



# Califon Crier

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## Civic Engagement

By Councilman Gill Smith

Civic engagement is "working together to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing a combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. Promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes." (The New York Times)

Since the November 2016 presidential election, there has been an increased level of civic engagement in this country. It doesn't matter who you voted for - Democrats, Republicans, and Independents alike are making their voices heard. There has been a dramatic increase in the amount of communication being received by your elected officials in Washington. Citizens all over this country have decided that they want to learn more about how our political system works, who their elected representatives are, and what they can do to make their voices heard. And this is a wonderful thing! All too often we go along with our lives, not really paying much attention to what is happening politically unless and until something affects us personally. But today, folks all over this great country are talking, meeting, marching, calling, writing, and learning about how to engage in our governmental processes.

Califon is in the 7th Congressional District and is part of the 23rd State Legislative District. Our representative in the 7th Congressional District is Congressman Leonard Lance (R) who has offices in Flemington and Washington DC. Our United State Senators are Corey Booker (D) and Robert Menendez (D).

Your 23rd Legislative District is represented in the State Senate by Michael Dougherty (R) and in the NJ General Assembly by John DiMaio (R) and Erik Petersen (R).

On behalf of those of us serving on your town council, I encourage all of you be civically engaged! Contact your elected representatives both in New Jersey and Washington DC to express your opinions. Come to your local town council meetings, held the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 PM at the Califon Borough Hall. Civic engagement..."working together to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes."

### 2017 DOG LICENSES ARE NOW OVER DUE- AVOID A SUMMONS!

Please get your dog license applications in now to avoid further late fees and a possible summons! An application must be completed for all new dogs along with a copy of the rabies certificate and spay/neuter certificate if applicable. If your dog was licensed last year, you do not need to fill out another application. If your dog's rabies vaccination expired since your last licensing, please submit a copy of the new rabies certificate. Licenses are \$11.00 for spayed/neutered \$14.00 for non-spayed/neutered. \*\* A \$5.00 per month late fee PER DOG will be assessed. The Dog Registrar's office is open Monday – Wed 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Just drop the check off at the Municipal Offices (we have a drop box by the back door) or mail to Califon Municipal Offices, P.O. Box 368, Califon, NJ 07830.

Any questions please contact Karen @ 908-832-7850 ext. 204 or [kmastro@califonboro.net](mailto:kmastro@califonboro.net)

### BRUSH PICK UP

Please be advised that there WILL be a Brush pick up for Califon Borough residents. We do not have dates yet but will post them on the Website, Facebook, and outdoor sign as soon as it is confirmed.

### NEWS FROM TEWKSBURY CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICE

There have been recent changes at the Tewksbury Construction Code office that Califon residents should be aware of. First and foremost, Charles Rogers, Building Inspector, has retired after 16 years of employment with this office. We wish him a happy retirement and thank him for his many years of service. We wish him well on any new endeavors. In his place, Ralph Price, has been hired as the new Building Inspector. Ralph can be reached at (908) 832-5552 or by e-mail at [construction@tekwburytp.net](mailto:construction@tekwburytp.net). Kelly Marookian has been hired as the new Technical Assistant to the Construction Officials. She can be reached at the same office number: (908) 832-5552 or by e-mail at [technicalassistant@tekwburytp.net](mailto:technicalassistant@tekwburytp.net). The office fax number is (908) 832-0674. Spring has sprung and residents are sure to be making plans for home projects, etc. For required building permits, please contact Kelly or Ralph and they will walk you through the permitting process. Don't forget to contact our Zoning Officer, William Skene, to obtain a zoning permit first, before the construction office will issue you a building permit. Mr. Skene can be reached at (908) 832-7850 ext. 208 or by e-mail at [wskene@embarqmail.com](mailto:wskene@embarqmail.com).



**CALIFON SPRING TROUT FEST**  
**SATURDAY MAY 6, 2017**

Sponsored by CAMPA &  
Presented by SHANNON'S FLY SHOP  
will be hosting a Trout Fest with activities for young and old!

