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Uniquely - Special Califon

By Councilwoman Megan Riccio

A passerby may drive through Califon and mentally note all the obvious things that make Califon unique; from our quaint downtown shops; the historic bridge, the natural beauty of the river and trail; and the charming homes that line Main St. However, what they may miss is all that makes Califon special. The residents of Califon are what truly makes the town special. While we are comprised of many who have lived here all of their lives and who still greet each other on the street with a friendly wave; as well as the many new-comers who have chosen Califon for its hometown magic; all that live here appreciate and cultivate what might loosely be called "community spirit".

Within our community there are volunteers serving the town in many capacities and with many talents. These residents donate their energy; giving tirelessly to serve and protect their neighbors and neighborhoods, with the history and charm of Califon always in mind. From our emergency services organizations to our committees who promote the town; preserve its history; improve the park; and who serve our School board; our volunteers are our most valued asset. While many other towns may boast about volunteer involvement, it is the enthusiasm and synergy of our community members, wishing to perpetuate all that is good about our town, that makes all that we are; uniquely-special Califon.

In the spirit of honoring those who have preserved our liberty and advance our freedoms, on Monday, May 25th, the Califon Recreation Committee will proudly present its **14th ANNUAL CALIFON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND MEMORIAL SERVICE**.

As in the past, the parade will start at 11:00 a.m. on School Street and will feature bagpipers, the 15th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry Company A, antique cars, scout troops, area fire companies and rescue squads and more. The parade will proceed down Main Street and will continue on to Califon Island Park.

In honor of those being remembered, bagpipes will play from the center of the Califon Bridge. A memorial service will be held at noon next to the Califon Veterans Memorial. The National Anthem will be played while local scouts raise the American flag. The 15th Volunteer Infantry will close the memorial service by performing a 21 gun salute as we pause for a moment of silent contemplation.

Afterward, Califon Fire Company will have food and drinks for purchase. Also joining the festivities are the Kona Ice Truck, Fun Fitness on Wheels by Kidz on the Go, and more!

Invitation is still open for community groups and organizations to participate; participants with antique cars and tractors, floats, animals (and their owners!), musical ensembles, etc. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this annual event. Please contact Megan Riccio at megriccio@hotmail.com to register or for additional information.

In the spirit of community and remembrance, please join us on Memorial Day to honor our veterans and to enjoy an afternoon filled with all that makes Califon uniquely-special.

ELECTION NEWS:

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015 - PRIMARY ELECTION FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00P.M. AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Tuesday, May 12th is the last day to register to vote in the June Primary Election. Forms can be obtained at the Municipal Building, on line (www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/elect); or at the Board of Elections at 71 Main St, Flemington; (908) 788-1190. The Board of Elections will be open until 9:00 pm on the 12th. Tuesday May 26th is the last day to apply *by mail* for a Mail in Ballot for the June Primary Election.

Thursday, May 28th the County Clerk's office will be open until 7pm to vote in person by Mail-In Ballot for the Primary Election; (908)788-1212; www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm Monday June 1st- 3pm deadline to apply at the County Clerk's Office in-person for a Mail-In Ballot for the Primary Election.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED – H.C. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Hunterdon County Board of Elections has reported that they are experiencing a shortage of poll workers throughout the County to run the Primary election in June and the General Election in November. Poll workers are required to work a full day at both elections; the hours are 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Each poll worker who works the full day earns \$200.00 for each election. Poll workers are required to participate in a certification training and, after the initial training, are required to recertify every two years. Interested????? If so, please contact Beth Thompson at the Hunterdon County Board of Elections: www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/elect/electbd.htm or by phone at (908) 788-1190 or for more information contact Laura or Karen at the Municipal Bldg.

GET READY.... THE FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

The Annual Califon Fireman's Carnival will be held starting
Monday June 29th through Saturday July 4th. Time: 6:00 pm to Midnight.

The carnival is located at the Carnival grounds behind the Municipal Building at 39 Academy St., Califon.
Check the fire company's website: www.califonfire.org or the Borough's website www.califonboro.net
for information on bracelet nights and fireworks nights.

CALIFON CRIER *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 or leidsvaag@califonboro.net; phone (908) 832-7850; or fax (908) 832-6085.

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Deadline for July/August submissions: Friday, June 12.

**A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE
FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL**

This past week I've been reading about all the fires around New Jersey in the recent edition of the First Responder Newspaper. These were terrible, terrible fires that destroyed many people's lives and there was one civilian fatality. There were a few occupant and firefighter injuries reported; thankfully, none were of a life threatening nature. As I continued reading, I was taken aback by the reports of the numerous problems firefighters faced when they entered these buildings. In many cases, people were still inside the buildings with the fires raging. Their homes/apartments were filled with their belongings; making it very difficult and dangerous for the firefighters to proceed with their rescue efforts. The number one priority of a firefighter is life safety and most will risk their lives to save victims. Entering the unknown, where you can't see in front of you because of the dense smoke conditions, makes it very dangerous for the firefighters. The accumulation of numerous belongings and items to get around and through makes it that much tougher for firefighters. Seconds count when they need to get to a trapped victim or to the source of the fire. A firefighter needs every precious second to find the seat of the fire to either contain it or extinguish it.

