You can also receive alerts and other notifications from the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management by visiting <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/communityalerts.html> and signing up. All you need do is to provide the phone number(s) you wish contacted at in a weather or other type of emergency which may impact our County.

### WINTER ON-STREET OVERNIGHT PARKING

From November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> parking is prohibited on all streets in the Town between the hours of 2am and 6am parking when "snow has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the public road, street or highway". Vehicles parked contrary to this ordinance are subject to be towed and ticketed to facilitate snow removal operations. If you are in doubt about the weather forecast, we suggest that you play it safe and move your vehicles off-street. If you have special parking needs or your vehicle is disabled please contact the police department immediately so that we are aware and can try to accommodate your needs.

### WINTER OFF-STREET PUBLIC PARKING WHEN SNOW IS FORECAST

Overnight off-street public parking is available in the Water Street Lot, the Lower Center Street Lot, the Municipal Building Lot and in authorized spaces in the Firehouse Parking Lot. Please remember however that the Water Street, Municipal Building and Firehouse Parking Lots are 24 hour lots and your vehicle must be moved after each 24 hour period to facilitate snow removal. If you have any ques-

tions please ask a police officer prior to making any assumptions regarding parking in these lots.

### SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

So that school children and adult pedestrians can find safe passage on our sidewalks, Ordinance 115-1 requires that the owner or tenant of property abutting or adjacent to a sidewalk must remove all snow and ice from that sidewalk or public right-of-way within 12 hours of daylight from the time that the snow or frozen precipitation ceased to fall or accumulate.

Lessons learned from years past about snow/ice removal in Clinton include:

1. Its much EASIER to remove the snow/ice IMMEDIATELY after it ceases to fall than it is after it melts and then re-freezes.
2. Don't count on the snow or ice melting and disappearing by itself within 12 hours of daylight after it ceased to fall (see lesson #1 above).
3. It is illegal to deposit snow or ice from your sidewalk or driveway onto the street after the street has been plowed. We highly recommend that you shovel the snow away from the street and not into it. You will be reported by the Public Works Department and you will receive a summons if you are caught doing this.
4. There are many seniors in Town who find it difficult if not impossible to shovel their sidewalks and driveways, so help a neighbor who may need it. This is also a great opportunity for teenage entrepreneurs to make some extra spending money. If you would like to be contacted to help someone in need of shoveling assistance please contact the Clerk's Officer at the municipal building.

### CHRISTMAS PARADE

On Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Clinton will once again host our famous Christmas Parade. Please PLAN AHEAD to make this night fun,

memorable and safe for everyone.

1. The Halstead Street Bridge will still be closed to vehicular traffic, however pedestrian access will remain across the bridge. Your guests will be able to park on Halstead Street, at the Community Center and the County Library which are excellent places to park and walk into Town. Shuttle buses will also run regularly from the Community Church on Route 513 near Wal-Mart into Town.
  2. There will be no parking on Main Street, East Main Street, Center Street and Leigh Street north of Route 173 from 5pm parade day until its conclusion and all streets are re-opened. Any vehicle parked on these streets after 5pm is subject to be towed at the owner's expense.
  3. To avoid inevitable traffic congestion and delays please let your guests know that it is best to arrive in Town as early as possible. I strongly suggest unless it is absolutely necessary for them to drive into Town, that after 5:30pm they park as far from downtown as possible and take a leisurely stroll in.
  4. Access to Center Street will be restricted and controlled by police from both ends beginning at 5pm. Every effort will be made to accommodate residents and your guests however after 5:30pm all access to Center Street must be from the east (McDonald's end).
  5. Individual vehicles will not be permitted to make parade participant drop offs on Center Street after 6pm. Parade participants should be dropped off on perimeter streets such as Halstead, Georges Place, Leigh Street or Route 173 and then walk to their starting position or floats on Center Street.
  6. For safety reasons, based upon the volume of pedestrian traffic in the downtown area Main Street, East Main Street, Lower Center Street and Leigh Street are subject to closure at anytime after 5:30pm.
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## Clinton First Aid & Rescue Squad by Chad Newsome



### Safe Driving Tips

If you live here, you have experienced it. How many times do you find yourself stuck out on Route 78, not moving, wondering when you will get home? As you sit there in stopped traffic, you hear the sirens. Another accident...

