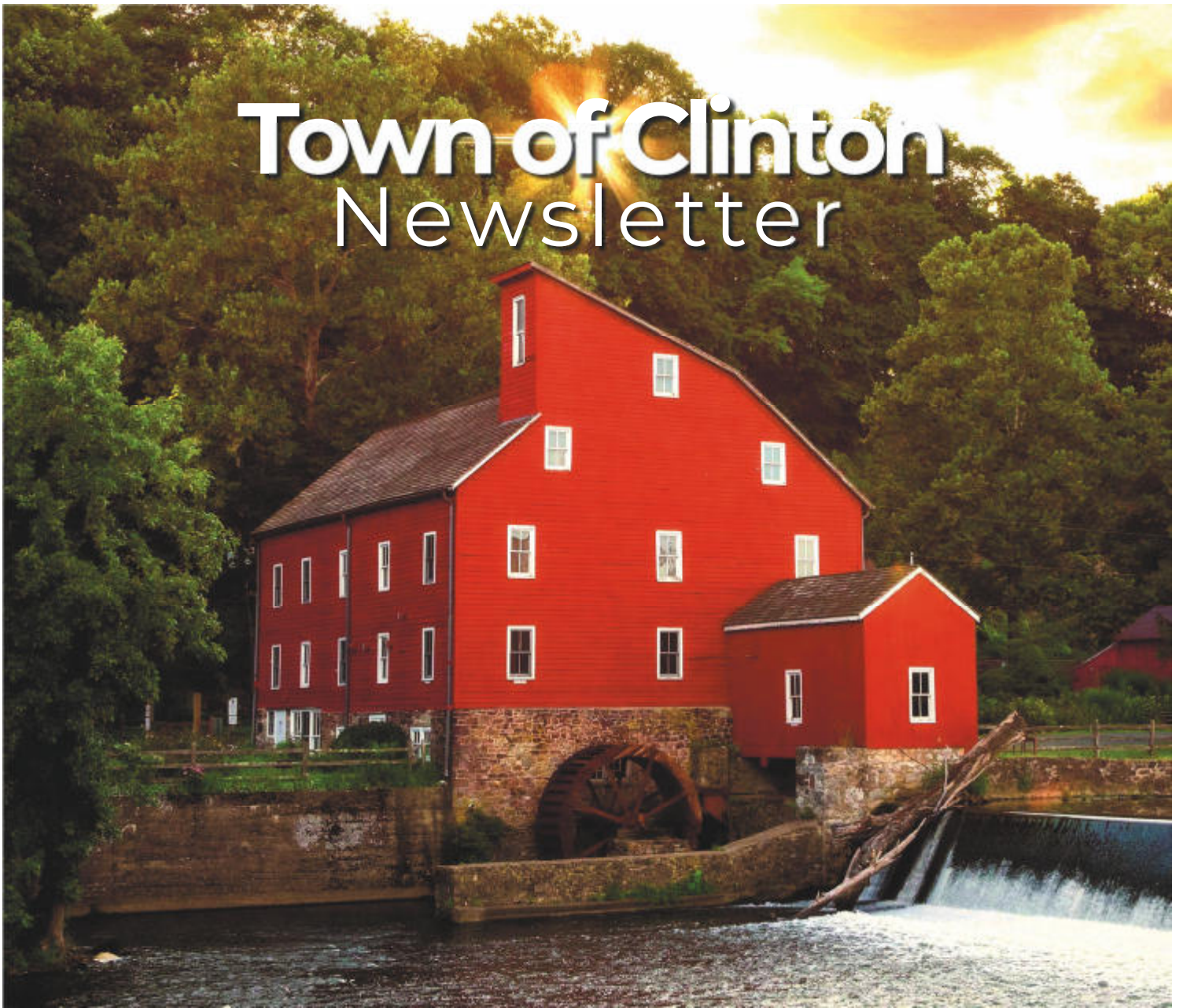


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FROM THE MAYOR



**JANICE
KOVACH**

I wrote my recent TEDx Talk with Clinton in mind. Here are a few excerpts:

I saw first-hand how home isolation turned into quality time together. I was inspired by businesses who shifted to accommodate the safety of their patrons. I watched as neighbors bought groceries for others and donated to food pantries. Families started walking together, neighbors would host driveway pop ups so they could visit, picnics were

happening in the parks.