That is why, with the warmer weather upon us, it is a good time to do a thorough clean-up and clean-out of your house or your apartment. We should take the time to organize and get rid of a lot of things we've collected that we might not need any more. Remember a small fire will become a big fire when combustibles are available to spread the fire. Good house-keeping should be on everyone list of projects in the summer months!

HUNTERDON COUNTY

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PRESENTS:
Additional Collection Event for Paint, Motor Oil, Propane Tanks and Smoke Detectors

When: Saturday May 30th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Hunterdon County Complex- 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington

For whom: Hunterdon County Residents, Small Businesses and Farmers

For additional information please contact 908-78801110 or email: swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

MEALS ON WHEELS HOSTS RAFFLE

Hunterdon County's Meals on Wheels will once again host the "FLY AWAY WITH ME" 2015 Raffle Fundraiser. This raffle offers you the chance to win TWO ROUND TRIP United Airlines tickets to fly ANYWHERE in the continental United States (maximum value \$1000.00) plus a complimentary one year AAA Mid Atlantic Basic Primary membership. A single raffle ticket costs \$20.00 and a book of 5 is \$100.00. There will only be 750 tickets sold so get them now!

The airline tickets will be good for one year from the drawing date of May29, 2015. Raffle tickets are available at all Meals on Wheels congregate site locations: 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington, 104 Allerton Rd, Annandale, and 25 South St. Lambertville. They will also be available at the agency's office at 5 Walter Foran Blvd, Suite 2006, Flemington. For details please call 908-284-0735, email info@mowih.org or visit our website at: www.mowih.org.

Follow us on facebook: [mealsonwheelsinhunterdon](https://www.facebook.com/mealsonwheelsinhunterdon).

The mission of "Meals On Wheels in Hunterdon" is to assist the homebound elderly/disabled of Hunterdon County to maintain

their independence by enhancing their nutritional health, thereby avoiding unwanted institutionalization. Proceeds from "Come Fly Away With Me" Fundraiser will support programs at Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon. Each raffle ticket purchased will provide approximately 4 meals to a homebound senior. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. is recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS under Section 501 ©3.

COMMUNITY GARDEN- SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

The Lower Valley Community Garden located on the grounds of the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church, 513 Califon, has a few garden beds available for rent this season. If you are interested please contact Claudia Gilbert at lowervalleyipc@embarqmail.com.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S IN CALIFON

2015-2016 St. John Neumann

Religious Education Registration

CALIFON, NJ, March 30, 2015 St. John Neumann Parish is now accepting registrations for Religious Education (K-8) for 2015-2016. There will be classes offered on Sunday mornings 9:00 a.m. (K-6) and Sunday evenings 6:00 p.m. (Jr. High); both sessions meet twice a month. A monthly family program option may be added. A few program highlights include Advent and Easter activities, Class Masses, Children's Liturgy of the Word, May crowning, and an overnight Confirmation retreat. Registration forms are available on St. John's website, ccsjn.org. Please note First Eucharist requires a two-year preparation beginning in First Grade. Any questions or new parishioner inquiries, please contact the Religious Education Office at 908-832-2162.

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is a vibrant, growing Roman Catholic parish serving the residents of Califon and its surrounding area.

Contact: Renee Ciszewski, Director of Religious Education
St. John Neumann , 908-832-2162; renee@ccsjn.org; ccsjn.org

Social Ministry

As May arrives, we are busy in the Project Earth Garden, turning earth, improving beds and of course planting – come enjoy working the earth for others! All the produce we tend will go to soup kitchens and food pantries and to local residents. For more information, contact our Anne Germino at 832-2513 or email socialministry@ccsjn.org.

St. John's Grand Auction

Preparations are in full swing for our Auction June 6th. There is still time for you to donate and publicize your business or come enjoy a great dinner, dance and live and silent auction extravaganza. We have collected wonderful items for you to bid on! WE also have a 50/50 raffle with tickets for \$25.00 or 5 tickets for \$100. Our Fab Five Raffle tickets are only \$2.00 a chance to win some fabulous prizes: ride-on lawnmower, a snowblower, \$500 Shop Rite Gift Card, wireless speaker, and we even have a BMW for kids 3 to 5 years!

About the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

Founded in 1982, the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann (CCSJN) is a Roman Catholic parish located at 398 County Rt. 513, Califon, N.J. For more information, visit www.ccsnj.org or join us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/pages/St-John-Neumann-RC-Church-Califon-NJ/182725931874252. Parish phone is (908) 832-2513.

