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Califon - Vote for Your Health

By Councilman Tony Forrester, Ph.D., R.N.

Well, it's finally here – election year 2016 . . . and the election debates are well underway! Perhaps, in your workplace, school, church, or just over your backyard fence, you have already been engaged in passionate conversations about the important political, policy and social issues being discussed by the candidates and others! Whatever your political beliefs, this is the time for community engagement!

Did you know that voting for your favorite candidate may also be a vote for your good health? It's true! Researchers say that expressing your right to vote may help promote good mental and physical health – and, the research evidence even indicates that some may benefit from voting more than others. For example, in a close election, you may get a greater sense of being able to actually make a difference just by voting. This sense of making a difference, in some ways, transforms the act of voting into one that is more like the act of political activism or even protest. When we feel that we are doing something that can make our lives better, we are benefitted psychologically.

Now, of course, simply voting won't improve our cholesterol level or lower our blood pressure, but part of overall good health is learning how we can empower ourselves so that we can exercise some control over things in our lives that really are under our control, like voting. Studies show that voting may reduce psychological stress and other mental health problems related to being economically, politically, or socially disadvantaged. Other studies have shown that being involved in our community, engaged in the political process, and voting can reduce the risk of future psychological problems, especially in those who have had problems with depression.

Our children and adolescents also benefit when we vote. They can discuss political issues and become more active, engaged citizens. Children who are more engaged in their community are less likely to experiment with risky behaviors, including drugs and violence. When parents and other adults vote and share their political views with young people, they model citizenship and the critical thinking and analytic decision-making that we encourage in young people growing up in our community.

So, Califon neighbors, let's engage in our community, discuss the compelling issues of the day and . . . get out there and vote!

Here's to a happy, healthy 2016!

A Shout Out to Our Supporters!

The Califon Squad would like to publicly thank the following people who have been supporting us and giving generously of their time & efforts throughout the years:

Brian Wunder- for septic help & maintenance (callthepumper.com)
John Wolfmayer- for specialty carpentry & construction
Digs Diesel- for auto service and repair
Republic Services (Raritan Valley Disposal)- for disposal assistance
Carol Klein- for interior design & flair
and finally, thanks to Bill Kibler, Carol Van Orden and Rambo's Country Store for allowing the Rescue Squad to use their property to park ambulances when the Califon Bridge was being reconstructed.
Without the help of these folks, The Rescue Squad would not be able to serve and be a part of the community in Califon.

Christmas Tree Pick Up

Please have your Christmas Trees sitting curbside by Friday January 15th. The Fire Co. will be coming around to pick them up on Saturday, January 16th. These discarded Christmas trees will be used for the "Winterfest" bonfire on January 30th. Trees can also be dropped off at the Fire Co. Carnival grounds, behind the Municipal Building. There will be a "tree drop off" sign to start stacking the trees at this location.

Winterfest 2016

January 30th – 4p.m. to 8 p.m.
Come on down to the Fire Company's carnival grounds to enjoy an evening with your friends and neighbors by the bonfire. There will be plenty of delicious food and beverages to enjoy by the light of the fire.
The Carnival Grounds are behind the Municipal Building at 39 Academy Street.
If you have any questions, please contact Beth Wolfmayer at (908)328-7351.

Save the Date

Get ready for the 2nd Annual Califon Classic Car Show
Saturday August 13, 2016 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration starts at 7:30 am.
Music by DJ Doug * Food and Refreshments * 50/50 Raffle

Check out: www.califoncarshow.org

Questions? Email to califoncarshow@gmail.com

All proceeds go directly to sponsor the Veterans Memorial (FOCIP) and the Califon Fire Company.

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Deadline for March/April submissions: Friday, February 12.

Kindergarten Round-Up 2016-17

Califon Public School will be holding its annual Kindergarten "Round Up" on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Any child living in Califon Borough who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2016 is eligible for Kindergarten this September.

Please call the school as soon as possible to obtain the necessary registration and medical forms which are required to be completed for submission when you attend Kindergarten registration on the above date.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Dyer, Executive Secretary at 908- 832-2828 ext. 211 or Mrs. Patterson, School Nurse at 908-832-2828 ext. 212.

