

CALIFON CRIER

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Pancake Breakfast

The Califon Fire Company's Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 4th, from 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM in Creamery Hall.

Stream Clean Up

Raritan Headwaters will be hosting their annual stream clean up on Saturday April 12th.

[Click here](#) for more info

Trout Fest 2025

The 2025 Trout Fest will be taking place on Saturday, April 12th from 12:00PM - 4:00PM at Califon Island Park.

[Click here](#) for more info

Annual Egg Hunt

The Califon Annual Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 12th at 2PM at Califon Island Park.

[Click here](#) for more info

Trout Fest 2025!

Come join the celebration of spring and all things fly fishing at Trout Fest 2025 at Califon Island Park on Saturday, April 12th (rain date Sunday, April 13th)!

Enjoy live music, a beer garden, food trucks, fly casting demonstrations, kids' activities and many quality local vendors. Local Trout Unlimited chapters will be in attendance as well as representatives from Douglas Outdoors and Guideline who will be showcasing and demonstrating their best equipment. New this year is the Annual Easter egg hunt, organized by Califon Recreation for kids ages 2-12!



2025 Califon Trout Fest

Enjoy an afternoon celebrating spring and fly fishing complete with local artisan vendors, live music, a beer garden and food trucks, kids' activities and instructional events throughout the day.

April 12th
Rain Date: April 13th

12 - 4 pm
Califon Island Park
Califon, NJ

NEW THIS YEAR

Easter Egg Hunt
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm
For Kids ages 2-12

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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Thanks to our sponsors for helping make this event a success: Califon Lumber, Peapack Private, Staiano's Furniture, Califon Animal Hospital, Riamede Farm, Freeman Motors and Wild Hill Flowers. We also thank the Fox family for donating in memory of their loved one Anthony Assini.

Trout Fest is produced by South Branch Outfitters on Main Street, owned by Califon residents, Lindsey & Abraham Beates.

Califon Cruisers

Wednesday Night Cruise Night hosted by the Califon Cruisers is back from April 23rd till October 22nd.

[Click here](#) for more info

Brush Pick Up

The curbside brush pick up will be May 12th.

[Click here](#) for more info and guidelines for the pick up.

Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service will be held on Monday May 26th.

[Click here](#) for more info

Crossing Guard Needed

Califon is in need of a crossing guard for both the morning and afternoon shifts.

[Click here](#) for more info and how to apply.

POLICE INFO

Washington Township Police Department continues to service Califon Borough.

In February they responded to 1,007 calls in Califon and in March they responded to 911 calls and initiated 52 car stops.

[Click here](#) for more info

April 2025 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

April 1st & April 15th

Environmental Commission

No April Meeting

PARC

April 8th

Historical Society

April 15th

Planning and Zoning Board

April 30th

May 2025 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

May 16th & May 20th

Environmental Commission

May 13th

PARC

May 14th

Historical Society

May 19th

Planning and Zoning Board

May 21st

Historical Society

The Historical Society's 2025 season begins on Sunday, May 4th, with a free walking tour of downtown Califon. Both the Hoffman House & Cabin by the River (51 River Road in Califon) will be open from 2:00 - 4:00 pm with new displays relating to the peach basket factory once located on Center Street. The walking tour begins at 2:00 pm, leaving from the Cabin, with stops at approx.10 historic sites. The House & Cabin will also be open alternately on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.

Questions call, 908-832-2012.

St. John Neuman

St. John Neuman invites all residents to celebrate the Easter Season with them.

[Click here](#) to see the full schedule of events.

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 May 27th for the June/July issue.



Califon School has been bustling with activity this spring, offering students numerous opportunities to engage with literature, music, and the performing arts.

In March, the school commemorated Read Across America Week with a variety of reading-centered activities. Students welcomed special Guest Readers, including a memorable visit from the Cat in the Hat! The annual decorated door contest saw classrooms transformed with themes from beloved Dr. Seuss books, with students across all grade levels receiving recognition for their creativity and artistic expression.



On March 10, 2025, Califon students demonstrated their diverse talents at the annual Creative Arts Night & Talent Show. The event showcased impressive writing samples and artistic creations from students in Pre-K through 8th grade, with displays throughout the school for families and friends to admire. The Talent Show portion featured an array of performances, from dance and vocal acts to fascinating science experiments that captivated the audience.

April brought musical performances from the younger students, with Pre-K through 5th graders participating in the spring concert. Under the direction of Mrs. Ippolito, the school's music teacher, students showcased their musical abilities for an appreciative audience of parents, family members, and staff.

The school community is eagerly anticipating the spring drama production of "The Wizard of Oz," featuring students in grades 4-8. Performances are scheduled for June 3 and June 4. Those interested in attending can contact the main office for ticket information and will undoubtedly be impressed by the talented Califon students.

Califon School is preparing for Kindergarten Round Up for children registered for the 2025-2026 school year. Families with eligible children who haven't yet registered are encouraged to contact the main office at 908-832-2828 for registration information.

Happy Spring!

Dr. Michele Cone
Chief School Administrator