It was as if everyone had rediscovered the real meaning of community. It was taking time to enjoy the little things...because those became the BIG THINGS over the past year.

We know that we must work together to not only triumph over our crisis, but to also become better from facing that adversity. How do we transition from a culture of distrust, fake news, and social

injustice, and into a culture where truth, dignity, and resiliency become our guiding principles?

The answer is in collective resiliency. According to the Resilience Leadership Institute, "Resilience is the ability to effectively address challenge, change, and complexity in a manner that allows us to be enhanced by the experience, not diminished." In other words, we become stronger from facing the adversity.

As we feel that things are getting a little better, don't make the mistake and think that we have fixed our problems and are more prepared for the next crisis. It takes more than that to become collectively resilient. We must become more adaptive in our crisis reaction, more agile in our decision-making and more willing to work together to prepare for the worst.

We have an opportunity to adapt to a new normal. We should have this overwhelming desire to be better, to do better, to take all the best practices and blend them together.

I invite you to call me for any reason at 908-399-8921 or email jkovach@clintonnj.gov.



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TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

COMCAST DATA USAGE

A representative from Comcast explained about the data rate increase. Beginning in July for use in excess of 1.2 terabytes there will be an overage charge. However 1.2TB is a massive amount of data, A customer can video conference for 3500 hours, watch 1200 hours of distance learning videos, or stream 500 hours of high-definition video content of month. The typical Xfinity internet customer tends to use less than 400 GB per month, which does not even come close to 1.2TB of data.

HISTORIC PROP. REINVESTMENT ACT

The governor recently signed a new economic development program and is now working on a HPRA. It is currently focused on commercial properties but this would encourage historic property owners to be included and receive a historic tax credit.

MAYORS WALK

The Town of Clinton and High Bridge Borough, in partnership with Basecamp 31, has organized a weekly walk with the Mayors of both towns. Everyone is welcome to join each Sunday at 11:00 AM.

FEBRUARY 24, 2021

NEW VOLUNTEERS

The Environmental Commission received two new citizen involvement applications. We welcome Dean Solomos and Rebecca Walters. Thank you for giving your time to the town!

POLICE RETIREMENT & NEW MEMBER

Police Sergeant Ollerenshaw will be retiring effective July 1, 2021 after serving 15 years for the Town. Also new officer, Melissa Tomberg joined the force.

SCHOOL HOURS DUE TO COVID-19

The Town of Clinton School Board is re-analyzing the current situation with COVID-19 to have the students come in person for more hours.

A "MULTI - PURPOSE" COURT

The Building and Grounds committee will meet to discuss resurfacing the tennis and basketball courts and creating a multi-purpose court. Fund raising will begin soon and interested folks are asked to reach out when the time comes.

NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS

Joshua Biggs of Glen Gardner and Eric Gigler of Clinton were accepted as new members to the Clinton Fire Department.

MARCH 10, 2021

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Mayor Kovach met with three other Bipartisan NJ Mayors highlighting the overwhelming need for the rescue plan due to the COVID-19. The plan would provide \$1400 direct relief checks to struggling Americans, but it also sets aside \$350 million in direct assistance to state and local governments to keep essential services up and running and local municipalities above water.

NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WORKER

Jeffrey Dysart was accepted as a new employee for the Town of Clinton Sewer Treatment Plant.

MARCH 24, 2021

COMMITTEE RESIGNATION & NEW MEMBER

A resignation from Caryn Tomljanovich and a citizen involvement form from Molly Padmos was received. Thanks to both for their interest in donating their time to the town.

POLICE PROMOTION

Officer Anthony Robbins was promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations!

2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The 2021 Municipal budget was introduced and a summary will be published in the Hunterdon Review. Mayor Kovach will be sending out her budget letter to residents.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

APRIL 14, 2021

ARBOR DAY

A proclamation was presented to declare Friday, April 30, 2021, as Arbor Day 2021. This year it will be dedicated to the gone but never forgotten long-time resident, Frank Hooper. An oak tree will be planted at Hunts Mill Park. The event will be live streamed to the students of Clinton Public School again this year due to COVID-19 hopefully next year it can be in person.