Califon First Aid Squad Helps Out Local Daisy Troop

The Califon First Aid & Rescue Squad was happy to meet with Daisy Troop #80128 at their November 3rd meeting at Valley View School. Together, the Daisies all earned their first "Ambulance Tour" Merit Badge. The Rescue Squad spent the afternoon informing the Daisies about what a Rescue Squad does and how to call 911 if faced with an emergency.

The girls all attend Kindergarten at Valley View Elementary School in Califon. The Squad members who presented to the troop were Byron Weightman, Kenny Burke and Christian Meyer.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting a Big Success!

This year the weather was beautiful and Santa was able to make it down to the Califon Train Station to meet with all the boys and girls in Califon. Laughter could be heard Down Main Street as the "Califon Kids" told Santa what gifts they were hoping to get this holiday season.

Residents enjoyed the tree lighting this year thanks to Drew who again generously donated the tree. If you weren't able to come down for the lighting, make sure you check it out when you are out and about in town. It is located in the lot between Bex Kitchen and the Main St Frame Shop.

The Recreation Committee continues to provide great memories for the kids and adults of Califon by continuing to work hard to make these events happen.

2015 - Reasons To Be Thankful

By Mayor Charles Daniel

This past year can best be described as turbulent, with the Califon Bridge Resurfacing project, the Academy Street/Main Street Repaving project, and the Main Street Stormwater Construction project; each improvements to the Borough's infrastructure. We have all been impacted, through traffic delays, business disruptions and construction noise. I thank you for your patience and understanding. We are almost finished.

Many people, groups and committees have contributed to the 2015 Califon experience, and for them I am truly grateful. Just a few of the outstanding contributions, as well as events held, have been:

- The Main Street Stormwater Project Management Team – Borough Clerk Laura Eidsvaag, Councilman Mike Medea, and Engineer Kelly Kimiecik – who have committed an exhausting amount of hours to move this project forward. This project has taken over 6 years to complete. We're al-

most there!

- The Recreation Committee, led by Jason Beard, who organized an incredibly successful (and fun) Main Street Fair. This event has grown in attendance over the past few years and we look forward to next year's event!
- The Memorial Day Celebration, led by Councilwoman Megan Riccio, who continued our tradition of a 'big league' celebration with a 'traditional' small town feel.
- The Califon Historic Preservation Commission, led by Rich Baggstrom, whose purpose is to assess building improvement projects in Califon's historic district and streamline the approval process. It's working!
- The Planning Board, led by Bruce Morrow, whose analysis and recommendations concerning zoning districts and impervious coverage will lead to a more equitable plan for impervious coverage requirements. Progress!
- The front office – Borough Clerk Laura Eidsvaag, Deputy Clerk Karen Mastro, Tax Collector Amy Monahan, CFO Kevin Lifer, Tax Assessor Eloise Hagaman, and Planning Board Secretary Barbara Margolese – for running the 'day to day' activities of the Borough. Amazing!
- Our public safety team - the Califon Fire Department, the Califon First Aid Squad, the Washington Township Police Department, and Beth Wolfmayer, our Emergency Management Coordinator – for providing a close watch over our Borough. Excellent service!
- Our school crossing guards – Marlene Dudek & Clayton Huff - for keeping our children safe through all kinds of weather. Especially, for caring.
- The Califon Borough Council – Kathy DeBlasio, Meg Riccio, Gill Smith, Mike Medea, Tony Forrester and Patrick Farmer – for your commitment and perseverance throughout the year. I am very fortunate to have a Council that respects each other and works cohesively together.

Of course, there are others, such as the participants and organizers of the River Clean Up Day, as well the carolers and musicians of the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. Because of the volunteerism, dedication and perseverance of the people and groups mentioned above, as well as those not mentioned because of my faulty memory, Califon is truly a wonderful place to live. My sincerest thanks to all of you.

My sincerest wishes to you for a safe and happy holiday season!
Mayor Charles J. Daniel

Califon United Methodist Church

15 River Rd., P.O. Box 305, Califon, NJ 07830

Sunday worship and Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Bible study: Sundays 9-9:45 a.m. throughout the school year.

