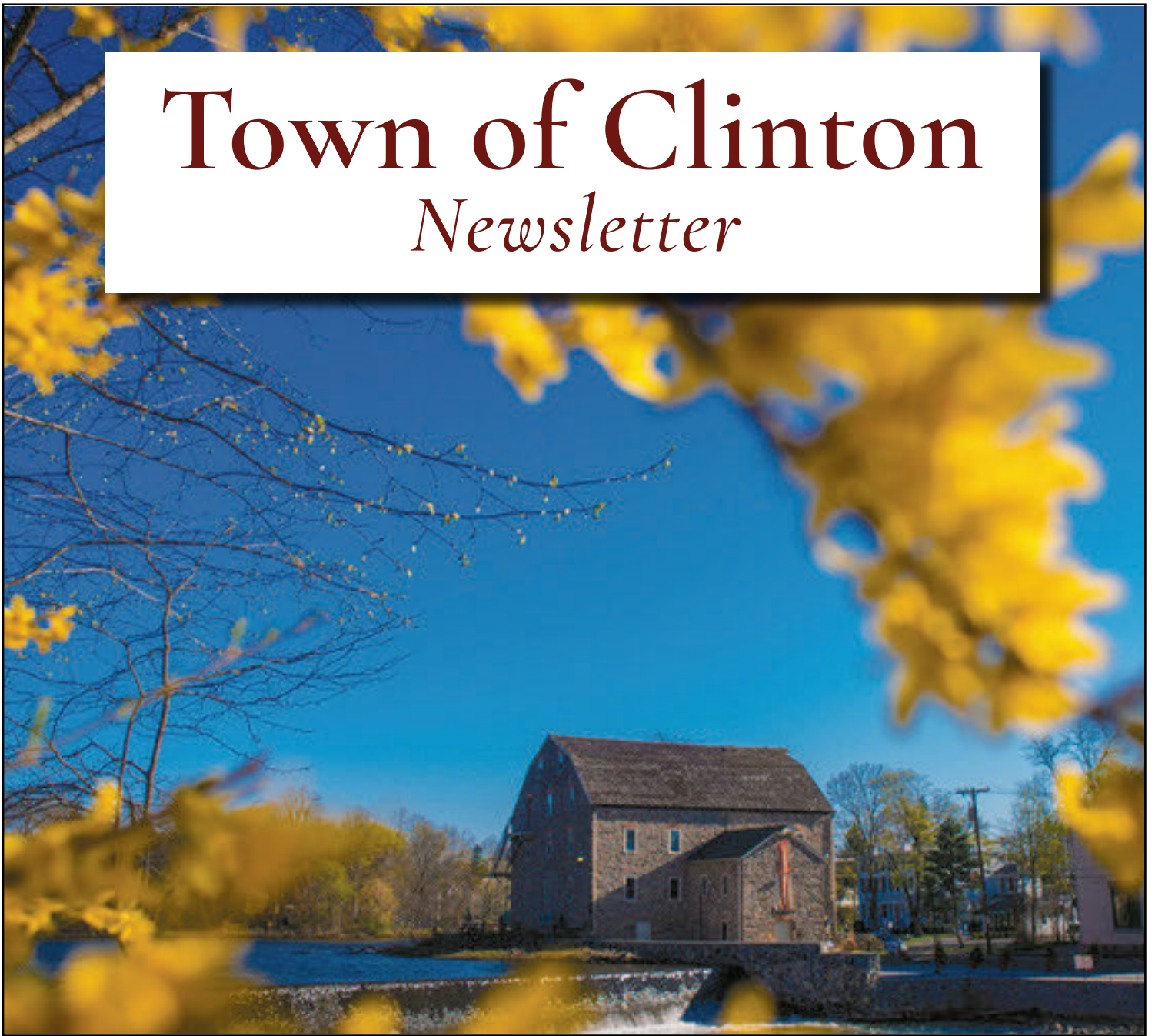


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FROM THE MAYOR

Janice Kovach, Mayor

Happy 2023! As I was cleaning out my files I came across an essay I had written about NJ and Clinton and thought I would share because its my reminder why I live here and what is so special about our state and community.

New Jersey is such an amazing state. You can experience everything from the beach to the mountains, from the rural rolling hill farms to the urban infrastructure of the city. And everything is within a couple of hours. I can drive from High Point in Sussex County to Cape May- the two furthest points in the state - in under 4 hours.

Jersey made me, but Clinton shaped me. It is where I learned about community and public service. And although I didn't appreciate or understand those

lessons as a kid, as an adult they are the reason that giving back to this community is so important to me.

It is a small 1.3 square mile town with a downtown that is a throwback to the mid-19th century. Just 50 miles from New York City, it is nestled in the farmland of Hunterdon County, exit 15 (See, I can get a "What exit? in too!) off Route 78. In fact, when heading west out of Newark Airport, Clinton is listed on the highway sign. What many don't realize is that it is another 40 miles before you get to Clinton!

