



Town of Clinton Newsletter

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FROM THE MAYOR



**JANICE
KOVACH**

Our September Newsletter is a little late, due in part to the work to recover from Hurricane Ida. I want to personally thank our first responders for the amazing job they did while facing more than nine inches of rain in just a few hours. And thank you to all of our residents who helped us clean up so quickly.

Despite the continued COVID-19 health threat, I am excited for our students who are now able to go back to school for full time learning and for those of you who are beginning to venture back into your offices. Many of us became comfortable with the ability to work from home but please keep in mind there were others who continued to go into their place of work, to provide for their families and as essential workers. On another note, I would ask that anyone interested

in serving on one of our boards or commissions to please reach out. We are always looking for individuals who can offer their time to give back to the community.

And finally, as I am on my daily runs, I notice that there are many new families moving into town – please feel free to reach out with any questions. My phone is always on and available 908-399-8921, and my email is jkovach@clintonj.gov. I look forward to meeting all of you soon.

I would like to wish all the students going back to Clinton Public, North, Voorhees or one of the other high schools as well as all the college students the best of luck. It has been a long eighteen months, but we are getting through. To all the businesses who continue to call Clinton home – thank you. We may not always say but we appreciate what you bring to our community.

Looking forward to an amazing fall with tons of activities!



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TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 12, 2021

SKATEBOARD PARK PRESENTATION

A young group of entrepreneurs gave a presentation on why they feel building a skate park in the Town would be a great idea for the Town and the youth!!! Their vision is to revamp the tennis courts and erect the equipment for skateboarders, skaters and BMX bikes in the fenced in area. A petition began last year and gained 959 signatures. In less than 24 hours, they raised \$2500 and in one week raised \$5000 to help build the park. Discussion was made on the safety and the additional noise to nearby residents. A Survey is being sent out for feedback from residents.

FIRE DISTRICT

A Task Force team was put in place to research and discuss starting a fire district. The team will present their findings at a council meeting to be held at the Clinton Fire House.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

Molly Padmos, member of the Economic Development Commission, has taken the lead as the new welcoming liaison to new businesses. Ms. Padmos will visit new businesses and offer to do ribbon cutting ceremonies to promote business if they are interested.

MAY 26, 2021

LESSON IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Megan Traphagen, wife of Councilman Ross Traphagen, introduced her 3rd graders to a lesson in municipal government. Virtual interviews were done with Administrator Phelan, Municipal Clerk Covino and Mayor Kovach. The students thanked everyone with beautiful letters.

FIRE DISTRICT DISCUSSION

Chief Jeff Hedden stated that the district budget would be about \$476,300 and the current town expense for the fire department in the town budget is \$240,000. As of now the department has a "gap" in their budget of \$150,000. Creating a fire district would be separate from the fire company and would be governed by a Board of Fire Commissioners, elected annually by votes within the district.

JUNE 9, 2021

LAND USE BOARD RESIGNATION

A letter of resignation was received from Tamara Healy. Mayor and Council thanked her for her time and wished her well.

DOWNTOWN PLANTERS

Mayor Kovach thanked Carol Beder from Heart Strings for all her efforts to beautify the town by hanging the planters on the Pony Truss Bridge and planting the flowers around the trees on Main Street.

HUNTERDON COUNTY'S 2020 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Liz Hedden was named the 2020 Teacher of the Year. Congratulations!!! Ms. Hedden is also a valuable member of the fire department.

COMMUNITY CENTER PARK SURVEY

A survey for the redevelopment of the Community Center Park was put in the newsletter and on the Town's website. As of tonight over 400 surveys have submitted. Many positive ideas have come out of it and many people who want to volunteer.

JUNE 23, 2021

NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Joseph Pietraszewski to be hired on July 1, 2021 and Andrew Lerner to be hired on August 2, 2021 at the level of 10th Class Police Officer.

RAIN GARDENS

The Environmental Commission met and did a walking tour of Town to locate places for rain gardens.

JULY 14, 2021

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TOWN PICNIC

Mayor Kovach thanked Councilwomen Intrabartola and Johnson, as well as residents Laura Burr and Kristina Tuxhorn, for their phenomenal efforts in organizing the Town Picnic in a matter of two months which was held on July 10. A wonderful time was had by all!!! Also a big thank you to the Rescue Squad, Fire Department, DPW and the Police for all their help.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

JULY 14, 2021 (CONT.)

RUBBER DUCKY RACE

The 31st Rubber Ducky Race which was held on July 11 sold over 2,000 ducks.

