



# Califon Crier

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## Volunteering and Community Involvement

*By Council members Joseph and Megan Riccio*

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” -Unknown

When we think of Califon it evokes a certain feeling or connotation. Perhaps all places do. Nonetheless, we like to think of Califon as special. Personally, Califon seemed like a haven, a bit insulated from the larger Hunterdon County, and certainly, the antithesis of what one might think of as typical New Jersey. But prior to making a commitment to be involved in some way, it was difficult to understand exactly where the personality of our Borough is born. We’ve come to realize that, in large part, the personality that is Califon, that feeling that is evoked daily, whether it be at a holiday parade, or just a regular work day, often begins as an individual effort. Of course, these passionate individuals often find like-minded individuals that form devoted groups; our fire and rescue squads, our school board, our borough hall. Once involved, it seems a better vantage point to understand that the charm of Califon really lies within its citizens, and through their volunteerism, interest and inspiration, Califon remains that quintessential small town.

While Califon benefits greatly from all who have dedicated their time and talents; we are always excited to welcome new volunteers on all town committees. Community representation at town council meetings is advantageous to gaining a better understanding of municipal operations and provides a great forum for open discussion about town matters that directly impact residents.

The sustainability of our town is contingent upon our volunteers. We encourage everyone, young and old, to consider making time for Califon, whether you choose to make a standing commitment to a committee or simply attend public meetings and share opinions and ideas. No contribution of time and talent is too small to go unnoticed.

Community involvement starts here: Visit the borough website to review the calendar of meetings and events.

### MUNICIPAL OFFICES

The Borough of Califon Council has determined that the Califon Municipal Offices will be closed every Friday for the summer months of June, July & August. Friday hours will resume in September. The Municipal Offices will be open Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Please note that, for your convenience, there is a drop box by the side of the back entrance to the Municipal Building for the deposit of any paperwork; ie: checks, applications, etc.

The Mayor and Council thank you for your cooperation. Mayor and Council have also made the following alteration to their summer Council meeting schedule:

Meeting scheduled for Monday July 3th- Cancelled.  
Meeting scheduled for Monday August 21st- Cancelled.  
Meeting scheduled for Monday September 4th-Cancelled.

### PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!

Since the beginning of spring, the municipal office has received several complaints from residents concerning dog waste left on their property from people walking their dogs and not picking up after them. With over 200 licensed dogs in this little one square mile town, we have a lot of four legged friends that need walking and owners need to be vigilant in picking up after their pets. We do have an Animal Control Ordinance which specifically addresses the requirement of owners to clean up after their dogs, specifically, 6.04.060- Animal Clean Up- Duty of Owner or Person in Charge.

Please be considerate this summer, and bring a bag with you when you walk your dog!!



**CALIFON SCHOOL: 3RD PLACE WINNERS  
AND INSTANT CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS  
AT DESTINATION IMAGINATION  
GLOBAL FINALS 2017**

The 17th annual Destination Imagination (DI) Global Finals, concluded on Saturday with teams from 17 countries across the globe – including Australia, Canada, China, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and the United States. The competition celebrates creativity through a series of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math), improvisational and service learning challenges. Thirty-eight teams representing New Jersey were part of the 1,470 top-scoring DI teams in attendance. More than 17,000 student participants and spectators attended the tournament, which took place at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. In addition to the DI Tournament, the scheduled festivities included interactive exhibits, pin trading, skills workshops, international events and more.

The middle school DI team from Califon School, The Unripe Bananas, competed in the Fine Arts Team Challenge called Vanished! This challenge required the team members to work together in a cooperative and collaborative manner to create a story and a skit about what life would be like if a color vanished from the earth. In order to perform the skit, the team needed to create original scenery, costumes, and props - they even wrote an original song that ended their skit.

The Califon School team placed third out of 86 middle school teams from around the world who also competed in the Fine Arts Team Challenge. The team members are sixth grader Noah Rodgers, seventh grader Ryan Firko, and eighth graders Catherine Jackson, Grace Medea, and Ava Rodgers who were proud to represent the Califon School community at this international competition. Although teams from Califon School have earned a spot to compete at DI Global Finals in the past, this is the first team to medal at this event.

Additionally, the team was awarded the title of Instant Challenge Champions (IC). Teams are given a challenge to complete in a limited amount of time. Teams are

assessed not only on the success of completing the task, but on their collaboration and creativity while problem solving. The Unripe Bananas earned the highest score on their Instant Challenge out of all 86 teams in their category.

The team would like to thank the Califon School Board of Education, the district's administration and teachers, Califon area merchants and professionals, and their family, friends, and neighbors who offered encouragement and financial support to help them make the trip to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where the Global Finals are held annually.

Destination Imagination is a non-profit, volunteer-led organization that fosters creativity, problem-solving, quick thinking, collaboration, innovation, teamwork, and 21st Century Skills. Since its founding in 1982, more than 1.5 million students have participated in this program.

**CALIFON BOOK SHOP**

It's summer fun time at the Califon Book Shop! Our book lovers nights will continue in July and August. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month from 5 PM. Join us for lively conversation sharing your thoughts on previously read or currently enjoyed titles. Story time will meet on the usual second Tuesday in July from 11 to 12 noon. In August story time will move to the third Tuesday, same meeting time. We will return to the second Tuesday time slot in September. Please come!