APRIL 28, 2021

MUSIC ON MAIN

The Clinton Guild is actively planning events for the summer and Come Together music on Main will return on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

PUBLIC WORKS RETIREMENT & REPLACEMENT

Dave Burdge is retiring after 26 years with the Town of April 30, 2021. Dave's commitment and passion for the town and his institutional knowledge have been priceless. Steve Higgins will be promoted to the position of Foreman.

COIN TOSS

South Branch Emergency Services held a coin toss which was a big success, at the corner of the Shammy shine, Clinton Township border, this past weekend.

We invite you to attend the Town of Clinton Council meetings, held at 7:30 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday. Please visit the calendar on our website for more information (www.clintonnj.gov)



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TOWN UPDATES

GRASS CLIPPINGS

While the Town does collect grass clippings each week, we strongly encourage residents to mow their lawns with a lawnmower that is equipped with a mulching blade. This achieves several things. First, the clippings actually help to improve the strength and health of your existing lawn. Secondly, by not bagging the grass clippings, the Town does not have to pay the trash hauler to dispose of them. For more information on our trash, recycling, brush and leaf collection schedules, please visit our website at https://www.clintonnj.gov/sites/clintonnj/files/uploads/recycling_brochure_2020_for_website_0.pdf.

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. Learn more at about Clinton's affordable housing <https://bit.ly/3uYGpUn>.

Halstead Place Apartments, located next to the Hunterdon County Library, are not administered by the Town. For information visit <https://halsteadplace.com> or call (908) 200-7824.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER AND RESIDUALS BUILDING

The upgrades to the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) are nearly complete. The much needed replacement of aged equipment located in our Filter and Residuals Building will ensure that we can continue to safely and efficiently treat up to 2.03 million gallons per day of sewage. We are very thankful that we have very experienced employees working at the WWTP, combined with a very communicative contractor, which makes a very difficult go relatively smoothly. As a result, the work completed will last approximately 30 years.

TOWN INFORMATION

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:
 - * Website – www.clintonnj.gov
 - * Facebook - www.facebook.com/clintonnjgov
 - * Twitter - twitter.com/clintonnj
 - * YouTube—<https://bit.ly/2P8uINh>
- ◆ Town of Clinton Police Department - <https://bit.ly/3bTpiJK>
- ◆ Clinton First Aid and Rescue Squad - www.clintonems.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

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Town of Clinton Council, at the recommendation of the Environmental Commission, has passed an ordinance that requires all property owners to keep their properties free of litter, debris, and toxic substances that can potentially blow into the surrounding wooded areas or run-off into our streams. Our goal is to reduce the amount of negative impact we are having on our local environment. Please pick up your garbage or recycling during windy days, and keep your properties clean so that we can keep Clinton a beautiful and safe place.

GARBAGE

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.

RECYCLING

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.

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EVENTS

Clinton's Come Together Friday Night Music Festivals

Every Friday night, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.

Music at Red Mill, Saturday Nights

Every Saturday evening, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm, from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.

British Car Day at the Red Mill

June 5th

Town Wide Garage Sale

June 5th, 9:00 am - *rain, or, shine*

The Rugs of Ann Clarke at the Hunterdon Art Museum

June 5th, 7:00 pm (artist's talk)

Children's Summer Programs at the Red Mill

Weeks of June 21st, July 6th, 20th, August 2nd, and 16th

Cardboard Boat Race at the Falls in Clinton

July 10th (rain date July 17th), 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Great Rubber Ducky Race at the Falls in Clinton

July 11th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Kids Day at the Red Mill

August 8th



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LAND USE BOARD

WE'VE BEEN BUSY

Here's the latest scoop on what's been happening with the Land Use Board. We are still meeting on zoom. Agendas and zoom links are found on the website in the calendar feature if you would like to join us.