CANNABIS LICENSING

A public hearing was on agenda for Ordinance #21-16 "Prohibiting the Operation of Any Class of Cannabis Businesses Within the Town of Clinton's Geographical Boundaries". Several residents from town were present and agreed on opting out was a good idea right now till hear all the facts.

PLATINUM CLUB

The Clinton Town Senior Committee name has been renamed to the Platinum Club. It will serve residents ages 55+ with events, programs and education, including the Mayors Walk and the Platinum Brunch. Volunteers are welcome.

JULY 28, 2021

UNION ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

A contract was awarded to Reivax to repave Union Road and install sidewalks from the corner of Union Road and Spruce Run Road down to Rupells Road.

AUGUST 25, 2021

NEW MEMBERS AND RESIGNATION

Gil Swenson was appointed to the Recreation Committee and Whitney Wetherill was appointed to the Shade Tree Commission. A letter of Resignation was received from David Kelleher, member of the Recreation Committee. Thank you for all your time!

GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

40 Old Highway 22, which was the old A&P site, had a groundbreaking celebration on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 5:00 pm.



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SHADE TREE COMMISSION

HELP A TREE, KILL A SPOTTED LANTERNFLY



The Spotted Lanternfly, which reaches its mature stage this time of year, is one of the most notorious pests affecting our trees today. This invasive insect is partial to the Tree of Heaven, but also attacks 70 other

tree species, including maples, fruit trees and grapevines.

Despite its name, the Spotted Lanternfly does very little flying, but instead hops from tree to tree. Their swarms can be found on trunks and branches, causing damage by feeding on the plant's sap, causing mold growth with their waste secretions, which reduces a plant's photosynthetic potential and ultimately kills it. If you see this bug, squash it.

You can set traps for these insects or spray with an approved commercial insecticide. If you are not squeamish about it, you can also just crush the insects. They do not sting or bite and are not harmful to humans or animals. Later in the fall, you may see their egg masses on trees trunks or even on things like lawn equipment, garages or sheds, or barbecue grills. It is important to destroy these egg masses when you see them and be careful not to transport them to other areas.

The emerald ash borer is another insect that is seriously impacting our tree cover. Many of the dead or dying trees you see around town are ash trees that were infested



by this insect. If you have a healthy ash tree, that is not being treated, you may want to contact a licensed professional arborist to have the tree treated before it is too late. There is no other treatment for this infestation except an application of an insecticide by a professional, who will either treat the ground around the tree or inject the tree with the insecticide.

The Asian longhorned beetle is an invasive insect that feeds on a wide variety of trees in the United States—including elm, birch, and unfortunately the ash tree as well--eventually killing them. Adult beetles are large, distinctive-looking insects measuring 1 to 1.5 inches in length with long antennae. Their bodies are black with small white spots, and their antennae are

banded in black and white. Checking your trees regularly for this insect and looking for the damage it causes and reporting any sightings can help prevent the spread of the beetle.

There is no known preventative or treatment for this insect. Infected trees should be removed and firewood should not be transported to prevent the spread of the beetle to other locations.



The insect pest Gypsy Moth feeds on hundreds of varieties of trees and shrubs but prefers many species of oak. New Jersey suffered its worst infestation 40



years ago but according to the NJDEP, populations are on the rise again. The caterpillar stage in the spring brings large furry creatures crawling up trees in alignment. The caterpillars can defoliate

trees and while the tree may re-leaf, it weakens the tree enabling fungi or diseases to take hold. An infested tree may not die for years later. The treatment for this insect is Bt (bacillus thuringiensis) that can be sprayed at certain times during the insect's life cycle.

And finally, the hemlock woolly adelgid is a tiny sap-sucking insect related to aphids, is causing widespread death and decline of hemlock trees throughout the state. They can be identified by their round, white ovisacs found at the base of hemlock needles on the underside of branches. Although chemical controls, such as the use of systemic insecticides and horticultural oil, have proven effective in controlling adelgids in yards, gardens, and parks, the cost, effort, and environmental consequences associated with these chemicals make them inappropriate for forests at the landscape scale.

These insects continue to wreak havoc on our trees so it is important that you keep an eye out for these pests and take appropriate action to help control the situation.

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PLATINUM CLUB

PLATINUM BRUNCH

Clinton has created the Platinum Club to further strengthen our age-55+ community. No matter if you are an active senior or someone who needs assistance, our goal is to bring our entire seniors community together. We will offer programs such as walks, classes, and events that make the second chapter of your lives richer and more fulfilling.

To kick-off the Platinum Club, the town held the Platinum Brunch (formerly the Seniors Lunch). The delicious food was provided by the Towne Restaurant, and numerous donations were provided



by many of our local businesses. The Clinton Fire Department kindly donated the use of their truck bay so that our attendees could safely socially distance. And we had several outstanding students who worked hard...Thank You!