We here in Hunterdon County do not hold the record for the best or the worst roads. However, the majority of accidents could be prevented by following some basic safe driving principles. While many of these may seem fundamental, there are some drivers who feel it is completely acceptable to simultaneously use their laptops, chat on their "hands free" cell phones and eat their meals – all while driving at 75 miles an hour!

If someone else is in the car, you should refrain from talking with your hands and realize that you are doing something that could, in one instant, become life threatening. When speaking with someone else in your car, don't feel as if you need to look at them when carrying on a conversation. Keep your eyes on the road and save those social graces for the dinner table. Remember that cell phones and all other distractions increase your chances of having an accident.

Always remember to buckle your seatbelt even if the ride is just around the corner. Keep your children in proper restraint seats or properly adjusted safety belts if they are older. Keep your rear view and side mirrors adjusted for maximum visibility. The Hunterdon Medical Center (908.788.6667), the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office (908.788.1129) and other area agencies have Child Seat Safety Programs.

If you wish to be seen more easily in daily traffic, consider using your headlights during the daytime and always remember to use your headlights when traveling on 2-Lane highways regardless of the time of day.

There is an old saying... "If the roads are wet, then drive like it is snowing. If the roads have snow, then drive like they're icy. If the roads are icy, then don't drive." Bridges and overpasses freeze first. Slow down and avoid sudden changes in speed or direction. Keep windows clear of snow and ice. Keep your speed steady and slow -- but not too slow. In deeper snow, it's often necessary to use the car's momentum to keep moving. Use brakes very cautiously. Abrupt braking can cause brake lock-up, which causes you to lose

steering control.

Antilock brakes are designed to overcome a loss of steering control on wet or slippery roads. Yet they have little or no effect on ice. To make antilock brakes work correctly, or work at all, you should apply constant, firm pressure to the pedal. During an emergency stop, push the brake pedal all the way to the floor. If you get stuck in snow, straighten the wheels and accelerate slowly. Avoid spinning the tires, because the heat friction caused by spinning tires melts the snow and creates a thin layer of ice. Use sand or cinders under the drive wheels to increase traction if you get a little stuck. Never stand in traffic to push a car that's stuck. Someone else could lose control and seriously injure or even kill you.

The road becomes slippery as water mixes with road oils, grease and dirt. Also, your car's tires tend to ride on the surface water, reducing traction. Slow down. Visibility is often impaired. Turn on your head lights at the first sign of rain. Use the defroster or air conditioner to keep windows and mirrors clear.

We all share a responsibility for each other each and every time we get behind the wheel. We all would benefit greatly by just taking the time to be just a little bit safer.

## Police Department by Chief R. Brett Matheis

7. Every year some residents and visitors try to reserve "their" seats on public sidewalks along the parade route, sometimes as early as the night before. Please remember that our streets and sidewalks are public property and space on public sidewalks and right-of-ways is on a first come basis only. Tickets are not sold to the parade and there are no "reserved seats" unless it's on your own private property.

8. Please remember that this is a family parade with literally thousands of children and young adults in attendance. Consumption of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES is prohib-

ited on all public sidewalks and streets. To help ensure a "good time by all" there will be zero tolerance enforcement of this ordinance parade night.

9. Above all, have any questions and/or concerns you may have answered or addressed well in advance of parade night because during the event parade organizers, police officers, firemen, EMS Personnel and other municipal officials will be very busy trying to bring you another enjoyable and safe holiday experience in Clinton.

