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2017 – Assessing the Past, Planning the Future

By Mayor Charles Daniel

During this time of the year I assess and evaluate the events of the past year in order to better prepare and plan for the New Year. Reviewing the events of 2017, I have many reasons to be thankful, particularly for the Califon citizens that have volunteered their time and energy creating a vibrant and active community. These citizens include:

- The Califon Borough Council – Meg Riccio, Gill Smith, Mike Medea, Leo Janus, Steve Stanaback and Joe Riccio – for their commitment and perseverance throughout the year. I am very fortunate to have a Council that respects each other and works cohesively together. Special thanks to Meg and Gill, who are leaving the Council, and a wholehearted welcome to Rich Bagstrom and Ed Haversang, our newest Council members.
- Council President Gill Smith – Gill, who has served on Council for the past 19 years, is retiring from his post. Over the past years, Gill has been the organizer of the Memorial Day Celebration, a Califon tradition. Gill has also been the ‘councilman behind the scenes’, hanging the wreaths along Main Street and banners on the bridge, as well as responding to public works issues. Gill voluntarily served as the ‘mayor’s backup’ for many years, as well as a true friend.
- 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 Teri Lyons – for running the ‘day to day’ activities of the Borough. Sometimes a ‘thankless’ job that goes unduly noticed.
- The Main Street Fair and organizer Jason Beard - Once again a major success that continues to expand in participation and attendance! Jason Beard and the Recreation Committee deserve sincere praise for their efforts!
- The Memorial Day coordination team and organizer Amanda Altavilla – This was Amanda’s first time as the lead coordinator for the Memorial Day Celebration. The Celebration was a complete success! Congratulations to Amanda and her support team for keeping this tradition a memorable experience.
- Our public safety team - the Califon Fire Company, the Califon First Aid Squad, Chief Jeff Almer and 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 and Clayton Huff - for keeping our children safe through all kinds of weather. Especially, for caring.

Of course, there are others, such as River Clean Up Day (Karen Mastro), Trout Fest (Ed Haversang) and the Antique Car Show (Bruce Morrow). 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.

FAREWELL

To all of my friends, neighbors, and customers, November 2017 marked a new milestone in my life and in the history of Pets, Pets, Pets. On the 21st I sold the store to Mary Phillips of Califon opening a new door into the next chapter of my life.

First and foremost, I want to thank you all for your friendship and patronage over all these years and to wish you all the best of everything down the road.

I hope you all will find some time to stop by the store and get to meet Mary, and give me the chance to say goodbye.

Again, thank you all, and please know that it has been a pleasure and honor to serve to you and your pets over all these years.

Eddie

COME VISIT "PETS PETS PETS"

"Pets Pets Pets" in Victorian Square has been sold to local resident, Mary Phillips, and is continuing the sale of fine pet food, accessories and supplies, established by Ed Varty over 40 years. Although certain Ed has forgotten more than she can learn in the short term, Mary hopes to provide the personalized, pleasant buying tradition that Ed had created.

Mary is delighted to be part of the Califon merchant community. She moved back into the area in 2015 after wandering away to NC and TX. She has been active since, volunteering for the annual Califon rabies clinic in January and as a member of the Califon Planning Board. She has also volunteered for the annual Califon Classic Car Show.

Visit "Pets Pets Pets" to see Ed before he retires in 1Q2018 and meet Mary. On Sunday's you might catch the new spokes dog, Maggie, in her new career. Like and follow us on facebook for event information and featured products. "Pets Pets Pets" offering pet food, supplies and accessories including Frozen Raw Diets, for Healthy Happy Pets. 438 Route 513, Califon, NJ 07830 info@petspetspets.com

"Pets Pets Pets" Supports the Califon January 13th Rabies Clinic

Vaccinate your pets and receive a 10% off Pets Bucks coupon! (1 per family)

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP 2018-2019

Califon Public School will be holding its annual Kindergarten "Round Up" on Friday, March 23, 2018 beginning at 2:30 p.m. Any child living in Califon Borough who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2018 is eligible for Kindergarten this upcoming school year.

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 PUBLIC SCHOOL

We held another successful Holiday Luncheon for our wonderful Seniors on Tuesday, December 5th! All who attended had a great time, as each received a small gift from our students in our Kids Care Club led by Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Behrens. As always, a big thank you goes out to the PTA for organizing and helping with this great event!

I wanted to be sure to take the time to thank our persevering crossing guards who have been helping keep our students safe as they cross the road over the past number of years. Thank you so much for the service you provide for our students Marlene Dudek and Clayton Huff! Our conferences were slightly earlier this year as we are now focusing on individual learning goals for each of our students. Teachers discussed these goals with the parents during each conference at the beginning of November and there will be a follow up in March.

During the first day of conferences, our middle school students participated in a fun Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activity. They designed "pumpkin boats" and after the design process, each group had a chance to race them! With the help of the Califon Fire Department, students raced their boats down the South Branch of the Raritan River by the park!

The students were all sure to thank the firemen for their kind assistance and thoughtfulness!