We also want to thank our incredible volunteers who brought this event to life: MaryAnn Shea, Laura Burr, Liz Hedden, and Dino Rentoulis. To become a volunteer for future Platinum Club programs, contact Councilmen Humphrey or Traphagen.

Please take the time to visit the following businesses who donated so kindly to this event, including:

Shoprite, Vikki Healey Properties, Main Street Communications, The Red Mill, Creech Real Estate/Keller Williams Real Estate, Basil Bandwagon, MAX Challenge of Clinton, Empower Fitness, and Greens & Beans

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LAND USE BOARD

BUSY AGENDA

This fall Land Use Board will have a busy agenda. We would love for you to join our meetings via Zoom and experience the process in action. Agendas and zoom links are found on the website in the calendar feature.

WHAT'S BEEN HEARD

In May, Puleo International, LLC returned to the Board to reopen the public meeting to clarify certain portions of its prior presentation/testimony with regard to the off-peak usage of the property, specifically, the estimated number of trucks that will be accessing the same. The Use Variance, Preliminary and Final Site Plan with the modified

testimony and all prior conditions still in place was approved.

On June 15 2021, we began hearings for a subdivision request from Clinton 34 LLC (the Moebus Tract – “Clinton Commons” property). 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. Some initial testimony was presented. Please see the June 15th meetings minutes for more details. The meeting was carried to July 20th to hear more testimony and address further questions.

The July 20th meeting was then officially pushed to August 17th at 7:00 pm.

WHAT'S NEXT:

We anticipate at some point in the coming months, Ansuya (the Marriott Hotel property) will come before the Board to file an application to create a boutique hotel with dining and bar facilities plus the addition of a fast-food restaurant.

Regular Land Use Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. We hold second meetings on the third Tuesday as needed. Location and proposed agenda can be found in the calendar link on the website.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

PROTECT CLINTON'S ENVIRONMENT AND BUILD A RAIN GARDEN

Building a rain garden on your property is a great way to reduce localized flooding, standing water issues and stormwater runoff leaving your property. And with Clinton having one of the highest amount of impervious surface for town in Hunterdon County, we can use all of the help we can get.

The benefits of planting rain gardens are numerous, including pollution control, flooding protection, habitat creation and water conservation.

POLLUTION CONTROL

Rain gardens filter out sediment and other pollutants (like animal waste, brake dust, oils and automotive chemicals) by capturing the first flush of rain (or first inch or so of rainwater runoff) which tends to contain the highest concentration of pollutants. When localized runoff flows into a rain garden the water slows down, because it is filtered by the soil and the plants. This allows the solids drop out over a wide area and eventually be absorbed by the soil and the plants through natural processes.

FLOODING PROTECTION

By positioning a rain garden at least, 10 feet from your home or other structures and directing rain water runoff into the rain garden, it is possible to reduce the



amount of rain that flows into your basement and toward the sewer. By holding this relatively clean water and allowing it to soak into the ground a rain garden can reduce localized flooding, replenish the local groundwater and improve water quality.

WATER CONSERVATION

Rain gardens capture and hold rain water and allows that water to soak slowly into the ground. This reduces the need to water a rain garden once it is established, conserving municipal water use.

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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. The fewer bags to collect, the lower the collection costs to the Town.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

The garbage collection services are for residential customers only, not commercial entities. Commercial entities are required to arrange for private collection.

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.

MATTRESS & BOX SPRING DISPOSAL

The Town has been advised by our trash hauler, Republic, that for health reasons, all mattresses and box springs that are picked up must be placed in plastic mattress bags and sealed with duct tape. When purchasing a new mattress or box spring, keep the plastic packaging to use to wrap the discarded items. Disposal bags are available at Lowe's, Home Depot, Walmart, Amazon, etc.

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RECREATION

RECREATION COMMITTEE EVENTS

This summer the Recreation Committee was excited to bring back several treasured Town events that were cancelled last year during lockdown: the 6th Annual Hooper's Canoe Races, Clinton Town Picnic and Whitehouse Wind Symphony concert.



Dozens of parents, kids and first responders faced off June 19 on the South Branch of the Raritan while Mayor Janice Kovach officiated the 6th Annual Hooper's Canoe Races. Thanks to the Pender family for donating boats, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick for sponsoring this exciting event.



July 11 marked the return of the Clinton Town Picnic, which brought out hundreds of neighbors for a much-needed day of food, family and fun after being separated for so long. There was something for everyone at the picnic: from the NJ State Police helicopter landing and Hunterdon Harmonizers medley to the field games, inflatables, dunk tank, all-girl rock band, food and beer vendors and fantastic firework finale. Many thanks to all the student and adult volunteers, first

responders and others who donated their time and talents to make our first picnic back a huge success.