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 the

Town of Clinton will no longer be an active member of the North Hunterdon Municipal Court and will be sharing Municipal Court Services with Clinton Township, Union Township and High Bridge. The New Municipal Court is located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Clinton Township Police Building located at 1370 Route 31 just south and across from the High School. Any tickets, cases or other municipal court business that was initiated PRIOR to December 31<sup>st</sup> will remain with the North Hunterdon Municipal Court and all matters regarding them should be directed there, not at the new Court.

## Council Highlights by Sue Komorowski

### August 14, 2012

~In response to parent concerns, the Town has been successfully tilling the Community Center Playground sand each morning to minimize wasp nesting, without using toxic chemicals.

~Connor R. Runser approved as full member of the Clinton Fire Dept.

~Wood fence at Community Center to be replaced with black metal fencing. Old, but good, sections of the wood fencing will be installed at the corner of Center and Halstead Streets.

~Summer Rec successful with 151 children. Considering weekly fee instead of flat fee next year in consideration of families away on vacations.

### August 28, 2012

~Public Comment included concerns raised about radon in the homes-Council to look into obtaining testing kits for residents and increasing awareness of the dangers.

~Public Comment also included concerns about customers tying dogs to trees in town for extended periods of time, barking at other dogs and passers-by. The Mayor suggested contacting our Police to handle the situation with the dog owner appropriately

~Maria Valenta was thanked for her service as Councilwoman-she recently stepped down from her position. Appreciation also given for Councilwoman Insel, who is serving her final term as she is moving out of state.

~Presentation by the Open Cupboard Food Pantry to Council explaining the services they offer to the public.

~Resolution authorizing sale of surplus property via public auction

~Town awarded the FY 2013 NJ Historic Commission General Operating Grant in the amount of \$11, 830 to be used for the Red Mill Museum Village

~Permission requested to restore five Town of Clinton Welcome signs. The work will be done by local resident and artist Karen Romagna, who will donate her time.

~Adopted Resolution to reject bids for solid waste and recycling collection

and disposal as the proposal submitted did not include the Consent of Surety Form and questions were incomplete, and as an alternate basis for the rejection of both bids, the Town finds it may not have financial resources to pay for contracts per bid specifications and rejects both bids to allow analysis of its finances for 2013.

### September 11, 2012

~Public Comment included concerns about owners cleaning up after their dogs, especially between the Clinton House and Red Mill Museum Village

~Memorial ceremony held at Patriot's Point in Town to reflect on the tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Kovach thanked our Police, Fire and Emergency personnel, and a special thank you to Detective Sgt. Jay Hunter for three tours of duty in Iraq, having received two purple hearts during that time.

~A celebration hosted at the Clinton Community Center for completion of Grandstand and Scoreboard renovations, and renaming the Center Gym as the Ginny Rylak Memorial Gym in honor of Ginny's 30yrs of service to the Town and Community Center. Sadly, Ginny passed away February, 2012.

~Public Hearing of Ordinance regarding signs in the public right-of-way and the definition of sign erection. Adopted Ordinance as submitted

~Shade Tree Commission to replace trees on East Main Street in October

~Clinton Fire Department hosting Grill Night on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

~Mayor Kovach explained the revaluation of our Town, which suffered a \$12,000,000. loss in ratables due to appeals this year, a reduction in State Aid, and lawyer fees to handle tax appeals in the amount of \$24,000.

This impact resulted in an extremely tight budget and all expenditures on hold. There will no longer be waiving of food license fees, or construction, electrical, plumbing or fire permits. The Town is awaiting repayment of \$179,000 from the Hunterdon Art Mu-

seum to be returned to the capital account. Following revaluation, houses will be assessed at true values, and the Town asks residents for their cooperation and patience.