Our historic district chronicles the growth of a crossroads hamlet on a major turnpike that grew up in the early 1800s and continued into the post-Victorian era. Our Pony Truss Bridge, one of only a handful of iron bridges left in the US, was traveled



daily by people moving between New York and Pennsylvania.

Clinton has always been a family-friendly community, with its parks and playgrounds, an active community center and public library, history and art museums, family centered community events, a top-rated school system, a walkable downtown, and much more.
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FROM THE MAYOR (CONT)

As I describe the beauty that is my hometown and my state, it's funny how as a kid, I didn't appreciate all that Clinton was. I thought it was too rural and too far from the all-important mall (Remember, I grew up in the 1980s!) I was going to bigger and better places to live. But when it was time to raise my children, I couldn't wait to bring them back to Clinton so they could share in the experience I now cherish: the parades, Fourth of July fireworks, walking the falls, hanging out downtown – once we even had the Budweiser Clydesdales come through town while filming a commercial. Those are the memories that I wouldn't trade for anything.

New Jersey and Clinton will always be my home. I love this state and this community and all that it has to offer. I hope that each of you can look at Clinton and New Jersey and find the beauty that makes us unique.
#AllRoadsLeadtoJersey #AllRoadsLeadtoClinton

As always if you have questions or concerns please reach out, my cell is 908-399-8921 or email jkovach@clintonnj.gov.



LEARN MORE

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 e-mail updates:

Town of Clinton
www.clintonnj.gov

Clinton Police Department
www.clintonnjpolice.com

South Branch Emergency Services
www.sbes365.org

Clinton Fire Department
www.clintonfd.org

Hunterdon County
www.co.hunterdon.nj.us

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

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

CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

Dr. Seth Cohen, Superintendent

The Clinton-Glen Gardner Board of Education is formulating the budget for the 2023/2024 school year. In planning the budget, it is important to determine the anticipated number of Kindergarten students expected from both Glen Gardner and Clinton for next year. Children eligible for Kindergarten must be five (5) years old by October 1, 2023. Kindergarten is a full day program. At this time we ask parents to contact the Clinton Public School Office by March 17, 2023 if you will have a Kindergarten student enrolling for the 2023/2024 school year. (908) 735-8512 x 600.

It has been a busy winter in Clinton Public School. Our meals on wheels program is going strong in grade 7, two of our specialized classes are back in the pool on a monthly basis at Hunterdon Health and Wellness and our winter sports teams performed with enthusiasm and pride. Our Boy's team won their championship bracket! The CPS PTO held a sweetheart dance with over 300 people in attendance and we started an after school enrichment program for students in grade 2-5. Students selected from 12 courses that included, STEM, sewing, woodworking, cooking and fitness! Congratulations to our 2023 Educator of the Year Mrs. Kelly DeJesus and our 2023 Educational Service Provider Mrs. Toni Cespedes!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

November 2022 - January 2023

November 9, 2022

Ribbon Cuttings

Mayor Kovach performed a ribbon cutting ceremony at Thomson's Seafood and there will be another one at the Farmer's Market.

Tennis and Pickle Ball Courts

Many people have been enjoying the new courts and taking care of the nets.

Tree Replaced

The Commission replaced the tree in front of the Towne Restaurant.

Light the Night

The Light the Night event will be held on December 18. Luminaries will be available soon.

Clinton Community Youth Association

The CCYA is just getting started. Forms are available through the Clinton Public School.

Meet and Greet

The Clinton Guild held a meet and greet on November 2 at Nourish to Heal. It was part of the Clinton Guild Outreach program as a way to give back to the community.

Grill Night

Clinton Fire Department grill night set for June 24. Please support our volunteer fire department!

2022 NJUCF Stewardship Grant

Shade Tree Commission discussed applying for a \$20,000 grant for tree planting or inventories. The grant requires a 25% match.

November 23, 2022

Holidays

Mayor Kovach wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone of all the wonderful holiday activities happening! Dicken's Days, tree lighting and much more!

DECEMBER 14, 2022

Swearing In

John Kashwick was sworn in by Senator Andrew Zwicker and husband Jonathan held the Bible. Councilman Kashwick is filling the unexpired term of Councilwoman Dineen. A round of applause from family and friends filled the room!

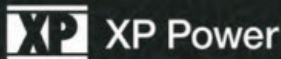
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Proclamation

This was Councilman Humphrey's last meeting. Mayor Kovach read a proclamation stating his accomplishment's during his term and his hands-on approach. Mr. Humphrey was humbled by the proclamation and expressed his sincere thanks for being allowed to serve his community and to the Mayor and Council, proud to have been part of one of the hardest working Councils in New Jersey.

32nd Annual Stream Clean Up

The Raritan Headwater Association will be holding its 32nd Annual Stream Cleanup on Saturday, April 25.

Town Bonfire

Scheduled for January 28, 2023, and hopefully the State will support the event to use Christmas trees instead of pallets.