The Califon United Methodist Church is a church that brings together people of all generations to worship and serve in the borough of Califon and the surrounding communities. The ministries of Califon United Methodist include a strong outreach/mission through the Top O' the Barn thrift shop, a strong music ministry with chancel choir, and an active ministry with children and youth that includes Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. Bible study and fellowship over meals are held throughout the year, and a community-wide living nativity is held in December. Our congregation is growing and exploring a deeper sense of who they are in Jesus Christ. All are invited to experience God's love at Califon UMC.

Upcoming Events at Califon UMC

Upcoming Sermon Series and Bible Study

The God We Can Know- This Lenten sermon and Bible study series will look at the six "I Am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination and reveal more about his identity and purpose. These significant yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known. This series will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?" *Sermon series and Bible study begin Sunday, February 14, 2016.*

Reflections: A Midweek Service of Holy Communion

A new worship opportunity is coming to Califon United Methodist Church. During this approximately 30 minute gathering, we will reflect on God and God will be reflected to us through prayer, the reading of Scripture, and the celebration of Holy Communion. *Reflections* will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of every month, with our first service planned for February 2, 2016. All are welcome to join us for this new worship experience.

Visit our website, www.califonumc.org to hear recent sermons and discover everything going on at our church, including new worship opportunities that are in the works!

Are You Thinking About Getting Involved?

How about starting the new year off with getting involved with one of your local Boards or Committees? Califon has many different committees that could use your help! From the Califon Board of Health to the Historic Preservation Commission to the Recreation Committee to the Parks Committee, there is some-

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

Dog Licenses must be obtained by January 31st. Please complete the application upon receipt of this mailing to avoid accruing late fees!

N.J. Fees as scheduled should be enclosed with your application along with a certificate of your dog's current rabies inoculation. Rabies inoculation must not expire during this year of licensing.

Two surcharge fees have been imposed by the State of N.J.- (1) N.J. Pilot Clinic Fund Surcharge of \$0.20; (2) N.J. Animal Control Population Fund Surcharge- \$3.00. Along with a copy of the rabies certificate we will also need a veterinarian's certificate, or and affidavit stating the animal has been altered. The proof of alteration only needs to be submitted the first time you are licensing your dog with Califon after the alteration takes place. Our system will store this information for future reference.

Fee: Spayed or Neutered dogs.....\$11.00
Unaltered Dogs.....\$14.00

Checks should be made payable to "Borough of Califon"

It would be appreciated if you could enclose a self addressed stamped envelope for the return of your license.

***** Please note a DELINQUENT FINE OF \$5.00 PER MONTH PER DOG WILL BE ASSESSED AFTER JANUARY 31ST. Please avoid this late fee and get your applications in early!

thing available for everyone to lend a hand. Many of these committees do not meet every month and they will not require a huge commitment on your schedule. Please contact Karen Mastro if you would like more information about opportunities to get involved.

Kmastro@califonboro.net. Or 908-832-7850 ext. 204.



Califon's Annual Free Rabies Clinic

**January 9, 2016
1:00 pm to 3 pm
(Snow date January 16th)
39 Academy St, Califon**

Please follow the directions of the Jr. Fireman upon arriving at the clinic.

All dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a transport cage.

***** At the time of this publication we are still looking for a few volunteers to assist at the clinic. It is a great way for teens to complete community service hours and have fun at the same time!**

Please call Karen at 908-832-7850 ext. 204 if you are interested.

LICENSE APPLICATION FOR DOG OWNERS

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Road or Street: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Male () Female () Age: _____ Breed _____

Hair: Short () Medium () Long () Colors: _____

Name of Dog: _____

Is Dog Neutered or Spayed? () Yes () No

Date Current Rabies Vaccination Expires _____

Fee Enclosed \$ _____

** There will be a free Rabies Clinic held on Saturday January 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Califon Borough Hall- 39 Academy St. Snow date will be Saturday January 16th. Please follow directions of the Califon Jr. Firemen when entering the clinic site.