A lively crowd came out on Aug. 20 to hear the Whitehouse Wind Symphony perform a free concert against the backdrop of the old quarry behind the Red Mill Museum Village. Thanks to the musicians for a lovely concert and Red Mill for providing a beautiful setting.

The Recreation Committee is planning two events for the fall: the return of the outdoor Kids Movie and the 2nd Annual Clinton Drive-In Movie. For dates, locations and more information will follow in Facebook posts to Town of Clinton, NJ Community Bulletin Board page.

PARK UPDATE

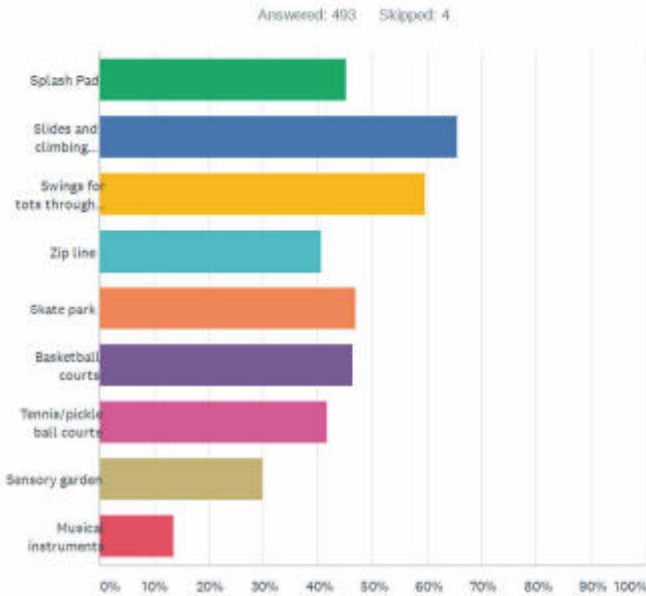
The damaged twisty slide was removed from the Halstead Street Park in August because it presented a hazard to children. The resulting opening was wrapped with caution tape to keep children off that portion of the apparatus. A replacement train-inspired play panel has been ordered to permanently close off that opening and will be installed soon.

This summer our popular outdoor basketball court was resealed and outfitted with more sturdy basketball hoops to replace the ones that had been damaged by one too many slam dunks. If you or your children use this facility, please be sure to keep the area clean by using the trash cans.

There are many more updates planned for the park. Residents interested in volunteering for the Park Revitalization Steering Committee should contact Councilwomen Megan Johnson at mjohnson@clintonnj.gov or Lisa Intrabartola at lintrabartola@clintonnj.gov.

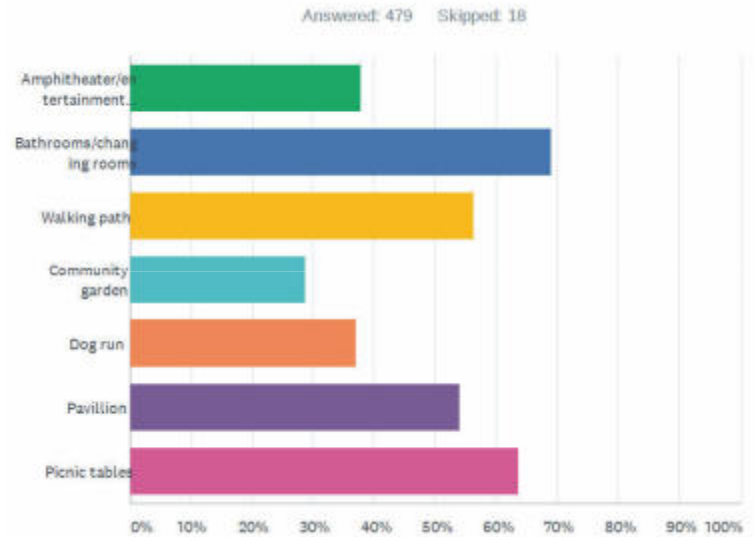
PARK/PLAYGROUND SURVEY

Question 1: What playground amenities would you most like to see in the park?
(Check your top five answers)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Splash Pad	45.23%	223
Slides and climbing apparatus	65.52%	323
Swings for tots through teens	59.63%	294
Zip line	40.57%	200
Skate park	46.86%	231
Basketball courts	46.45%	229
Tennis/pickle ball courts	41.58%	205
Sensory garden	29.82%	147
Musical instruments	13.59%	67
Total Respondents: 493		