Farmers Market

Will take a break in January, but have been enjoying the weekly event with about 20 various vendors. They will sell candle kits for Light the Night.

Sweetheart Week

Will be held in February. Mayor Kovach suggested a Chocolate Walk. Different shops will have different chocolates.

Fall in Love with Clinton

The Economic Development Committee chose new logos and are being used as part of the Fall in Love with Clinton branding campaign. The Committee is also exploring ideas to collect and spread the Fall in Love with Clinton stories, such as photo opportunities during Sweetheart Week and asked everyone in attendance to share a store of when you fell in love with Clinton.

Clinton Fire Department

Clinton Fire Department acknowledged the following years of service: 5 years – Travis Hendon; 10 years – Gabe Cruz, Jack Vajda and Bailey Pyle; 15 years – Bob McLaughlin; 20 years – Tim Vanselous; 30 years – Craig Stephens and Jeff Hedden. The Jr. Award was presented to Alec Milne and the Timothy D. Hagan award was presented to Steve Sequine.

Santa

Santa will be coming through town December 19 and 22.

Summer Rec Program

Packets are being prepared and will be available in January. The committee is busy planning trips and there will be a slight increase in the fees due to staffing. There may also be a cap on the number of campers because of its popularity last year; there will also be a preference to Clinton/Glen Gardner children.

January 3, 2023

Swearing in of New and Returning Council Members

Mayor Kovach administered the Oath of Office to Mary "Molly" Padmos while husband Jeremy and daughters held the Bible. Mayor Kovach then introduced Hunterdon County Commissioner John Lanza, who administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Traphagen while his wife, Megan, held the Bible. A round of applause filled the room after each Oath of Office!

Moment of Silence

Mayor Kovach asked for a moment of silence for John C. Holt, long-time resident, distinguished gentleman and father of former Mayor and County Commissioner, Matt Holt.

Highlights of 2022!

Mayor Kovach gave highlights of 2022 in review and wished a Happy New Year to everyone!

January 11, 2023

Clinton Fire Department

Fire Chief Jeff Hedden and several fellow officers made a presentation to Council regarding the need for a new fire truck. Mayor Kovach explained that Council will begin the budget process next month and CFO, Kathy Olsen, is looking into obtaining state funding to help with the replacement of the truck.

Playground Proposal

Playground Committee Chairwoman Nicole Ayers updated Council on the recently completed action meeting. Councilwoman Johnson is working on securing a State Department of Community Affairs grant again this year.

Fishing Derby

The Clinton Sunrise Rotary will host the Pender Memorial Fishing Derby on May 6, 2023.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

John Creech, Chairperson,
creechjohn6@gmail.com

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) has launched the Town's new brand "Fall in Love with Clinton." A new Town logo accompanies the brand.

The EDC is exploring several launch activities, and enjoyed participating in Sweetheart Week with a life-size, branded picture frame on the Hunterdon Art Museum (HAM) Terrace to welcome lovers to Fall in Love with Clinton all over again. The EDC is collecting stories for its

branding campaign and wants to know how you fell in Love with Clinton. Submissions via text, video and audio are welcomed. Send them to info@clintonnj.gov.

The EDC was also thrilled to celebrate and support business anniversaries in Town including the HAM's 70th and the Curious Plantaholic's 1st! Fall in Love with Clinton's downtown businesses!



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PLATINUM CLUB

Norma Kania, Chair, nkania@aol.com

The Platinum Club Annual Spring Brunch!

We are happy to announce the Annual Platinum Club of Clinton Spring Brunch is now scheduled for Sunday June 4th, 2023! It will once again be held at the Clinton Town Fire Department on New Street, with doors opening at 11:30am and the brunch is served from 12:00pm until 2:00pm. Invitations will be mailed and emailed, but we may certainly be missing people! If you would like to attend, please contact Norma Kania at 908-803-0720 (nkania@aol.com) and be added to the mailing list and/or the Brunch list. Did I mention that it is free? Well, it is! We hope to have a great meal, tasty dessert, music, and some door prizes. And anything else we can come up with!

The Platinum Club of Clinton is for residents aged 55 and over. The mission of the Platinum Club is to promote healthy aging, independence, and the well-being of older adults through health, wellness, educational, cultural, and recreational programs and services. Our goal is to create a fun and enjoyable atmosphere to connect with one another and the community. Membership is free! Just let us know your contact information and you're in!

50 Safety Tips For Seniors

People, as they age, are going through subtle changes that make them vulnerable to scams or more susceptible to accidents. Safety both in and out of home is a top priority for elders and there are many simple safety steps that will reduce the risk of accidents and abuse.