What's Been Heard:

72-74 West Main LLC., appealed their zoning denial as not meeting the requirements of a "family" residence in order to lease the property to a sober living facility residence. The Board determined when interpreting the town ordinance on the definition of a family, there should be no distinction of numbers or non-blood relations and that the sober living facility meets the definition of a family. The use was deemed permitted in the zone and thus the appeal was moot.

Q&A Real Estate Development LLC (Deegan Roofing) requested a Variance and Waiver of Site Plan Application to operate a sales office from their property at 9-11 Old Hwy 22 (previously Bill's Garage) and be allowed to park commercial vehicles on-site. The

waiver of site plan was granted with the condition a hand drawn site plan indicating paving, stripping, landscaping, and lighting, be submitted to board professionals for review and approval. The Variance was also granted with the condition that only pickup trucks and vans will be parked on-site (no dump trucks or box trucks) and that signage will be consistent with the ordinance.

The completeness hearing for Ansuya (the Marriott Hotel property) was heard on May 4, 2021 and deemed incomplete. A public hearing will be scheduled after an administrative completeness is finalized. They are filing an application to create a boutique hotel with dining and bar facilities plus the addition of a fast-food restaurant.

The hearings for Puleo International, LLC carried on for multiple hearings in March and April, and May. Experts and residents alike provided testimony, asked questions, and offered opinions. Details can be found in the meeting minutes on the website. The Use Variance and FAR Variance were granted

subject to conditions stated in the testimony. The sign variance was denied. But wait, there's more.

What's Next On The Agenda:

The public hearing for a subdivision request from Clinton 34 LLC (the Moebus Tract – "Clinton Commons" property) was pushed to June 15, 2021. It is currently approved as 3 lots with commercial, residential, and open space. The request would break the single commercial lot into 3 and create a 5-lot subdivision.

Regular Land Use Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. We hold second meetings on the third Tuesday as needed. Location information and the proposed agenda can be found in the calendar link on the website. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Allison Witt at 908-735-2275.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

RAMPING UP FOR THE SUMMER

The Town of Clinton has seen a flurry of activity in our business district this year. New shops and businesses are opening or preparing to move in throughout the second-half of 2021. We have created Easy-Start Guide to help businesses launch in Clinton: <https://www.clintonnj.gov/economic-development-committee/pages/easy-start-guide>.

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RECREATION

HALSTEAD STREET PARK SURVEY

We Want Your Input on Clinton's Park Revitalization Project

Halstead Street Park is a facility frequented by both residents and visitors of Clinton. The current playground is 30 years old. It has seen many children, families and is now ready to be updated.

Councilwoman Megan Johnson and Councilwoman Lisa Intrabartola have started the process to update the park and create a multigenerational space that many more can enjoy, including those with disabilities and those who utilize wheelchairs.

Your input matters. The results of this short survey will guide the park upgrades. Please take a moment to share your thoughts.

1. What playground amenities would you most like to see in the park. Check your top five answers.

- Splash Pad
- Slides and climbing apparatus
- Swings for tots through teens
- Zip line
- Skate park
- Basketball courts
- Tennis/pickle ball courts
- Sensory garden
- Musical instruments

2. What additional amenities would you like to see in the park? Check all answers that apply.

- Amphitheater/entertainment space
- Bathrooms/changing rooms

3. Which park subcommittees would you join as a volunteer?

- Skate park subcommittee
- Dog run subcommittee
- Playground subcommittee
- Sports field subcommittee
- Community garden subcommittee
- Fundraising/PR subcommittee
- None at this time

4. What additional programming would you like to see at the park? Check all boxes that apply.

- Public art classes
- Live entertainment (music, comedy, plays, open-mic events)
- Exercise classes
- Team sports
- Nature programs

5. What adult recreation activities most interest you? Check all that apply.

- Kickball
- Corn hole
- Horse shoes
- Volleyball
- Softball
- Walking group

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RECREATION (cont.)



Halstead Street Park Revitalization Project Underway

After a long hiatus during the pandemic, efforts are underway to ramp up our park revitalization project on Halstead Street.

The current park includes a tot playground with small pavilion, single tennis court, basketball court and baseball field. Each amenity has served our community well over last three decades – or more – but most are dated, non-ADA compliant or require costly repairs.