Here is the schedule of events:

**Kid's Fishing Derby- 8:30 am to Noon –**  
Make sure to register (free) to win prizes!

**Adult One-Fly Competition- 1pm to 3:30 –**  
Tie your own fly at the fair and use it in the competition.

**Fly Tying Demos by Trout Unlimited**

**Craft Fair – 10:00 am to 4:00pm**

**Interactive Fly Fishing Demonstrations-** Come see the demos by reps for major fly fishing companies like Scott Fly Rods, Gloomis Rods, Douglas Outdoors and Rio/Readington.

**Great Eats From our Local Kettle Bagel and Deli for sale!**

**CALIFON SCHOOL**  
**TREP\$ MARKETPLACE HIGHLIGHTS**

Twenty businesses opened their doors to customers at the annual Califon School TREP\$ Marketplace on Friday, March 24, 2017. Each of the business owners spent the past few weeks developing their businesses from just a simple idea into their final version the night of the Marketplace. Students learned many things about entrepreneurship throughout the process. During the TREP\$ program, students were able to learn how to develop their ideas into potential businesses, advertise their product or service, price their product to help them "break even" or make a profit, and set up their displays to truly promote their product.

During the process, the entrepreneurs were able to meet with local business owners and TREP\$ alumni to discuss their ideas and show off samples of their products. The students were then able to refine their original business ideas before submitting their final business plan for approval.

On the night of the Marketplace, customers were able to purchase many items from multiple businesses. While all students did a fantastic job, some of the night's highlights and most talked about businesses included hand sewn pillows from The Pillow Pantry, herb gardens from Nora's Garden Emporium, and custom made local items from Califon Rocks!

The TREP\$ initiative is designed to serve as an inspiration for young people to think creatively and to put their ideas into action by creating a business. "Educating our young people about entrepreneurship and reinforcing the value that entrepreneurs and innovators bring to our economy is critical to America's long-term prosperity – more so now than ever before," said Carl Schramm, president and CEO of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

According to Kauffman Foundation research, 41 percent of children ages 9 -12 say they would like to start their own business. "Young people have a natural desire for the independence and control that comes with owning a business and being their own

boss," Schramm said. TREP\$ co-founder, Hayley Romano, added, "TREP\$ takes that desire and turns it into a concrete learning experience from which the kids benefit in so many ways." Pamela deWaal, Romano's partner, agreed. "Entrepreneurship education through TREP\$ is an empowering self-esteem builder that gives kids a greater sense of control over their lives and futures," deWaal said (who stopped by to meet and interact with our Califon students). "With the support of the community, the young participants of TREP\$ will learn the value of creativity, motivation, and hard work."

Thank you to all that came out that evening to support our young entrepreneurs in the Califon community! Thank you to the local business owners who have shown support for the program! More information about the program can be found at [www.califonschool.org](http://www.califonschool.org) or [www.trepd.com](http://www.trepd.com). You may also contact Matt Zimmerman ([mzimmerman@califonschool.org](mailto:mzimmerman@califonschool.org)) or Marie Heyduke ([mheyduke@califonschool.org](mailto:mheyduke@califonschool.org)), the TREP\$ Advisors from Califon School with questions and comments.



**Califon's Young Entrepreneurs'**

**TEWKSBURY LAND TRUST NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

The Tewksbury Land Trust, formed in 1993, has purchased and preserved seven properties encompassing ~170 acres in Tewksbury. This land is open to the public for passive recreation, but to maximize use of the properties invasive species and deadfall need to be removed and then trails built. Your help is needed to carry out this plan!

The first scheduled event is Saturday, April 29th (rain date on the 30th) at the recently acquired Jeffrey property (~15 Water St in Cokesbury) and will run from 9:30am to noon. This is a beautiful 42-acre parcel with three terraced fields and a forested area. We will remove invasive species such as multi-flora rose, Japanese barberry and autumn olive so be sure to wear long pants and work gloves, and bring loppers, pruners, and shovels if you have them.