Fall Prevention Safety

1. Remove obstacles in the house that could cause tripping—everything from small floor rugs to objects on the floor like an oversized vase or magazine stand.
2. Install handrails and lights on staircases, with light switches at the top and bottom of the stairs.
3. Install shower and tub grab bars in the bathroom, around the toilet and the tub.
4. Place no-slip mats on the shower floor and bathtub.
5. Paint doorsills with a different, highlighting color to avoid tripping.
6. Put on hip pads if you're at high risk for falls.
7. Make home lighting brighter, but prevent glare.
8. Have your vision checked often and regularly.
9. Ask the doctor to review your medication regularly.
10. Start exercising regularly, especially tai chi or yoga to increase flexibility and strengthen muscles and joints.
11. If you can't stand comfortably, exercise in a chair.

Fire And Kitchen Safety

12. Use a microwave rather than the stove.
13. Make sure smoke detectors are installed in all rooms, and check batteries regularly.
14. Avoid wearing loose clothing when cooking—fabric can catch fire very quickly.
15. Point pot handles away from the front edge of the stove. This ensures that you won't bump into them or catch your sleeve on them.
16. Never leave cooking food unattended.
17. Wipe off any spilled grease from the stove.
18. Avoid using appliances with frayed cords; get them repaired or replaced.
19. Ensure there is adequate lighting in areas where you're working.
20. Keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Car Safety

21. Make sure all doors are locked and windows rolled up while driving. You don't want someone jumping into your car when you stop in traffic.
22. Never leave anything valuable in plain view.
23. Never leave car keys inside the vehicle, not even for "just a minute."
24. Always lock the doors when you leave the vehicle, even for only a short time.
25. Park as close as possible to where you are going.
26. Avoid hiding a spare key in the car.
27. When returning to your car, look around as you approach the vehicle.
28. Have your key ready in your hand before approaching the car; don't fumble looking for the key.
29. Peek into the back seat of your car before getting in.
30. Once you're inside the car, lock all doors immediately.

Home Safety

31. Put large numbers on your house that you can read easily from the street.
 32. If you want to hide a spare key to the house, make sure to really hide it. Never put it in predictable places like under the doormat.
 33. Leave a key with a neighbor you trust, in case you are locked out.
 34. Set a timer on a radio to make it sound like there's somebody home when you run an errand.
 35. Have dead bolts installed on your doors.
 36. Lock all doors—especially the front door—when you're working in the attic, basement or yard.
 37. Never open the door to a stranger. If it is a repairman or a salesman, call the company they say they work for and verify.
 38. If it's someone needing to use the phone, get the number and call it for them.
 39. Never tell people you are alone.
 40. If you must let a stranger in, don't let them think you are alone. Turn on a radio or television in another room to give the impression that someone else is around.
 41. Limit the number of rooms a visitor can see. Don't show strangers what you have in the house.
 42. Make it a habit to be security conscious.
- ### Financial Safety
43. Never leave your purse unattended.
 44. Always carry your wallet or any bills in a front pocket, never in a rear pocket.
 45. Avoid having large amounts of cash or valuables at home.
 46. Tear up or shred all personal and financial information; never just throw it into the trash.
 47. Never give your Social Security number or particulars about your bank accounts to anyone; if someone calls you and asks you to confirm that the account numbers are yours, don't do it.
 48. If you get calls asking for donations, tell them to send requests by mail; never discuss donations over the phone.
 49. Verify the status of a charity before making a donation. I see more and more people going on the NextDoor app or Facebook with a sob story looking for money. Don't donate money to people you don't know.
 50. Arrange to have Social Security checks direct-deposited to your bank.



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THE GUILD OF CLINTON

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The Guild of Clinton stands to build a community around the businesses within the Town of Clinton. The world has many changing dynamics, but one constant is connection and a sense of community. The member businesses of the Guild of Clinton create a real community on Main Street and beyond. These business owners are the fabric of your community and the face that others associate with the Town of Clinton.

This sense of community does not stop at the retail shops and restaurants, there are many professional services such as insurance professionals, lawyers and financial advisors who are also members. It is an amazing opportunity to work one on one with these professionals who truly understand you and care about working with you because of their community connection as a Guild of Clinton Member.

Retail shopping and restaurants are the most visible of Guild Members, and Clinton offers an unmatched experience with retail shop owners, restaurant and coffee shop owners, who have become part of your daily routine or your go to for a special event gift or occasion. Each delivers their own unique personality through the experiences they create in their stores.

Guild of Clinton member businesses are proud of the community events throughout the year and the music throughout the summer, but it is the daily interaction with the residents of Clinton that is truly special. Take some time to get to know the owners personally, help support their businesses and in return they will continue to serve your needs, keep the town vibrant and always keep community connections at the forefront.



HISTORIC COMMISSION

Rosemarie Platt, Chair

Façade Grants Awarded

The Smerillo Family at 70 West Main Street was awarded our first grant for keeping the integrity of the home by replacing a classically inspired window.

The Molle Family at 49 Center Street maintained the integrity of their clapboard exterior by replacing sections and painting, and replicating an ornate porch column that was rotted in an exact replica.