SPRING BRUSH PICK UP CANCELLED

Califon Residents: Please note that, due to budgetary constraints, the Borough Council has determined that there will be **no spring brush pickup** in May of this year. Council is looking into an alternate program for brush pickup/chipping for spring of 2016. Information will be in next year's March/ April edition of the Crier.

CALIFON RECREATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS

CALIFON FUN DAYS!

Join us for our Third Annual Califon Fun Days from July 6-10 at Califon Island Park from 9:30-11am. Come for one day or all the days. While we welcome all ages, Califon Fun Days are geared toward ages 2-9. Each day is filled with a craft, snack and fun activities for the children. Parents need to stay during the camp duration. Califon Summer Camp is free of charge.

Monday- Music Day

Tuesday: Design your own Califon T-Shirt

Wednesday: Water Color Day, paint the river on a canvas

Thursday: Take a walk and scavenger hunt on the Columbia Trail

Friday: Fishing Day-Bring your own gear and a parent to help!

For more information or to register your children please contact Claudia Gangemi at claudigangemi@gmail.com or 908-377-3726

**2015 DOG LICENSES ARE NOW DUE-
AVOID LATE FEES!**

If you haven't yet licensed your dog, there is still time. If your dog was licensed last year, you do not need to fill out another application. Just drop the check off at the Municipal Offices or mail them to the attention of Karen Mastro. Licenses are \$11.00 for spayed/neutered \$14.00 for non-spayed/neutered. If this is your first time licensing, then you can fill out an application available on our website; www.califonboro.net. At the very bottom, click on documents and there will be an application for dog license; or you can stop by the Municipal Offices and pick one up. Any questions please email Karen at kmastro@califonboro.net or call me Mon-Thurs 908-832-7850 ext. 204.

If your dog's rabies vaccination expired since your last licensing, I will need a copy of the new rabies certificate showing the expiration date.

Get it now to avoid accumulating late fees! (\$5.00 a month, per dog, starting in March)

THANK YOU!

**SAVE THE DATE- OCTOBER 4TH
CALIFON STREET FAIR**

The 3rd annual Califon Street Fair will be held on Sunday, October 4th. This event was a great success last year, and we are seeking volunteers to help make it a great event again this year. Many roles are needed- please contact Jason Beard at jasonbeard@yahoo.com to get more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE COLUMBIA TRAIL!

Beginning in early summer, Califon Borough, along with High Bridge, will celebrate 20 years of hiking and biking the Columbia Trail with various events. High Bridge will host naturalist-led walks in late May followed by a dedication of an archway

marking the trail head in June. Califon will follow with a special gnome walk along the trail; a new gnome home placement in June and an Art benefit at the Nellie Hoffman house in September. More information on all of these events will be forthcoming. If you are interested in hosting a trail-related event or helping with our planned events, please contact Alison Ramage at the Califon Book Shop; (908) 832-6686.

**CALIFON SCHOOL NEWS:
NGSS TEACHER LEADER**

We are proud to recognize our very own Mrs. Johnston, as she was chosen to be in the second cohort of New Jersey science teachers across the state to represent the NGSS Teacher Leader program. She will join a group of just 19 other science teachers from across the state!

The Teacher Leader program prepares educators to take a leadership role in New Jersey's implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Teacher leaders co-facilitate a series of workshops focused on supporting their colleagues as they begin to bring the new national standards into their classrooms. The program provides opportunities for K-12 classroom teachers to deepen their understanding of all aspects of the NGSS while developing collaborative and leadership skills, with the ultimate goal of sharing their expertise with their district and neighboring district's colleagues.

Congratulations Mrs. Johnston!! We know you will represent Califon Public School in the most professional manner, as you bring your newly learned knowledge and expertise back to our school to share with us and with our surrounding North Hunterdon/Voorhees sending districts.

TREPS MARKETPLACE – CALIFON SCHOOL

On Friday, March 27th, 2015, thirty Califon students in grades four through eight became entrepreneurs and opened up their own businesses to the public at the annual Califon School TREP\$ marketplace. Shoppers had the opportunity to purchase many creative items including wooden cups, duct-tape key chains, handmade scarves and sun catchers. In addition, there were plenty of home-made sweets available for purchase such as chocolate covered pretzels, kettle corn, cotton candy and fudge. This year there was even a creative face painting service available!

The TREP\$ program is such a success in the Califon community because it teaches students about the intricacies of owning their own business. Over the course of two months, students have worked to create their businesses under the leadership of educators Marie Heyduke and Matthew Zimmerman. Students also learn important business skills such as managing money, pricing, advertising and marketing. Students learn about the importance of hard work and dedication as well as how thinking critically leads to success. Parents and students alike found TREP\$ to be "fun" and a great venue for learning to be a young entrepreneur.

Califon hopes you stop by the TREP\$ Marketplace next year!