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## **CALIFON SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!!!**

*By Councilman Patrick Farmer*

To the dismay of many a school-aged child (and cheers of more than a few parents), a new school year is underway! Classes began ahead of Labor Day Weekend this year, on August 28, 2014. Oh, the humanity!

As Califon is a walking district, we would like to remind drivers to pay special attention to children walking to and from school in the mornings and afternoons. The school day begins each weekday at 8:30 a.m. which means that extra vigilance should be exercised between 8:00 and 8:30.

In related news, several reports have been made that the pedestrian crosswalk sign which stands in the middle of Academy Street at the intersection of Railroad Avenue is routinely being pushed off to the side of the road. This sign serves as an important safety mechanism to alert drivers to the many walkers, bikers and runners who use that crosswalk on their travels along the Columbia Trail. For safety's sake, we ask that whoever is responsible for moving the sign to please stop doing so.

Please mark your calendars for Califon Day on Sunday, October 5, 2014! This is the one Sunday of the year when you can eat pancakes at the firehouse AND compete in a 5k run along the river, soak the mayor in a dunk tank, take part in a truly memorable guided walking tour of the town and visit several amazing historic exhibits at the Nellie Hoffman House and the Califon Museum located at the Railroad Station. It's true! Please see inside this addition of the Crier, as well as the calendar on the borough's website, for times and locations of all of the happenings.

Finally, another flu season is upon us – but fear not! Vaccines are widely available and everyone is encouraged to visit their doctor or pharmacy to get one. They are fast, easy and covered by most insurance plans.

## **ELECTION NEWS**

**Tuesday, October 14th** - is the last day to register to vote in the November General Election.

Voter registration forms are available at Borough Hall, 39 Academy St. and at the Hunterdon County Board of Elections, which will be open until 9:00 pm on the 14th. Registration forms are also available online at [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm).

**Tuesday, October 28th** - is the last day to apply BY MAIL FOR A Mail-in Ballot for the General Election. The Hunterdon County Clerk's Office at 71 Main St. in Flemington is open on the following dates at the following times to apply in person for Mail-In-Ballot for the General Election:

Thursday, October 30th – 9:00 am to 7 pm  
Saturday, November 1st – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Monday, November 3rd – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH - ELECTION DAY**  
Polls will open at 6:00 am and close at 8:00 pm at the Califon Municipal Building, 39 Academy St., Califon, N.J. 07830.

To obtain a mail-in ballot or a change of party declaration form, or with any questions concerning elections, call (908) 832-7850 ext. 201 or 201 or e-mail [leidsvaag@califonboro.net](mailto:leidsvaag@califonboro.net) or [kmastro@califonboro.net](mailto:kmastro@califonboro.net).

## **HOUSEHOLD WASTE CLEAN UP DAY**

When: Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm Rain or Shine  
Where: Hunterdon County Rt. 12 Complex- 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington.  
For further information Call 908-788-1110 or email : [swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us)

## **COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION DAY**

When: Saturday October 11, 2014  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm Rain or Shine  
Where: Hunterdon County Rt. 12 Complex- 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington.  
For further information Call 908-788-1110 or email: [swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us)

## **Thank You!**

In our last edition of the Crier we mentioned that the "little Island" in front of the Post Office could use some helping hands in keeping up with the weeds and planting. Patty from Flowers By The River called to say that she received some much needed help from; Karla Martineau, Jason Knowl and Sam Huff .

So a big thank you goes out to Karla, Jason, Sam and of course Patty for taking the time to lend a hand in keeping Califon's little island a welcoming sight!

If anyone would like to help out, just stop in the Flower shop and speak with Patty and she will let you know what needs to be done.

## **CALIFON CRIER** [www.califonboro.net](http://www.califonboro.net)

The Califon Crier is published on a bimonthly basis. If you have news, comments, or feedback, please contact the borough with "Califon Crier" in the subject line at [kmastro@califonboro.net](mailto:kmastro@califonboro.net) or [leidsvaag@califonboro.net](mailto:leidsvaag@califonboro.net); phone (908) 832-7850; or fax (908) 832-6085.

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**Deadline for November/December submissions: Friday, October 17.**

## **29TH ANNUAL TOWN WIDE TAG SALE**

**Saturday September 20th, 9 am to 4 pm.**

**Rain Date Sunday September 21st.**

Support your First Aid Squad and get rid of some household items at the same time! Sign up to participate in the highly anticipated tag sale event of Califon!

Just a \$30.00 donation to the Squad will get you a tag sale sign and place your location marked on the map. Maps are given out to all shoppers who come into town for this big event. Make sure your sale is on the Map! Sign Up Now!

If you do not want to host this at your home, you can choose to set up your wares at the Califon Train Station. This is our Flea Market Area. Space is limited so sign up today!