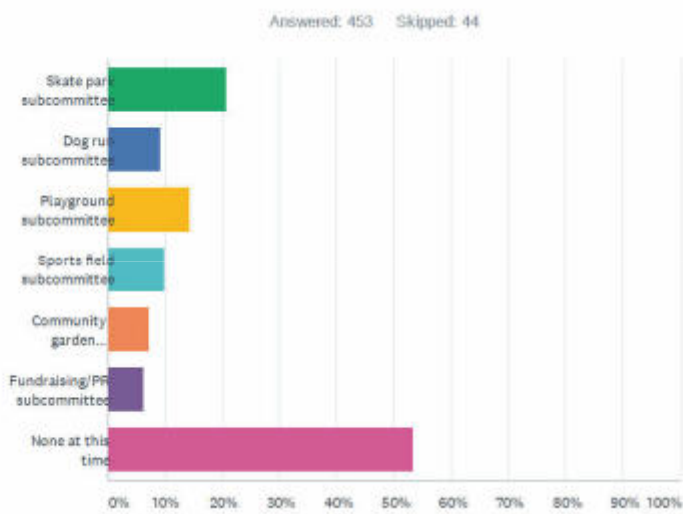
Question 2: What additional amenities would you like to see in the park? (Check all answers that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Amphitheater/entertainment space	37.79%	181
Bathrooms/changing rooms	69.10%	331
Walking path	56.37%	270
Community garden	28.60%	137
Dog run	36.95%	177
Pavillion	54.07%	259
Picnic tables	63.67%	305
Total Respondents: 479		

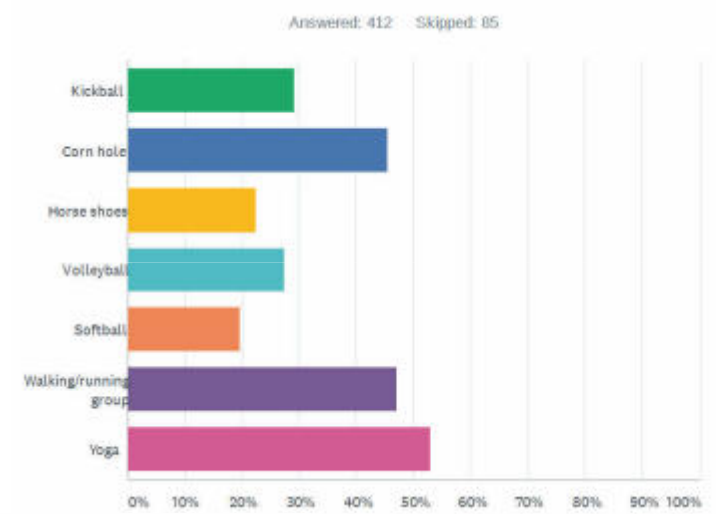
PARK/PLAYGROUND SURVEY (cont.)

QUESTION 3: Which park subcommittees would you join as a volunteer?



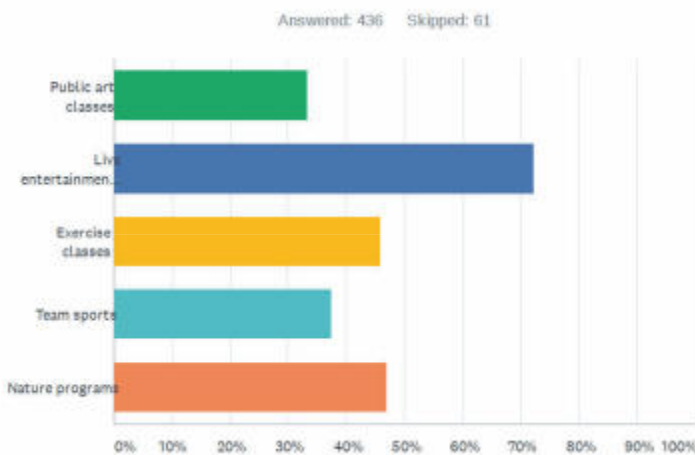
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Skate park subcommittee	20.75%	94
Dog run subcommittee	9.27%	42
Playground subcommittee	14.13%	64
Sports field subcommittee	9.93%	45
Community garden subcommittee	7.06%	32
Fundraising/PR subcommittee	6.18%	28
None at this time	53.42%	242
Total Respondents: 453		

QUESTION 4: What adult recreation activities most interest you? (Check all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Kickball	29.13%	120
Corn hole	45.39%	187
Horse shoes	22.33%	92
Volleyball	27.43%	113
Softball	19.66%	81
Walking/running group	47.09%	194
Yoga	52.91%	218
Total Respondents: 412		