Fundraising Events Held

In June, we held a Garden Party at the graciously donated home for the evening of Richard Woodman and Kala Hill. Funds were raised to support The Town of Clinton Historic Façade Improvement Grant Fund. Food was donated by 15 Lansdowne Catering, and a variety of generous donations were received for the silent auction at the event, such as items from John Bohnel photography, The Red Mill Museum Village, Heart Strings, and Kilhaneys Pickles!

We kicked off the Halloween season with a historic graveyard tour of the Clinton Presbyterian Church Cemetery/Riverside Cemetery.

Documents Found and Preserved

Recently, we gathered old documents from the Guldbrandsen Building; the old Clinton National Bank. Keep an eye out for our Facebook page to view samples of our findings!

Up and Coming Events for 2023

- Cemetery Tour in October
- Historic Architectural Tour on Dickens' Days weekend in November

CLINTON CONSERVANCY

Denise Birmingham, Chair, dbquilts184@gmail.com

HOW TO PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR

The Clinton Conservancy is in need of new members of any level of experience. Our mission is to restore native plant habitat with a living landscape that nurtures birds, insects, and animals. The group works in the town gardens mainly on some Saturday mornings in the spring and fall. It's a great way to get outdoors, help the environment and build community! If you are interested in helping with our group, please contact Denise Birmingham, dbquilts184@gmail.com.

One of the things the Clinton Conservancy has been experimenting with this year is winter sowing of native plant seeds. 16 varieties of native plant seeds, such as Joe Pye, were purchased from Prairie Moon Nursery and another dozen varieties were collected locally by our members. Winter sowing is a way to germinate seeds by "copying" how seeds grow in nature. Seeds get the cold stratification necessary for germination and are protected from animals giving them a higher germination rate. It is an inexpensive way to grow a large volume of plants. After a summer season of

growth, we will be using these young native plants this coming fall to replenish, diversify, and expand our native plant gardens in Hunts Mill Park, Millview Park, and DeMott Pond. Join us if you would like to learn more about this process!



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Clinton St. Patrick's Day Parade
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SATURDAY, APRIL 01

Egg Scavenger Hunt
10:00 AM, Halstead Street Park and Main Street by the Clinton Guild

Family egg hunt starting at the park and then becomes a scavenger hunt downtown.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Town of Clinton Cleanup Day
9:00 AM, Main Street near the Red Mill

We invite you to volunteer to help keep Clinton clean and beautiful. Sponsored by the Clinton Environmental Commission and Raritan Headwaters Association.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Cruising Clinton Car Show
TBD Time, Main Street by the Clinton Guild

Car show throughout downtown to benefit Autism Awareness.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Arbor Day Celebration
10:00 AM, Hunts Mills Park by the Shade Tree Commission

Join the Town of Clinton Shade Tree Commission in planting a new tree for Arbor Day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Vintage Baseball Game
TBD Time, Gebhardt Field

Enjoy a classic vintage baseball game at our historic Gebhardt Field.

SATURDAY, MAY 06

Pete Pender Memorial Fishing Derby
8:00 AM, Demott Pond by the Clinton Sunrise Rotary

Participate in this Clinton classic annual fishing derby with family and friends.

SATURDAY, MAY 06

Red Mill Kentucky Derby Party
TBD Time, Red Mill

Support the Red Mill Museum Village and enjoy this derby themed party on their beautiful museum grounds.

SATURDAY, MAY 07

Home "Tweet" Home Birdhouse Contest
10:00 AM, Main Street by the Clinton Guild

Enter your homemade custom birdhouse into the annual birdhouse contest and view others throughout downtown.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Come Together Live Friday Night Music Commences
7:00 PM, Main Street by the Clinton Guild

Enjoy live music downtown every Friday throughout the summer, ending Labor Day weekend.

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

Clinton Community Farmers Market
9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Clinton Community Center, 63 Halstead Street

Organic food and hand-crafted gifts!

CLINTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeff Hedden, Chief

The last quarter of 2022 was very busy for Clinton Fire Department. Crews handled 30 calls for service in November and 41 calls in December. The total calls for service in 2022 finished at 351, this is the highest number answered by the department in over 10 years.

In between emergency calls, the department members attended our annual Holiday Dinner and Awards Ceremony where Jack Daniels received Firefighter of the Year. Alec Milne received Jr. Firefighter of the Year, and Steve Seguire received the Timothy D Hagen Award.

The department participated in the Clinton Holiday Parade and made four trips around the town helping Santa check on the Town of Clinton prior to his big night on December 24th.

At the December meeting, the department ran elections for fire officer positions for 2023. The membership elected the following to positions: Chief Jeff Hedden, Deputy Chief Jason Mayer, Captain Chris Querry and Lieutenant Jack Daniels.

Finally, the department participated in the Yuletide Bonfire hosted by the Town of Clinton Recreation Committee. The department would like to thank all the sponsors that helped to make the night possible and such an enjoyable tradition for everybody.



CLINTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cory Kubinak, Chief

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE OVERNIGHT PARKING ORDINANCE WHEN IT SNOWS. WHEN YOU DO NOT MOVE YOUR CAR IT CREATES A HAZARD (big pile of snow in the middle of the road). THIS REQUIRES THE ROAD DEPARTMENT TO PLOW OVER AND OVER AGAIN AS PEOPLE DECIDE TO MOVE THEIR CARS ONE BY ONE. WINTER ON-STREET OVERNIGHT PARKING (Ord. 135-4)

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 in violation of 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 a special circumstance where you can't move your vehicle, please contact the police department immediately so that we are aware and can try to accommodate your needs BEFORE you get a summons or get towed.

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.

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 (TIMED PARKING 2-3 HOURS), the Municipal Building Lot and in authorized spaces in the Firehouse Parking Lot. Please remember these 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 questions please ask a police officer prior to making any assumptions regarding parking in these lots.

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SOUTH BRANCH EMERGENCY SERVICES

Frank Setnicky, SBES Chief, chief@sbes365.org

Meet South Branch Emergency Services Volunteer Kavya Famolari

Through SBES, she could start learning emergency medicine – and giving back to her community

By the time she passed her EMT class this summer, Kavya Famolari, 17, had already logged nearly two years as a South Branch Emergency Services volunteer.

Kavya knew she wanted a career in medicine one day and becoming an SBES junior cadet meant she could start gaining real-world experience at age 15. “Right away, I was learning a lot of things that I otherwise probably would not have a chance to learn until medical school,” she said.

Now 17, Kavya said volunteering has taught her more than she could have imagined about emergency medicine, helping people get through extremely difficult circumstances, and working as part of a team. She and her family had only recently moved to Lebanon when she joined, and SBES has also allowed her to learn about and become part of the community. “I love every bit of it,” she said.

Making a Difference from the Start

As a junior cadet, Kavya could not ride the ambulance, but she was able to train and participate in practice drills alongside more experienced EMTs, all of whom were happy to share their knowledge with her.

“SBES does a great job with training,” she said. “I was asking a lot of questions and everyone was super happy to answer them. It was so exciting and fun. And I participated in a lot of community events.”

On the Ambulance at 16

That training and mentoring from more experienced SBES EMTs gave Kavya a solid knowledge base and skill set for riding the ambulance once she turned 16.

“I would serve my shift after school. Going on calls, you never know what to expect – it’s always walking into a situation that requires on-your-feet problem solving, and that is a big adrenaline rush,” she said.

While Kavya could not yet provide hands-on patient care, she could use her training to determine what patients needed and what equipment and supplies her full EMT colleagues would need to provide direct care. “At a car accident, you have to think about what kind of devices are needed to safely extricate a patient – a backboard or a cervical collar, for example,” she said. Kavya’s ability to understand what was happening and ready supplies and equipment meant faster delivery of care.

“It made me feel useful and helpful,” she said.

In addition to the technical aspects of emergency medical care, Kavya has also learned to better communicate in all kinds of circumstances. “A lot of delivering care with SBES is about being able to talk to people, to comfort people, who are going through the worst of times,” she said. “Those kinds of interpersonal skills are always important.”

A Team of Teams

Kavya enjoys the teamwork that comes from working as one member of a three-person ambulance crew. She was amazed the first time she was on a call that required a multi-agency response and proud to be part of it. “There had been a motorcycle accident which required set up a landing zone for a helicopter that would transport the patient,” she said. “All aspects of emergency medical service were involved – EMTs, paramedics, firefighters, and people in the helicopter.”



You really get to see everybody mobilize and work together.” Kavya hadn’t yet passed her EMT course, but had an important role to play. “There was a lot of equipment and I helped keep track of that. People would ask for things and I would grab them. I relayed messages.” She was also given the important task of copying information from the patient’s ID.

What’s next

As a Cadet EMT, Kavya is able to act as a National Registry EMT under the supervision of a more experienced EMT until she turns 18 and can earn her state certification.

She is now a junior in the Hunterdon County Vocational School District’s Biomedical Science Academy and hopes to one day become a cardiothoracic surgeon. She also plans to keep volunteering with SBES even when in college. “I will come when I can and work when I can,” she said. An experience she recommends to others

Kavya recommends volunteering with SBES to people of all ages. “Training is free. It’s an exciting and rewarding experience and a great way to give back,” she said.

To learn more, volunteer, or pursue a paid EMT position with SBES, please visit SBES365.org. Please note that at this time, SBES volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

TOWN UPDATES

Richard Phelan, Town Administrator

Water Service Line Survey

In accordance with New Jersey P.L. 2021, Chapter 183, signed into law July 2021, all public water systems are required to fully inventory their customer service lines and develop a replacement program to remove all identified lead or galvanized service lines in the system. While the Town of Clinton Water Department (CWD) has no known or identified lead services lines in its entire distribution system based upon historical records, as-built drawings and observations during service line replacement or repairs (on the public water system side), the State of New Jersey is requiring that we identify all galvanized service lines on the property owner's side as well.