Every Thursday during July and August is craft day! Get out of the heat and create a treasure to take home. A new project will be available at the shop each week. Stop in anytime from 10 to 5 pm to complete your work of art before we close at 6 pm.

We stock the titles for area schools summer reading as well as great reads to take along on your summer vacation. Our market on the second floor is taking shape so check us out for the best in gifts created by local vendors. Watch for the grand opening date of the market in the fall.

Our summer hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 to 6 and Saturday from 10 to 4. We will be CLOSED from August 4 through 14, reopening on Tuesday August 15, 2017.

**TOOLS 4 SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Help Hundreds of Hunterdon Kids Be Better Prepared for School through United Way's Tools 4 School Program

Summer may have just started but United Way of Hunterdon County (UWHC) is already planning for back-to-school with its annual Tools 4 School supply drive. The program provides 1,300 school supply kits and/or backpacks to ensure all Hunterdon County students go back to school feeling confident and prepared.

United Way is asking individuals, companies, and organizations to participate in the drive by either donating school supplies or providing a monetary donation to support the program. Any amount of supplies or dollars donated will improve the life of a Hunterdon County student in need. Donations will be turned into basic school supply kits suitable for each student's grade level.

Supplies ranging from erasers and crayons to backpacks and scientific calculators are all in high demand.

The United Way will be hosting a special Stuff-the-Bus on Monday, Aug. 7, at the Community Volunteer Center, 20 Fulper Road in Flemington from 12-6 p.m. Drop off donations, have your picture taken and meet other volunteers and donors. Attendees can also sign up to help sort and distribute back packs. Stuff the Bus drop-off days also will be happening at shopping centers throughout August.

Consider partnering with United Way of Hunterdon County for this program. Community participation is what allows Tools 4 School to exist.

Contact Amy Andersen for details:  
amy@uwhunterdon.org or 908-237-1689.



### **THE CARNIVAL IS COMING TO TOWN!**

The Califon Fire Company will be holding its 97th Annual Firemen's Carnival from Monday, July 3rd thru Saturday, July 8th at the Firemen's Field behind the Borough Hall at 39 Academy Street in Califon. The Carnival has been held continuously since the Fire Company's founding in 1921 and is the major annual fund raiser for the Fire Company.

Monday July 3 and Thursday, July 6 will be bracelet nights featuring ride all night for one price. Fireworks displays are scheduled for Wednesday, July 5 and Friday, July 7.

Amusement rides and games of chance will once again be provided by Campy's Amusements. Three food stands manned by the Fire Company will feature hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage sandwiches, roast beef sandwiches, clams, funnel cakes, french fries, perogies and homemade clam chowder.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Company will be hosting a Kidde Corner stand offering face painting, sand art and glow items. They will also be running a game of chance booth offering grocery prizes to lucky winners. Also available at the carnival will be tickets for two raffles. Prizes

for one raffle are a Weber grill donated by Califon Lumber and a bicycle. The other raffle is the Fire Company's "Super Raffle" in which only 400 tickets are offered at \$100 each. 50% of the proceeds are paid out to winners and assuming all tickets are sold, the grand prize is \$10,000. The "Super Raffle" has sold out each year and we expect this year to sell out as well. The "Super Raffle" drawing will Friday July 19th.

Limited parking is available at the carnival grounds. On fireworks nights, parking will be available at the field behind the Rite Aid Store at the corner of Main Street and Route 513. Parking is free at the field although donations are accepted and a shuttle bus will be provided to and from the carnival grounds.

The Califon Fire Company, founded in 1921, is an independent non-profit organization providing fire and emergency services in Califon Borough, Tewksbury and Lebanon Townships. The Fire Company owns and maintains its own fire trucks, equipment and buildings. While annual donations are provided by Califon Borough and Tewksbury Township, 70% of Fire Company's income is obtained thru fund-raising activities such as the annual carnival. For further information about the Califon Fire Company, please contact Fire Chief Lloyd Tiger at 973-670-3176.

### **CALIFON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH UPCOMING HAPPENINGS:**

#### **FARMERS MARKET AT CALIFON UMC**

The Califon United Methodist Church and the Califon Area Merchants and Professionals Association (CAMPA) are once again excited to join together and co-sponsor the second season of the Califon Farmers Market to serve the Califon region. The market will take place this year on 8 Saturdays over the course of the summer into the fall starting June 24, operating 2 Saturdays per month: July 8, July 22, August 12, August 26, September 9, September 23, and ending Saturday, October 14. The market will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the lawn of the Califon United Methodist Church located at 15 River Road in Califon, and will feature fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade jams and jellies, spices, breads, flowers, plants and other sundries such as organic beauty products. For further information on the market, contact Steven Mitchell at 917-275-8145 or email califonfarmmarket@gmail.com.

#### **CALIFON UMC WELCOMES A NEW PASTOR**

As of July 1st, the Califon United Methodist Church has the pleasure of welcoming a new pastor, David Edwards. Please join us in welcoming David Edwards and his wife to Califon.