QUESTION 5: What additional programming would you like to see at the park? (Check all boxes that apply.)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public art classes	33.26%	145
Live entertainment (music, comedy, plays, open-mic event)	72.25%	315
Exercise classes	45.87%	200
Team sports	37.39%	163
Nature programs	46.79%	204
Total Respondents: 436		

CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

SUMMER ENRICHMENT FUN

Our students in Summer Enrichment had a great time and truly enjoyed working on various art projects such as building castles and making spaghetti marshmallow bridges to scale in math class as they brushed up their skills for the new year! We are now full steam ahead as the 2021-2022 school year begins. We are looking forward to a robust academic year with a wide selection of electives for our middle school students while our elementary school students will enjoy the continuation of Foundations and Readers and Writers Workshops. Students will attend school in person every day full day!

CPS SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Clinton Public School Special Education Programs are a place where students continue to grow and engage in learning in a supportive, community atmosphere with innovation and proven methods of instruction.

As students enter our amazing school and the needs of our students change, we strive to offer the most innovative and effective approaches in our programs.

This year, we will offer 3 specialized programs for students ranging in grades K-8. In addition to the intensive academic focus of the programs, students are instructed with an innovative approach to develop life, adaptive, and functional living skills. This includes school and community based instruction and activities to provide the students with exciting opportunities to expand their interests and skills.

Additionally, we continue to offer a tuition paid preschool program for children in our community. Every year in January we accept applications for the following school year and hold a lottery to offer this program. CPS offers a variety of resource center programs to meet the needs of our students. We utilize data driven methods and research based interventions.

We will also be offering our unified sports program. These team sports bring our students together to support one another and have fun.

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NORTH HUNTERDON-VORHEES HIGH SCHOOLS

ADAPTING TO COVID-19

The 2020-2021 school year has been a unique year so far to say the least. As outlined in its reopening plan, the high school district continues its hybrid instruction schedule, with Group A & B cohorts alternating weekly between in-person instruction and virtual instruction (100% virtual instruction is also an option). All classes are on synchronous learning, meaning students at home are on the same bell schedule as students in school and everyone is in class together, both in-school and virtually at home. Due to social distancing restrictions and spacing concerns, the school district continues to operate on an early dismissal schedule as

lunches cannot be served safely with masks off for eating. If guidelines are relaxed by the Governor and NJ Department of Education, the district can revisit its reopening plan and make schedule changes.

FALL AND WINTER SPORTS

We were happy to see our fall sports teams out on the playing fields again. Though spectators were limited to 500 at games, we greatly appreciate the parents and family members that came out to cheer on our athletes. The home football games were live streamed for those who were unable to attend. Live streaming of events will continue into the winter season as well, with winter

sports competition starting on December 21. Please follow our Athletics departments on Twitter for the latest updates (North Athletics - @NHHS_Lions and Voorhees Athletics - @VOO_Athletics).

If we are able to make any changes to the hybrid schedule, we will share that information with parents and post it on the district website, www.nhvweb.net. We greatly appreciate the community's support and cooperation with following CDC and health department guidelines. All of our efforts will be needed to stop the spread of COVID-19, which will help to keep schools open for in-person instruction.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

NEW HISTORIC FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

At the Town Council meeting on August 25, 2021, the governing body approved a resolution in support of a new “public-private partnership” between the Town of Clinton Historic Preservation Commission and the Red Mill Museum Village. This partnership, known as the Town of Clinton Historic Façade Improvement Grant Program, will provide financial assistance to property owners in the historic district to improve the facades of their buildings.

“Our historic buildings are the foundation of our community. They give us unique beauty and charm, bringing residents and visitors alike to our town to shop, dine, and explore. But the upkeep is expensive,” said Councilman Ross Traphagen, liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission. “We created this program to ensure our historic buildings are maintained and can last for generations to come.”

THE PERFECT CLINTON PARTNERSHIP

“Historic buildings not only provide character and charm to a community, but they also provide an economic benefit,” said Paul Muir, Director of the Red Mill Museum Village. “ In 2018, heritage tourism in New Jersey generated \$3.52 billion in revenue, \$385 million in state and local taxes, and 39,000 jobs. The average heritage tourist spends just over \$1,300 compared to an \$800 average spend for general tourism, largely because heritage tourists spend more money on dining and shopping and are more likely to stay at a hotel or inn.”

The program hopes to preserve the towns historic buildings and sustaining the esthetic that drives much of Clinton’s economy.

Applications will be reviewed by a joint board of the Historic Commission and the Red Mill., and will be available soon for property owners in the historic district to apply.

