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Final Leaf Pick Up

The final leaf pick up will be December 4th.

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Pancake Breakfast

The Califon Fire Company's Pancake Breakfast with Santa will be Sunday, December 1st, from 7:00AM-11:00AM in Creamery Hall. The January breakfast will be on the 5th.

Tree Lighting

The Annual Califon Christmas Tree Lighting will be Sunday, December 8th.

[Click here](#) for more info

Menorah Lighting

The Second Annual Califon Menorah Lighting will be December 30th at 6:30PM.

[Click here](#) for more info

Dog License

All dog owners must register their dogs by January 31st, 2025.

[Click here](#) for more info

The Holiday Season Comes To Califon

As I'm writing this month's article I'm watching the first snow of the season in Califon. It's a sign that not only are we heading into the winter season but also that the Holidays are once again upon us. Every year the time seems to go faster and faster and I always have the same thought "I can't believe the Holidays are here already!"



We are all fortunate to live in a town that has several annual Holiday events going on that residents can take part in, all which begin over the next few days.

It all begins on Sunday, December 1st with the Califon Fire Company's Pancake Breakfast with Santa. There's not better way to kick off the Holiday season with the best pancakes in Califon and the chance to have your little ones meet Old St. Nick himself.

On December 8th the Borough will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the Califon Commons. This year's event will include not only the tree lighting but also include the arrival of Santa by the Califon Fire Company, hot chocolate, s'mores and more! The event begins at 4:00PM.

On December 1st and 8th the Califon Historical Society will be hosting their open houses at the Cabin By The River and Hoffman House. Both properties will be decorated for the holidays with old-time toys & games, antique trains and holiday memorabilia. This is a perfect chance to take a photo with Mr. & Mrs. Claus on an original D.K. Appgar "cutter" sleigh.

Finally, on December 30th, the 2nd Annual Califon Menorah Lighting will take place at The Califon Commons at 6:30PM. Enjoy latkes, doughnuts, kids crafts, songs, and more at this wonderful event open to everyone in Califon and surrounding communities.

We all know how quickly this time of year can become overwhelming and stressful, but hopefully you can take sometime to enjoy these great events the Borough has planned.

The Borough wants to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday season and a Happy New Year! I hope you get to spend time with family and friends and reflect on all we have to be thankful for.

Crossing Guard

The borough is in need of a substitute crossing guard.

[Click here](#) for more info.

Rabies Clinic

The Califon Board of Health is hosting a free rabies clinic on Saturday January 4th from 1:00PM - 3:00PM

[Click here](#) for more info.

Toys For Tots

The Toys For Tots donation boxes are currently in various places throughout Califon.

Califon Staff Changes

There are exciting staff changes happening to the Borough of Califon as we head into 2025.

[Click here](#) for more info.

Farewell To Barbara

Califon Borough says farewell to Barbara Thomas. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the best on her next journey.

[Click here](#) for more info

December 2024 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

December 5th & 19th

Environmental Commission

No meeting

Parks and Rec Committee

December 3rd

Historical Society

December 19th

Planning and Zoning Board

December 18th

January 2025 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

January 2nd

Board of Health

January 8th

Environmental Commission

January 14th

Parks and Rec Committee

January 7th

Planning and Zoning Board

January 15th (Reorganization)

Historical Society

The Califon Historical Society is having their Holiday open houses on December 1st and December 8th from 1:00PM till 4:00PM at the Cabin By The River and Hoffman House. You can also take a photo with Mr. And Mrs. Claus on an original D.K. Apgar “cutter” sleigh.

[Click here](#) for more info.

Methodist Church

The Califon Methodist Church has several events happening in December including the Live Nativity on the 14th from 4:00PM - 6:00PM.

[Click here](#) for more info.

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 January 27th for the February/March issue.

Town Subscription

You can sign up for town alerts to be emailed important town information.

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Califon School students continue to showcase their diverse talents and interests across multiple areas. Students excel academically while also participating in sports, music programs, student leadership, and community service activities. The school community is characterized by a remarkable spirit of kindness and mutual respect, with visiting adults frequently commenting on the positive atmosphere.

The school's holiday traditions are a highlight of the year, beginning with the Annual PTA Holiday Luncheon. This beloved event brings together students, staff, and local seniors for a special meal, complete with a visit from Santa and a performance by the Califon School Chorus. The PTA and parent volunteers are recognized for their incredible dedication in organizing this and other school activities. Another popular event is the Make It-Take It program, where parents accompany children to create holiday gifts and ornaments.



The mid-December holiday concert is another anticipated event, featuring performances by students from PK through 5th grade, including both chorus and band. These musical groups showcase selections they have been practicing throughout the marking period.

Sports play a significant role in the school's extracurricular life, with basketball season running from December through March. Both boys' and girls' teams are coached by dedicated staff members: Coach Bruton and Coach Downey lead the boys' team, while Coach DeMarco heads the girls' team. The school looks forward to the playoff season, where the community's true spirit shines brightest.

In November, students in grades 4-8 participated in the TREP\$ program, an entrepreneurship initiative organized by Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Medea. Mayor Daniel was on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony which the students enjoyed very much! Through this program, students learned valuable business skills, developing business plans and creating products to sell at the Marketplace. The diverse range of items included food products, handmade soaps and lotions, snowcones, and various other creative offerings, demonstrating the students' innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.

Wishing the Califon Community a wonderful holiday season!

Dr. Cone