All water customers are being asked to complete and submit an online "Water Service Line Survey" to properly identify the customers type of water service line. The survey, which should take less than five (5) minutes can be accessed by visiting the Town's website at www.clintonnj.gov and clicking the "Water Service Line Survey" icon on the home page.

Only one (1) submission is required per water account.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town of Clinton Water Department at 908-735-2265.

Employment & Volunteer Opportunities

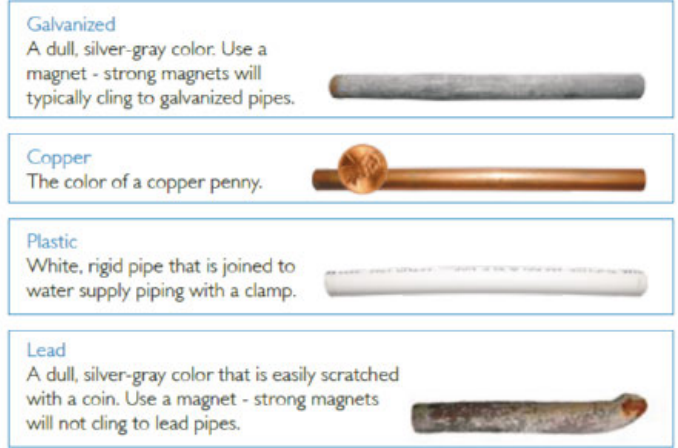
Clinton offers opportunities for employment and for volunteer positions throughout the year. Please visit the Town's website at www.clintonnj.gov and clicking the "Employment and Volunteer Opportunities" icon on the home page.

2023 Brush Collection

The 2023 Brush Collection Schedule begins in May. Small debris can be placed curbside in a bucket or garbage can. All brush, including any off-season clean-up, will be picked up during your scheduled brush collection zone. All residents will be receiving a copy of the Recycling, Garbage & Brush calendar shortly. The dates indicated for collection of brush on the calendar indicate the start date for collection in each zone, not the only day brush is collected. Each zone will receive multiple passes during the 2-week blocks indicated. For more information on brush collection, please visit our website at www.clintonnj.gov.

Reminders/General Information

- 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.
- 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.



RECREATION COMMITTEE

MaryAnn Shea, Chair

The Town Recreation Committee would like to thank the residents of Clinton for participating in the Rec-hosted events in 2022. The Committee strives to provide fun and exciting activities for townspeople of all ages. Our team members look forward to bringing more opportunities for us to gather as a community and celebrate the Town of Clinton. We greatly appreciate those who volunteer their time to help us make these events happen, and encourage those who are interested in volunteering to reach out to us. The Committee maintains a Facebook page where you can keep up to date on the hosted events, which can be found by searching "Recreation Committee - Town of Clinton, NJ". Some highlights of what the Committee has in store for 2023 are:

January - 14th Annual Yuletide Bonfire

A total of over \$14,000 was raised for the Clinton Fire Department to help them accomplish valuable state-mandated training for their volunteer members.

March 31st- 2nd Annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt at Hunts Mill Park

Come join the Rec Committee, the Fire Department, and the Easter Bunny for a nighttime egg hunt with special prizes!

April - Vintage Baseball Game hosted at historic Gebhardt Field

Hosted by the Neshanock Baseball Club of Flemington and played by 19th Century rules.

July - Summer Recreation Program at Clinton Public School

Registration has already begun for our half-day and full-day programs. Sign up soon as space is limited!

August - Vintage Baseball Game hosted at historic Gebhardt Field

Hosted by the Neshanock Baseball Club of Flemington and played by 19th Century rules.

August - Hooper's Canoe Races on the South Branch

Come compete against other neighborhood families in a variety of different categories. Officiated by our Mayor and the Fire & Rescue Teams