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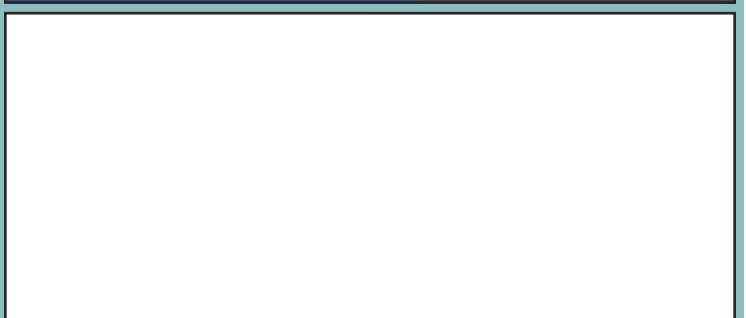
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MEET SOUTH BRANCH VOLUNTEER JACOB HAAS

Helping Others while Learning New Skills

South Branch Rescue Associate Jacob Haas loves to learn new things – especially skills that he can use to help people.

“It’s kind of amazing to learn how you can cut through a car to get the people out of it,” said Jacob, 19. He has been a South Branch rescue associate for about nine months and is also a volunteer firefighter with Mansfield Township Fire Company No. 1. “I enjoy being part of the (SBES) rescue company because of the sheer variety of rescues we do. One minute you’re doing a vehicle rescue, the next a water rescue. You’re helping people in all different ways.”

Jacob, who is studying mechanical engineering at the County College of Morris, was inspired to join South Branch by a fellow Mansfield Township firefighter who is also South Branch officer. As a relatively new SBES volunteer, Jacob is still working toward advanced rescue discipline certifications. But with the training he has and as part of a team of more experienced members, he is already helping to save lives.

Next year, Jacob plans to take additional classes to become an Emergency Medical Technician, too. “The more I learn, the more I can help people,” he said.

South Branch Emergency Services is looking for volunteers like you! No experience is necessary, and training and gear are provided for members. Visit sbes365.org to sign up or learn more.



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PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

WE HAVE BEEN BUSY

The past few months have been busy for the Public Works team.

We are nearly completed with a very large project at the sewer plant that has gone on for the last 15 months. This project was comprised of the replacement of aged equipment that is required to ensure the effective and efficient treatment of all sewage from all Town of Clinton customers. While this is not considered glamorous, public sewers are an essential part of what makes it great to live and

work in Clinton. This is evidenced by the fact that we constantly get requests from property owners to tie into our sanitary sewer system as growth in the County grows.

The more visible projects include the repaving of Georges Place, as well as the installation of new sidewalks and paving of Union Road. These have benefits to residents, vehicles and pedestrians alike, and will only improve the quality of life in Town.

In the realm of water, we are constantly making upgrades of our water infrastructure to ensure that

we are providing the highest quality of water to our customers. This includes upgrades to our wells and booster pump equipment. We take great pride in the fact that we meet and/or exceed all State and Federal guidelines for providing safe drinking water to our customers, and continue to keep this mindset into the future.

For any questions relating to Public Works, feel free to reach out to the Town’s Administrator, Rich Phelan, at 908-735-8616.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

HURRICANE IDA

When the remnants of Hurricane Ida quickly approached the Northeast, the Clinton Fire Department prepared and deployed sandbags around the station, tested trash and submersible pumps, and relocated Lulubel; our 1926 antique fire truck to Annandale Fire Station #1. Not knowing what the storm would bring, CFD members were ready to respond to the needs of the town residents.



The first call for service came in at 7:21 PM and many volunteers, who were just returning home from work, responded to a smell of gas in a structure. After investigating the smell and finding water in the basement of the home, crews secured the gas service to return back to the station. Upon arriving, members found Beaver Brook was rising at an alarming rate and streets and businesses were beginning to flood. Numerous people had become stranded in their cars and businesses. With the assistance of Clinton Police



Department and South Branch Emergency Services, first responders worked cohesively to rescue people and bring them to safety at the Clinton Community Center which was opened by the Office of Emergency Management as a shelter.



As the night ensued CFD members remained on duty while being cognizant of their own homes which were beginning to flood, as well as the Clinton Fire Station which was rapidly taking on water. As the rain let up, numerous members slept at the firehouse to man pumps and respond to the emergency needs of the town overnight.

When daylight approached, the town was faced with the reality of what the rain flooded creeks and rivers left behind. Many members called out of work to provide assistance to the town of Clinton with clean up efforts. Quickly members began to receive calls to help residents and business owners with flooding. Crews worked all day to assist with pumps and hoses to remove flood water knowing that it would take days before clean up was finished.