Maps will be available the day of the sale at the Train Station/ Flea Market Area.

LOOK FOR SIGN UP FORMS IN THE MAIL, AT THE TOWN HALL, OR ON THE WEB AT:  
[CALIFONEMS.ORG](http://CALIFONEMS.ORG)

RETURN FORMS BY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH TO:  
CFAS - POB 253 - CALIFON, NJ 07830

If you have any questions or may be interested in helping out our squad please contact Jay Klein- President @ 908-500-0105.

Please consider being part of the Califon First Aid Squad. We Provide Paid Training, All Uniforms, and a Rewarding Sense of Community and Helping Others.

Cadets can join at 14 yrs old and you can take the EMT Class at age 16.

Ambulance Drivers must be 21 yrs old.

The Squad Drills every 2nd Wednesday of the Month and Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7:30 at the Bank Street Squad Building.

Come on down and see what we are all about!

### **AUTUMN STREET FAIR OCT 5!**

We are so excited to announce our second annual Autumn Street Fair which will take place October 5 from 1-5 on Main Street. Last year's fair was a great success and this year is shaping up to be even better. The day starts off with the fireman's pancake breakfast and the Jon Slusher Memorial 5K Run kicks off at 1pm. The fair gets underway at noon. The Slewfoot Project will once again provide music on the main stage, and a second stage will host musicians from the Rock Instruction Program at Valley Music. The children's area will feature a bounce house and pumpkin painting. Local shops, vendors, and organizations will be set up along Main Street and the Rutgers University Mobile Medical Unit will be on-site for medical screenings. Food will be for sale from various vendors. We look forward to sharing this family friendly day with our Califon community!

### **ANNUAL 5K JON SLUSHER RUN/WALK SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 5**

The 2014 Jon Slusher 5K Run/Walk will once again take place in Califon as an event within the Califon Street Fair. Runners will gather at the bridge in Califon and at 1PM on Sunday, October 5, and will follow the course down River Road, loop to the left at Hoffman's Crossing to enter the Columbia Trail and finish at the Califon Train Station.

For family members who do not choose to run or walk, the street fair provides entertainment and interest.

This year, the USATF-NJ Grand Prix has added the Jon Slusher

5K Run/Walk to their roster. This means runners who are members of the USA Track and Field will receive 500 points for running the race, a discounted application fee and are eligible for Grand Prix Cash Prizes.

In addition, a 70--90 year age category has been added with an accompanying trophy.

Jonathan was the victim of brain cancer and lost his heroic and courageous fight in 2010. He was an avid runner whose passion was journalism, so his family decided to sponsor an annual 5K Run for funding journalism/communication scholarships to honor their son and brother.

Enabled by generous donations and the annual Jon Slusher 5K Run/Walk, the Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation (501-c-3 charity) has awarded 13 scholarships of \$1,000 each in the past three years. 2014 scholarship winners are: Devany Burke (Hunterdon Central); Kelly Fleming (North Hunterdon); Kirsten Eversen (Mendham); Reid Riccordella (West Morris); and Sean Gallagher (Mt. Olive).

Register online at <http://www.runrace.net/findarace.php?id=14278NJ>.

For more information about the race, visit [jonhslusher.org](http://jonhslusher.org). Donations can be made payable to the Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

### **FREE HEALTH SCREENING AT THE CALIFON STREET FAIR!**

"The Rutgers University School of Nursing Mobile Health Unit will be on hand with registered nurses providing FREE routine health screenings as well as blood pressure and blood sugar monitoring and follow-up with referrals if indicated!"

### **MISCHIEF NIGHT SAFETY**

Once again this year, the Mayor and Council will be enacting a strict Halloween curfew. Please view the website: [www.califonboro.net](http://www.califonboro.net); and watch for notices throughout town, as to the exact dates and duration of the curfew prior to Halloween. Mayor and Council respectfully request that all Califon residents honor this curfew and to please have their children, under the age of 18, home and off the streets by 9:00 p.m. on Mischief Night, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The town curfew and local ordinances will be strictly enforced by the Police Dept.; additional police officers will be on duty patrolling the Borough throughout the night. Residents are asked, once again, to do a "neighborhood watch" and to report any unusual and suspicious activity to the police by calling (908) 876-3232 PRESS -0- for Dispatch. Mayor and Council thank you all for your cooperation in keeping the community safe during the Halloween festivities. Please note: the Califon Fire Co. will host its annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### **CALIFON VETERAN'S MEMORIAL**

We think it would be a nice addition to the Veteran's Memorial to have flag poles erected for the five branches of the Armed Services and need your help.

We are looking for donations to accomplish this undertaking.