~Presentation of timeline of events for the Dam and Dike project as well as the additional Hunterdon Art Museum patio project. In 2001, the NJDEP notified 4 property owners that work on the dam and dike were necessary, and the cost would be over \$1 million. A grant was awarded by the NJDEP in the amount of \$914,000 toward these repairs. Per Council Attorney, Mr. Cushing, there was agreement that the Hunterdon Art Museum would pay \$179,000 to the Town, which was then amended as a condition of receiving that money first from the State. Please refer to Town Council minutes for additional details of the timeline and the many public comments regarding this ongoing issue.

~Resolution approved to authorize shared services agreement for a shared Municipal Court between the Town of Clinton and the Township of Clinton.

### October 9, 2012

~Discussion on Town website contract with City Connections, the company that maintains and manages the site since 2005.

~Introduction of Ordinance to amend fee schedule for food establishments with seating for more than 50 patrons and for temporary food licenses.

~Ordinance introduced regarding "Pay to Play", limiting the award of public contracts to business entities that have made contributions, and limiting contributions of the recipient of such a contract during the term of that contract.

~Motion carried to enforce curfew of minors between October 10 and November 12 commencing at 9pm each night on the streets and public areas.

~Approved submission of grant application to the DOT for Hunts Mill Road Improvement project. (continued pg7)

# Around the Town by Danielle Badiali

**Friday, November 27th thru December 2nd**  
**Red Mill Museum Festival of Trees**

Donated, decorated trees on view in the Mill with holiday music/entertainment.

Call for details 908-735-4101  
 10AM to 4PM



**Friday, December 7**

**CLINTON GUILD'S 26TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE**

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

www.clintonchristmasparade.com

Starting at 7PM



**Thursday, December 13:**

**CANDLELIGHT NIGHT.**

Luminaries line the streets, carriage rides & late-night shopping. Shops serve holiday refreshments.

Downtown Clinton. 6PM till 9:30PM

**Sunday, December 16:**

SANTA on Main Street

Free event 1 to 2PM

in downtown Clinton

**Saturday, January 19**

**Annual Rabies Clinic**

**8:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Located at the Town of Clinton Barn**

**Saturday, January 19**

**CLINTON TOWN YULETIDE BONFIRE**

**Hunts Mill Park 6:00PM**

Event: Horse & carriage rides (Clydesdales), live music, hot chocolate, and cookies.

Rain Date (Saturday, January 26th)

**February 7th through 14th:**

**SWEETHEART WEEK IN DOWNTOWN CLINTON**



Come out for a chance on several drawings and prizes.

**Santa Claus is coming to Town.... Clinton Town, that is.**

Thanks to town resident Sean Rogan and the Clinton Fire Department for arranging to have Santa ride on a Clinton Fire Truck throughout the Town.

Santa will visit the various areas of Town on the following dates from 7pm - 9pm:



<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Date</u>
Alton Place, Haver Farm Rd, Leigh St	12/17 (Monday)
The Knolls - West end of Town	12/19 (Wednesday)
Downtown - Center St, Halstead St, Rachel Ct	12/21 (Friday)



## Council Highlights (continued) by Sue Komorowski

~The re-bid for recycling and garbage collection has been published, opening on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

~First round of Town auction went well raised approximately \$9000 to date.

~Rescue Squad up 22 calls for September, up 61 calls over 2011 to day,

in Town response time of 3 minutes, 22 seconds!

~Councilman Shea met with County Procurement Dept regarding a regional co-operative plan with other towns to enter into waste and recycling contracts in hopes of saving money for towns. Freeholders have expressed their support, and Council-

man Shea will update as the plan progresses.

~State Route 173 project near completion-Helen Road and Hunts Mill slated as projects for next year

~Decision made to increase fees for Fire Dept to raise banners from \$25 to \$50.



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**GARBAGE PICKUP**  
EVERY TUESDAY  
(ONE DAY PER WEEK)



**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

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** — 7:30 PM Fourth Monday of each month (as needed)

**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 Fourth Monday of each month

**HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** — 7:30 PM Third Wednesday of each month

**PLANNING BOARD** — 7:30 PM First 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 :**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR** — Every Tuesday 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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

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