The long-term goal for this project, spearheaded by Councilwomen Megan Johnson and Lisa Intrabartola, is to make the most of our precious park space to create vibrant outdoor amenities that can be enjoyed by Clinton residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. The councilwomen are applying for state and national grants to build on the \$124,000 in County Open Space Funds that Councilwoman Johnson secured in 2019. Both leaders are committed to raising all funds needed to complete these upgrades through grants or donations – not tax dollars.

The councilwomen welcome input from all residents ready to raise funds, reimagine and maximize the available space. That includes the Skatepark Subcommittee, organized by local skater Sean Henn and friends who secured over 950 petition signatures in favor of building a skate/bike park in town. The group presented their plan to Council on May 12. They expressed a commitment to lead by positive example and

raise the funds needed – \$5,000 and counting – to purchase quality outdoor equipment from the American Ramp Company.

Their plan utilizes the park's dilapidated tennis court, which Town was advised to shut down because of hazards it poses to players. Estimates to update the tennis court are \$125,000 to \$135,000. Patching the court to create a safe skating space is estimated to be a nominal expense. Council voted in favor of creating a skatepark after considering those figures, the availability of multiple nearby tennis courts, and the potential to redirect skateboarders away from our Town's streets, sidewalks and parking lots – where skateboarding is prohibited – toward a dedicated facility on a heavily monitored thoroughfare.

The skate/bike park project is one of many that will be completed on Halstead Street in phases. If you have opinions about how to better the park, make your voice heard. Fill out the park survey opposite this page and reach out to Councilwomen Johnson and Intrabartola to form or join a subcommittee.

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SENIORS

THE ACTIVATE BRUNCH

We have a vibrant and extremely active community of residents 60+ years of age. To celebrate, we are reinventing the annual Seniors Luncheon, creating a September event that will bring a wide variety of exhibitors, including travel, fitness, food, wellness, and much more.

More information on the date and time will be shared in the coming weeks. If you wish to volunteer your time to help us plan and run this event, please reach out to either Councilman Michael Humphrey at mhumphrey@clintonnj.gov, or Councilman Ross Traphagen at rtraphagen@clintonnj.gov.

MAYORS WALK

Residents of Clinton and High Bridge participated in a weekly organized fitness walk on Sundays from February thru the end of May. This has become a great opportunity for our active seniors to build friendships, get fit, and talk with the Mayors and Council Members of both towns.

We want to thank the Mayor of High Bridge, Michele Lee, and our Wellness Partner, Basecamp 31, for their support. And thank you for everyone who enjoyed the weekly walks. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall.



SENIORS RESOURCES

Although many senior related programs and activities are still suspended due to COVID restrictions, we want seniors (age 60 and over) to be aware of a very important program – the 2021 **NJ Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program** – an income eligible program sponsored by the NJ Dept. of Health & Senior Services – which runs from July 1st – September 30th.



Participants receive 5 checks valued at \$6/each to be redeemed at participating farm stands throughout the county for fresh produce. Checks will be available July 1 from one of the following locations: County Senior Center, Rt 31, Flemington; Readington Township Director

of Social Services/Housing Coordinator.

Income eligibility to participate in this program is as follows: single person – monthly income not to exceed \$1,968; couple – monthly income not to exceed \$2,658.

For additional information on this program, please contact Pia Rey-Doklan at 908 788-1361.

Please note: the County's Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veterans Services is open for phone calls and e-mails - staff is available to provide you with any information you might need on this and other senior related issues.

Contact information: website: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/aging or by phone: 908 788-1361.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

REDUCING STORMWATER RUNOFF

Stormwater runoff is the rainwater that flows off surfaces such as roads, parking lots, sidewalks, driveways, and rooftops and drains directly to waterways. Runoff is problematic for a number of reasons. It picks up pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides, and animal waste and takes them into our waterways. And it increases the volume and velocity of water flow leading to flooding and to erosion of stream banks. Green infrastructure refers to systems, such as rain gardens, that use soil and vegetation to intercept stormwater and recycle it through infiltration into ground water and evapotranspiration into the atmosphere. It is a cost-effective and environmentally sustainable approach to stormwater management.