- \* A memorial brick can be purchased for \$40 to memorialize a veteran
- \* A donation can be made for the Armed Services flag project
- \* For general donations to the Vereran's Memorial

If you would like to learn more about this project, please contact Bruce Morrow at 862-219-2911 or 908-832-0418 or [bmorrow@califonboro.net](mailto:bmorrow@califonboro.net).

### **GREETINGS FROM ST. JOHN NEUMANN**

St. John's will be offering many activities for the community this coming fall. We hope that you include us in your plans this fall. Here are a few things you can participate in:

TAG SALE/ BOOK SALE- Come shopping under the tents for great household items and great books. September 19th and September 20th .

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING- September 20th

PARISH PICNIC- Sunday September 28th- Come join the fun on our beautiful church grounds.

TRICKY TRAY- Friday November 7th

### **ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD/METAL GOODS COLLECTION**

Curbside collection of household/metal/white goods will take place on Monday, September 22, 2014. Please have all items placed at the curb for pick up by 6:00 am. The following items will not be picked up if left at the curb: construction debris, hazardous waste, dirt/rock/concrete, tree limbs, leaves, vegetation, or brush. Please note: Freon does not need to be removed from refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners. (Watch for the next edition of the Califon Crier for information regarding leaf pickup in November)

### **CALIFON VOLLEYBALL**

Are you interested in playing volleyball locally? If so, you'll be glad to know that the Califon Recreation Board sponsors adult co-ed volleyball on Monday evenings from September through June at the Califon School. This free program is intermediate level, pick-up, and open to participants who are at least 18 years of age. For more information, contact Janet Loughman at [jrsloughman@yahoo.com](mailto:jrsloughman@yahoo.com).

### **HUNTERDON COUNTY VETERANS MEDAL PROGRAM**

The Hunterdon County Veterans Medal program is in the process of being updated. If you live in Hunterdon County and have not received recognition for your service please call the Hunterdon County Clerks office at 908-788-1221 to register for our county Veterans' Medal Program. This program was instituted in 2002 to honor and recognize all of our Counties veterans and over 1,200 medals have been awarded.

### **RAFFLE LICENSES- WHAT YOUR ORGANIZATION NEEDS TO KNOW**

Is your organization thinking about fundraising this year? Are you considering a Tricky Tray, 50- 50 raffle? If so, please make sure you are aware of the State of New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission requirements.

A qualified organization, (Charitable organizations, Organizations or associations of veterans, religious , educational, Volunteer Fire Companies, first aid, ect) must FIRST register with the Control Commission bi-annually. Once the registration is received from the state LGCCC you can apply for a raffle license through the Borough Clerk, at least two months prior to the raffle. The application for a raffle event must first be approved via a Resolution by the Mayor and Council and it is then transmitted to the LGCCC for their approval.

For additional details, please visit the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission's website at: <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/lgccc/>

Or you can contact Municipal Clerk Laura Eidsvaag @ 832-7850 ext. 201 or Deputy Clerk, Karen Mastro @ 832-7850 ext. 204.

### **FLU KILLS. HUNGER DOES TOO.**

#### **FIGHT BOTH WITH ONE SHOT!**

The Clinton Sunrise Rotary and Green Brook Family Medicine are once again Co-sponsoring a Community Flu Clinic at the Clinton Fire House on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 9am to 12pm and at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Readington on Sunday September 28, 2014 from 9am to 12 pm.

Dr. Ronald Frank and Dr. Sean Cook have partnered with the Rotary Clubs of Hunterdon County to donate 100% of the clinic profits to the Hunterdon County Food Pantries to help feed those in need. Last year \$6,000 was donated as a result of this program.

Bring the entire family; vaccines will be available for adults and children 6 months of age and older at this convenient one stop clinic. Preservative-free Injectable and Nasal Spray Flu Vaccines will also be available.

No co-pays or deductibles are required for participants with most major insurances. We are unable to accept insurance plans that require you to list a primary care physician on your card or NJ Family Care/Medicaid. Please present all insurance cards at the clinic. For those without insurance, or plans that Green Brook Family Medicine does not participate with, the flu vaccine cost is \$20 for the (TIV) injectable, and \$30 for the Flu Mist nasal spray.

In addition to the proceeds from the vaccination program, non-perishable food donations will be accepted for local food pantries. For additional information please call Green Brook Family Medicine at 732-356-0266.

Protect yourself and your family from the flu & Protect your neighbors from hunger!

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

In a fire, seconds count, and roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11pm and 7am when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out.

**This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm messages:**

- *Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.*
- *Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.*
- *Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.*
- *Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don't respond properly.*
- *Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.*

Your Fire Department can host activities during Fire Prevention Week to promote "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives!" Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of working smoke alarms and testing them monthly.

To learn more about smoke alarms and "Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives", visit NFPA's website at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).