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS**

The Califon Train Station will be open on select nights during the Califon Firemen's Carnival. Stop by on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, June 5-7, from 8 - 10:00 pm to see our latest exhibits corresponding with the reprint of "The Califon Story." Copies of "The Califon Story" are available for \$20.00 with all proceeds benefiting the Society. Additional open Sundays are July 2 & 16 and August 6 & 20th.

## **TOWNWIDE TAG SALE** **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD**

Get Ready for the Annual Town Wide Tag Sale

The Califon First Aid Squad will once again be hosting the much-anticipated town wide tag sale! This year it will be on Saturday September 23rd. (rain date, Sun. Sept 24th) Mark your calendars and start organizing your "stuff" to sell to your friends and neighbors! This yearly sale benefits your local Califon First Aid Squad. A \$30 Donation to the Rescue Squad gets you a Tag Sale Sign for your lawn & your location marked on the map. Every year many friends, neighbors and garage sale shoppers attend this great event! This is a great way to clean out your closets/garage and support our First Aid Squad!

The Califon First Aid Squad was proud to serve as the EMS Standby Unit with ambulances, rescue vehicles and a cadet bike patrol on Sunday, June 11th at the 6th annual "Run Into Summer" 5k. We are always glad to be there for our community and provide participants with on site emergency medical support!

Also, please note that the Household Waste Pick Up will be scheduled for a date in September. The specific date will be announced sometime in August on the Borough's website ([califonboro.net](http://califonboro.net)) and Facebook.

## **5TH ANNUAL CALIFON STREET FAIR**

The 5th Annual Califon Street Fair is coming Oct 8, 2017. This year the Fair will feature live music from the Voodudes and Ghost Head, an open mic stage for aspiring performers, a Fire Company beer garden, craft and food vendors, community organizations, games and activities for kids, and much more. Each year the Fair has grown in size and popularity, and we hope to make this the best Fair, yet.

We are in need of volunteers to help make the Fair a success! The Street Fair is a great way to have fun, give back to your community, and be part of a growing tradition. If interested, please contact Jason Beard at 201-725-7362 or [jasonbeard@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonbeard@yahoo.com).

Sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses and organizations to support their community and receive valuable advertising exposure. If interested, please send an email to [califonstreetfair@gmail.com](mailto:califonstreetfair@gmail.com). Food and craft vendors and community organizations who would like to participate in the Fair should also contact [califonstreetfair@gmail.com](mailto:califonstreetfair@gmail.com) for registration info.

## **HUNTERDON COUNTY PRESENTS** **FREE PAPER SHREDDING**

When: Saturday September 9th – 9am – noon  
Saturday October 7th – 9 am – noon  
Saturday November 4th – 9 am – noon

Shredding by Indent-A-Shred at 71 Main St, Flemington- Behind the historic Court House.

Limit- 10 Banker Boxes per Hunterdon County resident.

Please go to [www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm](http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm) or call (08) 788-1214 for more information.

## **MANY THANKS FROM** **THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

The 16th Annual Califon Memorial Day Parade was a great success despite the rainy day! The Memorial Day Parade Committee Chairs, Amanda Altavilla and Ed Latus would like to thank all the participants and volunteers that helped to make the parade and the day's events so memorable.

Thanks to the Califon Fire Company for leading the parade, assisting with road closures, providing the fire hall for the ceremony, and for providing concessions.

With all the donations received for the Califon Car Stickers we were able to donate \$320 to Operation Chillout a Homeless Veterans Outreach Program based in Long Valley. Also a special thanks to Flowers by the River for their donation of the flower arrangement that was placed at the park after the ceremony.

Thank you to all who helped with this event including Brian Goad, Kieran Cusack, Mayor Daniel, Kyle Cuperwich, Councilman Gill Smith, Head of the Recreation Committee Jason Beard, Kim Belsky, Dave Bolles, and The Voorhees Key Club. A big thanks to this year's speaker Arnold Shapack a veteran of the US Navy for sharing his wise words. And to everyone who contributed to the day in one way or another, THANKS! It is your efforts that help to make Califon uniquely special!



## **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CALIFON CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

**To benefit the Califon Veterans Memorial**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 \* 9AM TO 2PM**

**(Rain Date: Sunday September 10th)**

**Registration starts at 7:30 AM**

**New Show Location: Califon Island Park, Bank St, Califon, NJ**

**New! Vendor 10' X 10' Vendor Space Available-\$25.00**

**Music by DJ Dug \* Food & Refreshments\* T shirts- \$15**

**Free T-Shirt to first 50 Pre-Registrations**

**Multiple Classes/Trophies \* Winners Announced at 1 PM**

**Contact Bruce Morrow- 47 Academy St., Califon, NJ 07830/862-219-2911 or  
908-832-0418**

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**Pre-Registration \$15**

**Day of Show \$20**

**Make check payable to "F.O.C.I.P." 47 Academy St., Califon, NJ 07830**

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**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**FOCIP (Friends of Califon Island Park) is  
NOT Responsible for Damage or Injuries**

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***Deadline for September/October submissions: Friday, August 18.***