We like to consider Califon a "learning community", as we are all learning from each other on a daily basis. We have begun a strong push for after school enrichment clubs for the students and for community nights, in which the parents can participate in activities with their children during a few evenings throughout the school year. Please be sure to stop by the school for our annual TREP\$ marketplace on Friday, March 9th. Some of our students become young entrepreneurs and plan, make, and sell their very own products! There is so much more happening here, and you can get caught up by visiting our website, www.califonschool.org, from time to time. You can get "behind the scenes" information by reading the current and archived Principal's Corners under the Administration link.

This is my fifth year here as the principal of Califon Public School, and I just wanted to say that it truly is a special place with great students and awesome parents! I am thankful that I have been able to be a part of it, and I look forward to a bright, prosperous future!

Mr. Patton
Principal

SNOW MAY SOON BE FALLING.....

According to Borough ordinance the following rules will go into effect in the event of snow:

Owner(s) and/or tenant(s) of any property abutting public roads of the Borough shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks within 12 hours of daylight after the snow has fallen and accumulated.

Placing snow and or ice in the Borough or County roadways, whether paved or unpaved, is strictly prohibited. Whenever snow has covered Borough streets and an emergency exists, no vehicles can park on the streets until they have been plowed sufficiently. At that time, parking on the streets will resume so long as it does not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Violators of these rules may be subject to their cars being towed at the owner's expense.

Please make sure your house number and mailbox are clearly visible from the road to make it easier for first responders to find you in an emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation with these rules for the safety of all residents in the Borough.

INTERESTED IN JOINING A FIRE DEPARTMENT?

Califon Fire Co. is always looking for new volunteers of all ages! The **last Monday of every month is always a great time to stop by to talk** with some of the members and have the chance to fill out an application.

The Califon Fire Co. would like to remind all residents who utilize a wood stove during the winter months to inspect and clean your chimney to avoid the chance of a chimney fire due to build up.

CALIFON VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Califon Veterans Memorial is located on the Califon Island Park. It is to honor our service men and women that have been in any branch of the military service.

There are few ways to support the Califon Veterans Memorial. If you were or a member of your family was in a war, a brick can be purchased with their

name, branch of service and year in service. We also have something new we are offering, a sponsorship brick either as an individual or a family. They will be located in the walkway between the pavilion to the memorial circle.

We have also scheduled the 3rd Annual Califon Classic Car Show to be held this year at the Califon Island Park centered around the memorial on Saturday September 8, 2018.

All proceeds from the bricks and car show are going to install a flag pole for each branch of the service.

For a brick application or car show entry, please call 908-832-0418 or 862-219-2911, or email at califoncarshow@gmail.com

THINKING ABOUT HOME IMPROVEMENTS?

Are you thinking of refreshing the look of your property or home? Just remember when making improvements you first need to secure the required permits.

The first thing you will need to do is obtain a zoning permit. A zoning permit is necessary for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, conversion, installation of or addition to any structure of a building including accessory structures, gates, fences and signs. If you are not sure if you need a zoning permit or have any questions, please contact our Zoning Officer, William Skene at 908-832-7850 ext. 208 or wskene@califonboro.net. The Zoning Permit, Zoning Map, Schedule of Area, Yard and Building Requirements can be found on the Municipal Web Site: califonboro.net or at the Municipal Offices; 908-832-7850 ext. 203.

Once Bill receives the zoning permit application he will first check to determine if your home is in the designated Historic District. If it is, you will be directed to make an application to the Historic Preservation Commission. All homeowners that reside in the Historic District will be receiving a letter advising the same in January of 2018.

If your home is not in the Historic District, the Zoning Officer will review your application and either approve or deny your request. If denied, you will be advised on what you can do to remedy the denial. Likely it will require a variance which would be reviewed by the Planning / Zoning Board. Once the permit is approved, you or your contractor will then proceed with obtaining the required permits from the Construction Code office at : 108 Fairmount Rd. W., Califon, NJ 07830. Their office can be reached at: 908-832-5552.

ANTI-HATE RESOLUTION

On December 4th Califon Borough Town Council joined Flemington Borough Town Council when it passed an Anti-Hate resolution in response to events that have occurred around our country and in Hunterdon County. For those who call Califon home, we always hope that our community is a warm inviting place for our residents and visitors alike. To that end, standing in unity against hate and behaviors that exhibit hate reinforces that message. Passing the resolution was the first step forward in joining a county-wide effort to bring awareness and education regarding these issues to our community. One way to do this is by forming a small group of residents who would like to work together with organizations in our county in order to more effectively carry out this resolution. In order to fully embrace the resolution this group would partner with other groups in our county to become more educated about issues of hate, to form relationships with communities who have been targets of hate, and to bring the fruits of those efforts back to our community here in Califon. If you would like to join in this effort please e-mail Kim Rodgers at chadandkimrodgers@gmail.com.