A brief tour of the property, handouts and refreshments will be provided, so please RSVP to Stefani Spence at [stefani@hunterdonlandtrust.org](mailto:stefani@hunterdonlandtrust.org) or at 908-237-4582 x206. This is great opportunity for you to become familiar with the property and meet some neighbors while giving back to your community.

Mark your calendar for future events that will take place on September 23rd and October 14th.

## CALIFON RECREATION AND COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR – 2017

The Califon Recreation Committee is proud to present our 2017 lineup of great community events and activities. Many of our familiar events are represented, as well as a new event being sponsored by the Califon Merchants and Professionals Association (CAMPA) – the **Spring Troutfest**, a celebration of Califon’s renowned status as a trout-fishing mecca featuring food, music, vendors, and seminars on fishing in the Park on May 6. More info about all of the events will be found on our Borough website ([www.califonboro.net](http://www.califonboro.net)) and Facebook page (@califonboro) as they are available.

In addition, the Recreation Committee is looking for a few more volunteers to help plan and run our events. Qualifications include: a love of Califon, a desire to have fun with your neighbors, and a willingness to devote a couple hours per month. That’s it! Interested parties please contact Jason Beard at [jasonbeard@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonbeard@yahoo.com) or 201-725-7362.

The Califon 2017 Calendar:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event Chair</b>
Sun, Apr 9	1 PM	Easter Egg Hunt	Califon Island Park	Diane Haversang
Sat, May 6	8 AM – 4 PM	Spring Troutfest (CAMPA)	Califon Island Park	Ed Haversang
Mon, May 29	11 AM	Memorial Day Parade	Main Street and Califon Island Park	Amanda Altavilla / Ed Latus
June 24, July 8 & 22, Aug 12 & 26, Sep 9 & 23, Oct 14	9 AM -1 PM	Califon Farmer’s Market (CAMPS and CUMC)	Califon United Methodist Church	Kyle Cuperwich / Ed Latus
Mon-Fri July 10-14	9:30-11:30 AM	Califon Summer Fun Days	Califon Island Park	Alyssa Reaves
Fri, Sep 16	8 PM	Movie Night Under the Stars	Califon Island Park	TBD
Sun, Oct 8	1-5 PM	Califon Street Fair	Main Street	Jason Beard / Amanda Altavilla
Sat, Dec 2	3-5 PM	Christmas in Califon	Train Station & Main Street	TBD

### MEALS ON WHEELS- 2017 RAFFLE

Help fund and keep the vital programs that support our seniors. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon's "your Meal's on Us" 2017 Raffle fundraiser offers a chance to win Restaurant Gift Certificate! The cost of a single raffle ticket is \$20, and book of five tickets for \$100. Each raffle ticket purchased will provide approximately 4 meals to a homebound senior in Hunterdon County. The first prize is valued at \$1050 (\$350 Matt's Red Rooster Grill & \$250 Inn of the Hawke & \$250 The Tewksbury Inn & \$200 Frenchtown Inn); second prize is valued at \$400 (\$100 Jantina Bistro & \$100 Fox and Hound & \$100 Blue Fish Grill & \$100 Capuano) and the third prize is valued at \$250 (\$100 Mountain View chalet & \$100 Al Fresco's & \$50 Café Maria). Only 750 tickets will be sold! The drawing date is set for Thursday May 25, 2017 at 5pm. Raffle tickets will be available at all Meals on Wheels congregate site locations (4 Gauntt Place, Flemington; 3 Haytown Road, Lebanon; 25 South Main St, Lambertville) and at the agency's office at 5 Walter Foran Blvd., suite 2006, Flemington. For details call 908-284-0735, email [infor@mowih.org](mailto:infor@mowih.org) or visit our website [www.mowih.org](http://www.mowih.org). follow us on facebook; [mealsonwheelsinhunterdon](http://mealsonwheelsinhunterdon.com).

- Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon's mission is to assist the homebound elderly of Hunterdon County to maintain their independence by enhancing their nutritional health, thereby avoiding unwanted institutionalization. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc. is recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS under Section 501 © 3.

### CALIFON CENTENNIAL – HELP NEEDED!

As some of you may be aware, 2018 marks the 100th birthday of our beloved Borough of Califon and Califon School. To mark this momentous occasion, a committee is being formed to help plan and execute celebrations in 2018. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact Jason Beard at [jasonbeard@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonbeard@yahoo.com) or 201-725-7362. We expect to hold our first meeting in late April/early May.

### SPRING FLOWERS BRING HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Thinking Spring is the time you want to refresh the look of your property or home? Just remember when making improvements you first need to secure the requirement Permits.

It begins with a Zoning Permit for the commencement of a use, and the construction, reconstruction, alteration, conversion, installation of or addition to any structure of building including accessory structures, gates, fences and signs. If you have questions contact Zoning Officer William Skene at 908-832-7850 ext. 208 or [wskene@embarqmail.com](mailto:wskene@embarqmail.com). The Zoning Permit, Zoning

Map and Schedule of Area, Yard and Building Requirements can be found on the Municipal Web Site: [Califonboro.org](http://Califonboro.org).

After you complete and submit the Zoning Permit Application, along with \$25.00 fee [payable to Califon Borough], Zoning Officer Skene will review

and either approve or deny your request. If denied you will be advised what you can do to remedy the denial. Likely it will require a variance which would be approved by the Planning/Zoning Board. Following zoning and/or Planning Board clearance and approval, you or your contractor may proceed with



obtaining the required permits (building, electrical, plumbing, etc.) from the Tewksbury Twp. Building Department, 108 Fairmount Rd. W., Califon, N.J. 07830. The Building Inspector is Ralph Price and the Technical Assistant is Kelly Marookian; both can be reached at (908) 832-5552.

If it is determined that your Home is in the Historic District, you will be directed to make an Application to the Historic Preservation Commission. More to learn about the Historic Preservation Commission in the next edition of The Crier. Stay tuned!

For further information and/or questions, please contact the Planning/Zoning Board Secretary, Teri Lyons, at the Municipal Offices; (908) 832-7850 ext. 203 or at [tlyons@califonboro.net](mailto:tlyons@califonboro.net).

### PARENTS & CADETS NIGHT

Parents & Cadets Night" at the Rescue Squad on Thursday, May 11th at 7 pm. It's an opportunity to learn about the benefits for teens to volunteer as cadets with Califon Rescue. Food and drinks will be provided. Any interested teens or parents are welcome! Please feel free to contact the Squad with any questions: (908) 832-7410 or <http://www.califonems.org/>

The Califon Rescue Squad would like to thank Dig's Diesel Service for always providing help with maintaining the ambulance rigs. We greatly appreciate expert service and prompt help of Chuck Digney and his team who keep our ambulances running and in service!

### CALIFON RECREATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE 5TH ANNUAL CALIFON FUN DAYS!

Join us for our Fifth Annual Califon Fun Days from July 10- 14, 9:30-11 am, at Califon Island Park. Geared for ages 2-9, Califon Fun Days features a craft, activities and snack each day. There will be music, fishing, and much more! Parents need to stay for the duration of camp. Registration is required. To register, please contact Alyssa Reaves: 908-295-8923, [alyssareaves.77@gmail.com](mailto:alyssareaves.77@gmail.com). Deadline is Thursday, June 22nd. Please note - this event is free for Califon Borough residents only.

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**CALIFON HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE**

SAVE THE DATE! The Califon Historical Society's Spring Open House is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. The Open House will feature a new display of Califon artifacts plus two walking tours of Califon's Historic District leaving the train station at 12:00 and 2:00 pm. As part of the opening day celebration, the Society will offer reprints of "The Califon Story" for purchase. The book, written by Helen Haggerty Geist, includes information and stories about Califon's early history and what life in town was like. Questions, call Don at 832-2012.

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***Deadline for July/August submissions: Friday, June 16.***