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Pancake Breakfast

The Califon Fire Company's Pancake final breakfast until the fall will be held on June 2nd, from 7:00AM-11:00AM in Creamery Hall.

Little Libraries

As part of her Eagle Scout Project, Fiona Cusack, will be building and installing Little Free Libraries around Califon.

[Click here](#) for more info

Car Show

The 10th Annual All MOPAR Car Show will be held on Saturday, June 8th, from 9:00AM - 2:00PM at Califon Island Park.

[Click here](#) for more info

Food Pantry

The Social Ministry Food Pantry is available to all those in need at Saint John Neumann Catholic Church.

[Click here](#) for more info

Walking into Summer

I recently re-watched an episode of *The Twilight Zone* called *Walking Distance*. The episode revolves around Martin Sloan, an overworked advertising executive, who while waiting to get his car serviced, walks down the road to the town he grew up in nearly 25 years earlier. The town called Homewood, has a small town feel and very reminiscent of Califon.

In true *Twilight Zone* fashion, he soon realizes that he's traveled back to the past where he finds his 11 year old self. Martin quickly remembers that the summer he's witnessing was the best summer he had growing up. He tries to explain to his younger self that life gets harder and that he needs to cherish and enjoy this time while he can.

The theme Rod Serling uses in this episode, dealing with the pressures of adulthood and nostalgia, are themes used in several episodes, most notably in my favorite of the series, *A Stop at Willoughby*. As my wife and I raise our son here in Califon, these themes seem to resonate with me more and more as I become older.

When we first moved into Califon over six years ago, one of the first things I noticed was the amount of kids playing outside during the summer. Whether it be riding bikes, walking down Main Street to get lunch at Rambo's or fishing off the Califon Bridge, it was refreshing to see in a day and age where most kids would rather be inside on a device than outside. It truly reminded me of my summers growing up as a kid, being outside from morning to night.

As the weather warms up, school comes to an end and we head into summer, I encourage all the residents of Califon to find their inner Martin Sloan's this summer. Cherish those moments with your friends and family and enjoy the few months of beautiful warm weather we have. Take the time to get outside and enjoy the many things Califon and the surrounding area has to offer. We don't have the ability to go back in time but we do have the ability to make the most of the time we have this summer.

June Primaries

The primary election will take place on June 4th, 2024.

[Click here](#) for more info

Electronic Waste

Hunterdon County is holding an Electronic Waste Recycling event on June 22nd.

[Click here](#) for more info

Summer Fun Days

Califon Summer fun days are back this year from July 8th - 12 at 9:30AM - 11:00AM for children ages 3-6

[Click here](#) for more info and to sign up

Medicine Drop

Residents can drop off unwanted or expired medications as part of Project Medicine Drop.

[Click here](#) for more info

Clayton Huff Retires

Long time crossing guard Clayton Huff has retired. Many thanks for the years of keeping our children safe.

[Click here](#) for more info

June 2024 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

June 6th & June 20th

PARC

June 4th

Environmental Commission

June 11th

Historical Society

June 18th

Planning and Zoning Board

June 19th

July 2024 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

July 18th

PARC

July 2nd

Environmental Commission

No Meeting

Historical Society

July 16th

Planning and Zoning Board

July 17th

Historical Society

The Hoffman House & Cabin by the River will be open (alternately) on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month from 2:00 - 4:00 pm for the summer. Stop by to see newly donated items and learn about Califon's voting and political history. Questions, call 908-832-2012 (ask for Don).

Crier Submission

Have important information that Califon Residents should be aware of?

If you want to submit something for the next issue of The Crier please email your announcement to Jay Ruggiero at jruggiero@califonboro.net no later than July 29th for the August/September issue.

Town Subscription

Califon Borough will no longer be sending out notifications in the mail. All residents should subscribe to the borough website to receive future related notifications as well as important alerts of events happening in Califon.

[Click here](#) to sign up

Califon Island Park

Did you know you can reserve the Island Park Pavilion for your next outdoor gathering?

[Click here](#) on info how to reserve the park.



It is hard to believe the school year has come to a close. It seems September was just upon us and we had the whole school year ahead. Students returned to school in September with new backpacks, new sneakers and new enthusiasm. September quickly became October and Halloween rolled around. Then the holidays came with concerts and a Holiday luncheon with Santa. After a couple of mediocre snow falls and a lot of pre-spring rain, the final month of school came. Students became entrepreneurs in the TREP\$ program and performed in concerts, Creative Arts Night and the spring musical of Frozen Jr. which was fantastic! We finished off the school year with a Family Barn Dance, trips to the Columbia Trail, New York City and Washington, DC.



The school year was dedicated to hard work as teachers personalized instruction to our students. Students were recognized for their academic achievement both in the county and on a state level. Students were also recognized for their achievements at the annual Califon School Academic Achievement Awards ceremony. In June, the middle school students participated in the Science Fair where they shared their amazing research. Students achieved their best and continued to grow throughout the year both academically and emotionally. Our Social Emotional Learning initiative provided both Professional Development to staff and learning opportunities to our students. Developing the climate and culture of the school while developing the whole child is part of the Califon School vision.

The school year will conclude with Field Day and the annual Wet Down by the Califon Fire Department. (Thank you!) Graduation takes place for 3 groups of students in June. The PK class will graduate 8 students. Kindergarten will graduate 7 students and ride off in the fire truck to their homes! Our 8th grade class of 2024 will graduate 6 students this year.

We wish all of our students and their families a happy and healthy summer!

Thank you!

Dr. Michele Cone
Chief School Administrator