The Rutgers Water Resources Program and the New Jersey Highlands Council shared their plans with the Environmental Commission on how Clinton could use green infrastructure to help manage its stormwater. The Highlands Region is a critical water resource for the state, providing drinking water for

70% of New Jersey residents.

Rutgers professor Chris Obropta presented data showing that Clinton's proportion of impervious surface is about 24.6% - showing that Clinton's stormwater runoff is negatively impacting our streams. He then suggested green infrastructure projects to reduce stormwater runoff for a number of public and commercial properties around town, such as the installation of rain gardens and cisterns, de-paving (re-placing sections of asphalt with planted areas), use of porous asphalt, placement of downspouts to have them drain on lawns or other planted areas.

The Highlands Council provides grants and expertise for projects that align with the Highlands Plan. For more information about the project and links to data and plans for Clinton go to: <https://bit.ly/3tNi7uR>

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SHADE TREE COMMISSION

ARBOR DAY

The Town of Clinton was once again honored as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. This is the 37th year that the Town has received this distinction.

There are four standards that a community must have in place in order to receive this award. First, we must have a Town Shade Tree Commission that manages the planting and maintenance of the trees on our public property. We must have a tree care ordinance and a budget dedicated to tree planting and care. And finally, we must have an annual Arbor Day celebration.

Arbor Day showcases the many benefits of trees—providing shade, cleaning the air, exchanging carbon dioxide for oxygen, curtailing erosion and storm-water run-off.

This year, on a breezy morning on



April 30, the Town of Clinton celebrated Arbor Day at Hunts Mill Park. The Shade Tree Commission dedicated to the memory of Frank Hooper, the planting of a white oak tree in Hunts Mill Park. Mr. Hooper, who died last August at the age of 90, was the founder of the Clinton Christmas Parade and the annual Yuletide bonfire among many other achievements.

In attendance were Mayor Janice Kovach, who read the Arbor Day proclamation, Lou Spanner, Town Arborist, Shade Tree Commission Liaison Ross Traphagen, and members of the Shade Tree Commission John Kashwick, Pat

Daley, and Dan Shea. Dan read a poem dedicated to Mr. Hooper. In addition, a number of friends of Mr. Hooper were present including "Dr. D" Dan Torrone who spoke of Mr. Hooper's life accomplishments.

While typically our third-grade schoolchildren would be involved, because of COVID-19, they were unable to attend. However, Councilman Michael Humphrey recorded the ceremony so that the children may view the proceedings. The schoolchildren were also provided with a tree sapling to plant on their own. The Shade Tree Commission also gives special thanks to Rich Phelan and the Department of Public Works for planting the tree!

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CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

THE FINISH TO A CHALLENGING YEAR

We've made it through the long cold winter to the warmth of the spring sun!

The recess yard is full of children, the swings are swinging again, and the baseball and softball fields are alive with the sound of bats hitting balls and of encouragement and activity. We are hard at work planning for our eighth grade annual dance, in person graduation and our typical end of year activities.

Thank you to everyone for your support and partnership during the pandemic. If your child will be 5 years old by October 1, 2021, please contact the main office by calling 908-735-8512 to register for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our last day of school for the 2020-2021 school year is Tuesday June 22, 2021. Graduation is scheduled for June 21, 2021 with a rain date of June 22, 2021.

The 2021-2022 school year begins a new chapter as our New Jersey Department of Education approved send-receive relationship begins with Lebanon Borough. In the 21-22 school year, their seventh grade will attend CPS and in the 22-23 school year the



seventh and eighth grade students from Lebanon Borough will attend CPS. This partnership will allow for increased articulation and opportunities for both districts. Wonderful times are ahead for CPS!

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NORTH HUNTERDON-VORHEES HIGH SCHOOLS

Thank You!

As the 2020-2021 school year for the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District comes to a close on June 11th, we want to thank the teachers, staff members, students and parents for their perseverance, commitment, understanding and patience for what has been a quite unprecedented year.

North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools look forward to a normal school year for 2021-2022! More information will be sent to parents and students over the summer for the new school year.

