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**Local Heros**  
*By Mayor Charles Daniel*

The year 2012 may fade away, but the heros of Califon remain. Superstorm Sandy caused ten to twelve days without electrical power in the Borough. However, we soon found out that others - in neighboring states, the Jersey shore, local communities, maybe even our next door neighbor - suffered more damage than we did. Without a doubt, most individuals rose up to the call to help their neighbors.

Califon's Emergency Response Team was lead by Beth Wolfmayer, our Emergency Management Coordinator. For the first two nights of the storm, Beth worked without rest, coordinating communications and dispatches between the County's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Califon's Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The following days had Beth checking on residents, completing status reports, and continually providing communications between Califon and the County OEM. While the storm may well be over, for Beth the volumes of paperwork that have to be completed has begun. Beth is working with FEMA to procure the financial support to deal with the aftermath. Califon is incredibly fortunate to have Beth working for all of us.

Fire Chief Bill Kibler and his staff of volunteer firefighters worked tirelessly throughout the storm, responding to emergencies within Califon and our neighboring communities. Califon's Fire Department became the Emergency Command Center during the storm. As the winds roared and the trees came down, the firefighters were dispatched to clear roads so that emergency vehicles could get through and check on reported emergencies. The Fire Department and the First Aid / Rescue Squad, led by President Jay Klein, deserve much praise and support for their work during this treacherous time.

My personal thanks to Beth, Bill, and Jay for their leadership to and endless support of the citizens of Califon.

Of course, there are others deserving thanks -

Thanks to Pastor Chad Rogers for opening the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church as a warming/showering/kitchen center, as well as a "Voting Center" for Election Day.

Thanks to the few men (who have chosen to remain anonymous) for clearing Main Street of telephone poles and trees. JCP&L's response to this public safety issue was not timely, and these men corrected the situation!

Thanks to the resident who provided neighbors with an open house and home cooked meals. As I heard described, "The meal was equivalent to a Thanksgiving Day Feast!"

Yes, there are other 'local heros' to thank and I continue to hear about their deeds. They helped you clear the debris that fell from the trees, allowed you to "plug-in" to their generator, provided a hot shower, a room for warmth, or a hot meal. Perhaps they offered just a word of encouragement, to help you through this ordeal. These are the people who make Califon a great Borough in which to live, to work, and to raise the next generation of heros!

A heartfelt thanks to all of you! I wish you a happy, healthy and safe New Year!

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**FIRE COMPANY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
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 The Fire Company's Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 6, 2013 from 7:00am until noon.  
 Come and support your local fire department while enjoying a yummy breakfast!  
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***Deadline for March/April submissions: Wednesday, February 13.***

### It's Time to License Your Dog!

A reminder to all Califon Residents - 2013 dog licenses are due by Thursday, January 31st. Licenses are issued by the Dog registrar at the Borough Municipal Offices, 39 Academy Street between the hours of 9am - 3pm Mon. - Thurs.

If your dog was licensed last year, you should receive an application in the mail. If you did not own a dog last year or you do not receive an application in the mail, you can obtain the application at our municipal offices or on the Borough's website, [www.califonboro.net](http://www.califonboro.net) under Documents at the very bottom of the home page. Just print out the form, complete it and mail it along with: Proof of Rabies Vaccination Certificate and Certification from the veterinarian that the dog has been altered if applicable.

A Check payable to the Borough of Califon for \$11.00 if the dog has been altered or \$14.00 for an Unaltered dog.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A DELINQUENT FINE OF \$5.00 PER DOG, PER MONTH AFTER JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>. SO PLEASE GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN EARLY!!**

### When Snow Falls this Winter.....

Please be advised that the following rules, according to Borough ordinance, will go into effect in the event of snow:

Owner(s) and/or tenant(s) of any property abutting public roads of the Borough shall remove all snow and ice from sidewalks and gutters of roads within 12 hours of daylight after snow has fallen and accumulated. A summons will be issued to violators.

Placing snow and/or ice in the Borough or County roadways, whether paved or unpaved, is strictly prohibited. Whenever snow has covered Borough streets and an emergency exists, no vehicles can park on the streets until they have been plowed sufficiently. At the time, parking on the streets will resume so long as it does not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Violators of these rules may have their cars towed at the owner's expense. Please also be sure your house number and mailbox are clearly visible from the road to make it easier for responders to find you in the event of an emergency.