September - Town Picnic at Hunts Mill Park

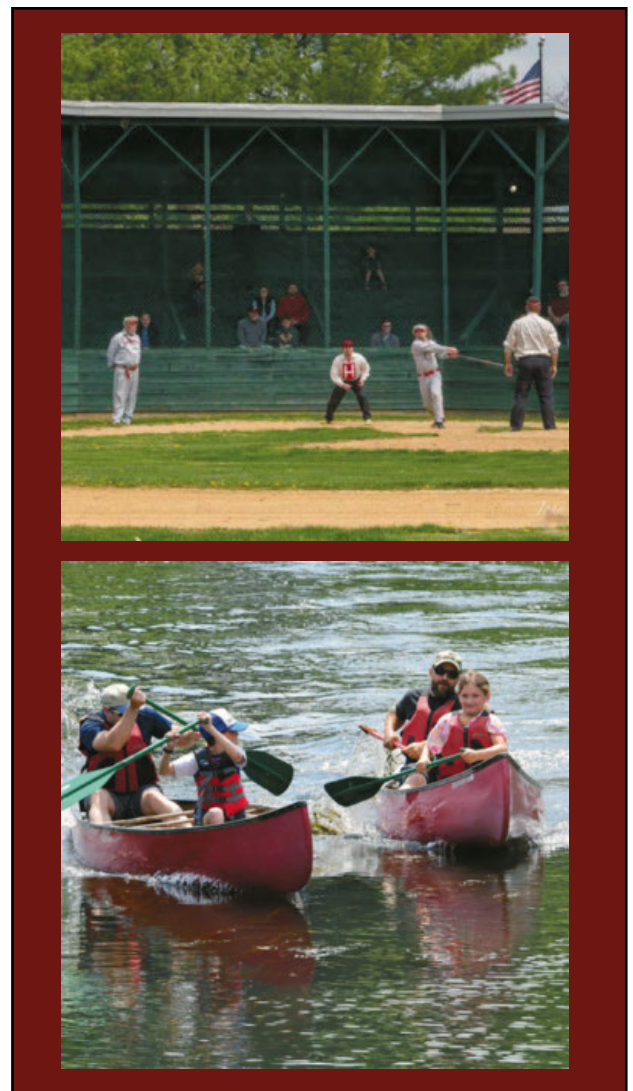
Come join our friends and neighbors for hot air balloon rides, bouncy-houses, food vendors, games and fireworks!

October - Drive-In Movie Night at Hunts Mill Park

Park your cars, pop your trunks, and enjoy a showing of "Ghostbusters" (1984) to kick off the Halloween season!

Please continue to monitor the Recreation Committee and Town of Clinton Facebook pages for details on event dates, participation, and volunteer opportunities.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at a town event soon!





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BONFIRE RE-CAP

Sean Rogan, Recreation Committee

The 14th Annual Clinton Bonfire had a record crowd measured by the enormous smiles on all the children's faces, and it was a huge success!

Not only did everyone have a great time, but we also did a lot of good for the local community.

Thanks to our very generous sponsors, we raised over \$14k for the volunteers of the Clinton Fire Department! Special kudos to our three Platinum sponsors, K. M. Gomes & Sons HVAC, Ace Tech Pest Control & Ingerman.

We also collected over 280 pounds of canned food for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry, thanks to our generous attendees.

In addition, donations were collected to support a local family going through a tough time with medical expenses. Neighbors responded with record giving - a testament to the kindness & caring nature of our local community.

"Having fun while doing good" is our simple motto, and I think we delivered on both.



January 28th, 2023



Huge thanks to all the volunteers who stepped up, the Clinton Boy Scouts, Clinton DPW, EMS, and the CFD for making the event happen.

Finally, we owe a special shout-out to the companies that provided crucial logistical support for the event, including Nesser Metals & Alloys, Audio Synergy, Mendham Garden Center, Towne Restaurant, and Rental Center USA.

And next year, for the 15th anniversary, hopefully, we'll be able to bring back the Christmas trees - stay tuned!

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Denise Birmingham, Shade Tree Commission

With spring just around the corner, the Shade Tree Commission is gearing up to do some tree planting. This will commence with our annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 28th at 10:00am at Hunts Mill Park. An oak tree will be planted in honor of a resident who will be named at the ceremony. Clinton Public School 3rd graders will be part of the time-honored Arbor Day tradition that began in Nebraska in 1872. Students will be educated about trees and their important role in the ecosystem. Each student will be given a tree sapling to take home and plant. As a resident of Clinton for more than thirty years, I've had the pleasure of hearing stories and seeing with my own eyes the growth of the trees. These saplings are not merely a transient fun project for children, they have the potential to become legacy trees. In years to come, today's students can return home from whatever corner of the world that they call home to see "their" tree! These saplings are a lesson; we are not just residents of Clinton, we are its stewards.

The Shade Tree Commission is excited to have been chosen as a recipient of a Community Forestry Stewardship Grant by the NJDEP. John Kashwick worked diligently on this grant application. It will be used in the Kings Crossing development to plant much-needed trees around the retention basins replacing the ash trees that were removed in 2022. Besides this project, the Shade Tree Commission is committed to planting 5-7 more trees around town in 2023.

We are in need of one more member. Consider joining our group and making a difference in our town. Please contact Denise Birmingham, dbquilts184@gmail.com.



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MEETINGS

COUNCIL MEETING

7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month

RECREATION COMMITTEE

7:30 PM 3rd Thursday of each month

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

7:30 PM 3rd Monday of each month

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

6:30 PM 3rd Wednesday of each month

LAND USE BOARD

7:00 PM 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

7:00 PM 2nd Monday of each month

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

7:30 PM 2nd Tuesday of each month

PLATINUM CLUB (Seniors Committee)

4:00 PM 1st Friday of each month

TRASH PICKUP: EVERY TUESDAY

RECYCLING PICKUP: EVERY FRIDAY