Thanks to the loosening of capacity restrictions by Governor Murphy, North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools are able to hold traditional end of year activities. Proms and graduations will be held outside in order to maximize the

number of people that are able to attend.

Graduation ceremonies will be held at each high school on Wednesday, June 16 at 10:00am outside on the stadium field (rain dates are June 16 at 5:00pm or June 17 at 5:00pm).



We want to note for the community that attendance to the Class of 2021 graduation ceremonies are by ticket only as social distancing is still required even though the capacity limit for outdoor gatherings has been eliminated as of May 19th.

The graduation ceremonies for both high schools will be livestreamed so you can watch along if you are unable to attend. The link to the livestream will be posted on the individual high school websites close to graduation day. Good luck to all of the graduates in the Class of 2021 in their future endeavors!

We look forward to welcoming the incoming Class of 2025 this August! Freshman Orientation is scheduled for August 25, 2021. The first full day of school for all students is August 26th. Back to school information will be sent to families in early August.

In the meantime, we hope all of our North Hunterdon and Voorhees students and families have a relaxing and fun summer!

POLICE

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BASKETBALL COURTS

For people who love to use these our basketball courts, please keep this area clean before you lose them. Our department of public works does not have the time to clean up after you, nor should they have too. The Mayor is not happy and we may have to close these facilities if you can not clean up after yourselves. Please clean up after yourselves!!!

SKATEBOARDING

(114-1 Operation on streets and in public areas)

No person shall operate, or cause to be operated, any human-powered locomotion device on the streets, highways or other public areas designated for motor vehicle use within the Town of Clinton. Such human-powered devices for locomotion shall include, but not be limited to, skates, skateboards, sleds, tricycles or

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RESCUE SQUAD

SIMPLE SAFETY STEPS CAN SAVE BOATERS' LIVES

Boaters can greatly increase their chances of avoiding or surviving trouble with just a few easy steps, say South Branch Emergency Services Water Rescue Associates Chip and Betsy Milcarek:

- Check and watch the weather and stay home or head for shore if poor conditions are coming.
- Be sure the drainage plug is in your boat.
- Wear a life jacket.

Use actual watercraft – not pool toys - on the open water.

“As simple as those things are, it’s amazing how many people don’t do them,” said Chip, who has been a water rescue associate and heavy rescue associate for more than 15 years and a local firefighter for more than 40.

Wearing a life jacket is the single most important thing, and the most likely one to be ignored, the couple said.

Wearing a life jacket means having one on your body, said Betsy, who is also a certified EMT. Far too often, life jackets come along for the ride, but stay on the floor of the boat or are strapped to a paddle board, kayak, or canoe, she said.

“If the wind knocks someone off of their paddle board, it will also start blowing the board away from them, and they can’t catch up to the board to get it,” she said. Likewise, a life jacket in a boat does someone who fell overboard no good.

It does not matter how well you swim, said Chip. “I am a rescue swimmer, and even when we go out on our personal boat, I am wearing a life jacket. If an accident happens and you are knocked unconscious, even the best swimmer can’t swim.”

Even the most experienced and careful boaters can run into trouble on the water. After South Branch pulled two men whose canoe capsized out of cold water, they received a thank you note for saving their lives and learned one was himself a firefighter.

The couple has helped their South Branch team rescue many boaters from many different circumstances. Even when the water is very cold, those wearing life jackets usually live to boat another day. Chip has assisted the police with recovering the bodies of drowning victims, and none of them have been wearing life jackets, he said. “One man had a life jacket in his car, with the tags still on it,” he said.



Inflatable pool toys are not a substitute for a life jacket nor a boat, Chip said. “We see a lot of this – one day we saw people riding a gigantic pink bird – but floating devices meant to be used in a swimming pool do not belong in the open water,” Chip said. “They pop.”

South Branch Emergency Services’ Water Rescue Associates work as a team. Team members may be rescue swimmers, boat operators, or drivers who bring the boat to the water and help launch it.

“Everyone does an extensive amount of training, which is challenging and fun,” Chip said. “Cold water rescues are the toughest, but we are always prepared.”

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