With the help of Mayor Kovach, CPD, South Branch Emergency Services and the Town of Clinton DPW, the Clinton Fire Department continues to volunteer their services to keep residents of the Town of Clinton and the surrounding areas safe.

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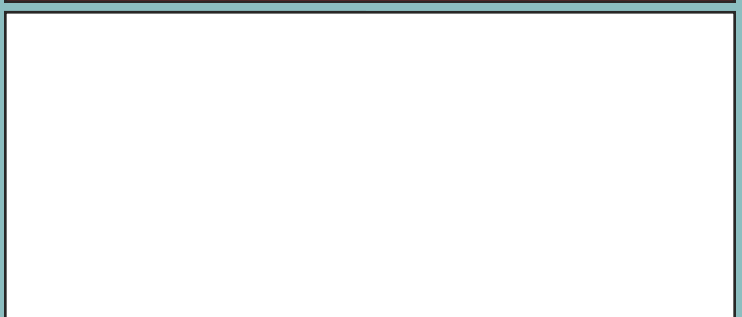
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THE GUILD OF CLINTON

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The Guild of Clinton is an independent association of local merchants, restaurant owners and professionals who come together throughout the year to share downtown Clinton's history and charm with many residents and visitors from far and wide. Founded more than 40 years ago by a dedicated group of business owners, many whom are still members, the Guild was born of the idea that downtown Clinton should always be a vibrant experience for residents and visitors alike.



Each year the Guild hosts a variety of activities in Town, from the festive Christmas Parade and Victorian-themed Dickens Days to Pumpkin Fest and a Flag Day celebration replete with children's red-white-and-blue-adorned bicycle parade. Other events supported by the Guild include the Main Street Half Marathon and Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, St. Patrick's Day Parade.

In addition to community events the Guild promotes downtown throughout the year with digital marketing and smaller campaigns such as the "Blooming with Hope" campaign in the spring of 2021, during which packets of flower seeds were given to patrons of local businesses to spread the spirit of hope and positivity as a new spring and summer season bloomed in Clinton.

The Guild also exists to support business. During the pandemic, member businesses were often the first to know about business assistance programs and were kept up to date regarding ever changing safety protocols. The Guild, in partnership with the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Foundation, initiated its own economic relief grant program.

The Guild of Clinton keeps downtown Clinton vibrant throughout the years and will continue to do so into the future! For more information about promotions and events please go to www.visitclintonnj.com or social media channels search Visit Clinton NJ!



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Clinton Buzzing About *The Haunting on the River*

By Christine Groth, Head of Production

Filming of the motion picture, *The Haunting on the River*, started in mid July. It had been a long wait to get past the Covid crisis, but that wait gave the production management team time of focus on making this movie even better than originally hoped. We have gathered the best cast and they were excited to finally get filming underway. We know that both our cast and crew will be giving us their very best.



The movie is telling the story of two teens who are confronted by deadly spirits that threaten their love and their community.

The first two shoots were held on Main Street, and as a result, we had an audience. It was a total surprise for shoppers, diners, and those enjoying Friday night music when the Clinton Fire Department started to wet down the sidewalk and street in front of Just Chill and Citispot Tea & Coffee. Many stayed quite late into the evening to watch.

Beyond the local residents who make up most of the cast, our Mayor, as well as the Police, Fire, and EMT departments are supportive...and also in the movie.

Additionally, The Red Mill, the Hunterdon Art Museum, The Clinton House, and the Clinton



Community Center will all play important roles in the film. This movie has become a true community project and is driving an immense sense of pride in the community. You can hear people sitting outside of Citispot, or at the bar at The Clinton House, talking about having a role in the movie. Teachers have told us that their students shared that they are going to be in the movie. The excitement level is high. And it should be. This is a motion picture about, and taking place in, Clinton, being made by people who call Clinton "their town", for all of the local people to enjoy. The first full-length motion picture to ever be 100% filmed in Clinton.

We are looking forward to sharing the finished product with everyone via premieres, local showings, film festivals, and whatever other means helps everyone to enjoy and take pride in their participation in what we are certain will be a fun and entertaining movie.



Could this motion picture catch the attention of someone important in the motion picture business? Stay tuned to find out!

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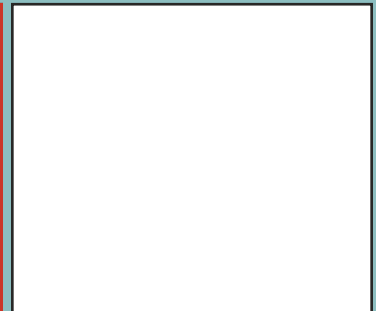
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