### NOTICE

#### FREE RABIES CLINIC

BOROUGH OF CALIFON  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 1PM TO 3PM  
(Snow date January 19th)  
39 Academy St., Califon

#### **Sponsored by:**

Califon Board of Health & Califon Animal Hospital

#### Shredding Event a Success

On Saturday December 1st, 3,700 pounds of paper were shredded. That is 1.85 tons of paper that went right to a factory to be made into paper products instead of our landfills! The Califon Environmental Commission hosted this event and quite a few area residents took advantage of this great free service. The Califon Board of Education split the cost of this service with the Califon Environmental Commission as they were able to use the services of the shred truck to eliminate many boxes of old records.

### Exercise Fundraiser for Califon PTA

Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 7:30pm  
Califon School Gym

Is your New Year's resolution to exercise more? Is it to try something new? Is it to get out and meet new people? Is it to do more to support the Califon School? If any of these appeal to you please consider joining us for an exciting new exercise class to benefit the Califon School PTA. A Tabata class will be offered at 7:30pm on Thursday, January 10th in Califon School Gym. Tabata is a challenging, high-intensity interval workout that is structured around 5 Tabata rounds. Each round is a maximum intensity interval for 20 seconds, followed by 10 seconds of recovery, repeated 8 times without interruption. There is a brief 1-2 minute recovery before moving on to the next round. It is a great alternative to traditional classes! The Hunterdon County YMCA has graciously agreed to provide an excellent instructor at no cost for the evening. A \$5 donation to the PTA is requested. Grab your friends and come out for a fun evening!

Please contact Shannon Ayers 832-7580 with questions.

### Califon School PTA Clothing Drive

Gather up item's that you don't need this holiday season! Clean out your closets! Donate to the Califon School PTA Clothing Drive to help raise funds for our school. We will accept any clothing *and* accessories such as hand bags, belts and shoes plus any soft household items like bedding, curtains, and towels. We'll take bikes, hard toys (must fit in a 24 x 24 x 21" box) and stuffed animals too! We'll turn your used items into money for Califon School. Thank you for your support.

Drop off items between December 21, 2012 and January 10, 2013 at the Califon Municipal Building, 39 Academy Street, Califon, NJ. *Please place clothing bags neatly in front of garage bays only during the collection period.*

Contact Missy Zande at [mazande27@comcast.net](mailto:mazande27@comcast.net) or Shannon Ayers 832-7580 with questions.

### Winterfest

#### **Califon Fire Company**

The 3rd Annual Winterfest will be held on Saturday, January 26th (snow date of February 2nd).

The Califon Fire Co. would like to invite the community to come and join them at the Fire Co. carnival grounds behind the Municipal Building at 39 Academy Street, from 4pm to 8pm; to enjoy a warm "bonfire" and to indulge in the Fire Company's delicious hearty food and beverages. Bring your ice skates (weather permitting) to skate on the ice rink. Stay for the amazing fireworks display at the conclusion of the Winterfest. We look forward to sharing a good time with the community and if you have any questions, please call Walter Ader at (908) 328-1426.

### Christmas Tree Pick-up

Please have your Christmas trees sitting curbside by Friday, January 18, 2013, as the Califon Fire Co. will be coming around to pick them up on Saturday, January 19th. The Fire Co. will be using the trees for the "Winterfest" bonfire on Saturday, January 26th. Trees can also be dropped off at the Fire Co. carnival grounds, behind the Califon Municipal Building. Please look for a "tree drop-off" sign to start stacking the trees in that spot.

### ATTENTION : CALIFON BOROUGH RESIDENTS

#### BRUSH CURBSIDE PICKUP

The Borough is participating in a FEMA sponsored pickup of any **STORM RELATED VEGETATIVE DEBRIS**. This includes tree limbs, stumps, logs and any brush that has fallen on residents' property as a result of the high winds and rain from Sandy. The vendor contracted by FEMA will begin curbside pickup starting Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We had originally planned on a debris/brush pick up starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>; however the date and terms of this emergency service have changed.  
\*\*\*\*\* There will be **NO PICK UP of any HOUSEHOLD ITEMS or ANY ITEMS OTHER THAN VEGETATIVE DEBRIS.**

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please contact Laura or Karen at the Municipal Building at (908) 832-7850 ext. 201 or ext. 204 or email [leidsvaag@califonboro.net](mailto:leidsvaag@califonboro.net) : [kmastro@califonboro.net](mailto:kmastro@califonboro.net) or the OEM coordinator Beth Wolfmayer at (908) 398-7351 / [bwolfmayer@gmail.com](mailto:bwolfmayer@gmail.com).  
Thank you all for your cooperation!