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

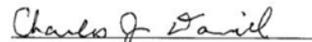
**RESOLUTION 2017-97
ANTI-HATE**

WHEREAS, historically, harassment, hate-based violence, violent crimes and other hate-motivated incidences have recently increased across the United States. The messages fueling violence across our country are those of anger, hatred and bigotry that stand in stark contrast to the values we hold dear here in the Borough of Califon in Hunterdon County; and

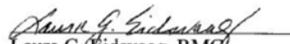
WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon supports and protects all its residents, no matter their ETHNICITY, RACE, BELIEFS, RELIGION, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, ABILITY OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION and our IMMIGRANT community, which we value and stands united with all its residents in condemning hate in all its forms and stands united with its residents in condemning institutional racism and hate in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, We, in the Borough of Califon, believe in the words on which our Nation was built: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Califon Borough Council in Hunterdon County rejects the message of all hate groups, renounces their views, strongly condemns hate in all its forms and stands with all residents, regardless of their ETHNICITY, RACE, BELIEFS, RELIGION, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, ABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND IMMIGRATION STATUS. We affirm that behaviors that spew hate and incite violence have no place in the Borough of Califon or in Hunterdon County, the State of New Jersey or in America. The Borough of Califon council commits to ensuring that Hunterdon County remains a place of goodwill and inclusion where hate, abuse of power and symbols of bigotry will never be tolerated nor welcome.


Charles Daniel, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough of Califon Council at a regular meeting held on December 4, 2017.

(SEAL)


Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator



CALIFON'S ANNUAL FREE RABIES CLINIC

January 13, 2018
1:00 pm to 3 pm

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.

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 an 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!

**Note they can be dropped off in our drop box by the back door.

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 13th from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Califon Municipal Garage- 39 Academy St. Please follow directions of the Califon Jr. Firemen when entering the clinic site. ** If it is snowing or we had a storm the night before, call 832-7850 and listen for a message advising cancellation.

HUNTERDON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

If you or someone you know has served in the armed forces and they reside in Hunterdon County, they can obtain assistance through the Hunterdon County Veterans Services which is a division of the Hunterdon County Department of Human Services. Veterans Services will provide community resources and outreach to individuals who have served in the armed forces as well as their families. Coordinating services for Veterans and their loved ones involves expressing a need for a service, identifying a resource to fill that need and ensuring an effective delivery of services to each Veteran.

For assistance please call Caitlin Koether, Veteran Service Officer; 908-806-4179.

UNITED WAY OF HUNTERDON COUNTY'S FREE TAX PROGRAM

HELPS YOU KEEP MORE OF YOUR HARD-EARNED INCOME

United Way of Hunterdon County (UWHC)'s free income tax program (VITA), has IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers ready to assist you with your tax returns. During last year's tax season, these volunteers helped secure almost \$1.8 million in federal and state refunds.

If you are interested in getting your taxes done for free call 2-1-1, or 877-652-1148, and schedule a VITA appointment with UWHC today. VITA sites are located throughout Hunterdon County. You can also schedule an appointment online now and learn about our new Drop-n-Go Valet Tax Service – they'll do your taxes while you're doing something else! Visit <http://www.uwhunterdon.org/volunteer-income-tax-assistance-vita> to learn more or <http://www.uwhunterdon.org/schedule-my-tax-appointment> to schedule an appointment starting Feb. 1, 2018.

Clients with severe disability/mobility issues and unable to leave their home should call United Way of Hunterdon County directly to speak to the VITA Program Coordinator or VITA Volunteer at 908-237-1689. You will be asked if there is a representative (family or close friend) that can drop off paperwork on your behalf. If not, our organization will determine the best way to serve you and ensure your taxes will be done in a timely manner.

Seniors are reminded to bring their Property Tax Reimbursement applications (blue books) with them if they would like assistance in completing them. Free tax prep services are available at a number of locations throughout the county, including the Senior Center on Gauntt Place and the United Way Commu-

nity Volunteer Center on Fulper Road in Flemington.

Self-facilitated, free online tax preparation is once again available for BOTH federal and state returns. Go to myfreetaxes.com and you have access to a volunteer preparer if you need assistance in filing your return. A nominal fee may apply for household incomes of more than \$64,000.

This IRS-certified service is available thanks to a unique partnership of United Way of Hunterdon County and the IRS. United Way of Hunterdon County is working to advance the common good by focusing on education, income, and health. These are the building blocks for a good life - a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health. Learn more at www.uwhunterdon.org.

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 Recreation Committee to the Parks Committee, there is something available for everyone to lend a hand.

The Environmental Commission is looking for members and a secretary.

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 and the secretarial position.

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

FIREMANS BREAKFAST!

Come on down to the Califon Fire Company for breakfast on the first Sunday of every month. We will be serving up all you can eat; eggs, pancakes, sausage, toast, coffee and tea from 7 am to 11:30 am.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Curbside Christmas Tree Pick – Up to take place on **MONDAY JANUARY 15, 2018.**

Please have all trees out at curbside by 6:00 am on **January 15th.**

The vendor is Peter Rubinetti - Private Disposal, LLC and trees will be recycled @ a certified recycling center.

Please remove all decorations from trees before placing curbside.

TREES only! No wreaths, garland or other holiday decorations.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

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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 March/April 2018 submissions: Wednesday, February 14.