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BRAVO! WE'RE A GREAT COMMUNITY

By Councilwoman Kathleen DeBlasio

As a shop owner in beautiful downtown Califon, (eventually, when the construction is completed!), I have had the privilege of meeting many local residents and always brag to visitors how lucky we are to live here.

No place is perfect of course, but the residents of Califon are generally hard working, optimistic people that care a lot about our town and their neighbors.

We have become a young community. Clarke and I have seen the change from when we first moved here 27 years ago. We were the young outsiders, now we're the old guard... but the feeling of community has always been present over these years. The Califon Fire Department and the Califon School are like the beating heart of Califon and they often help bring our community together. I would be remiss not to mention the crew at Borough Hall. They work hard making tough decisions and take a lot of slack. There will always be ups and downs; it is human nature, but somehow there is an ebb and flow to our little community that just works.

The last few months we have been experiencing major construction on Main Street and none of us like it; but, because we are resilient, we will make it work. Let's keep on being positive and realize that this is all being done to help make our community a better place to live and work.

I've been telling folks that my shop is busier than ever and I don't understand it, but that's just it; nothing stops our people from getting our mission accomplished! We carry on. Bravo to us all!

2015 LEAF COLLECTION

Califon will, once again, be sponsoring a Boro-wide curbside pickup of leaves on the following **SATURDAYS:**

**November 21st, November 28th, December 5th and
December 12th**

The contracted vendor for leaf pickup is Peter Rubinetti Private Disposal, LLC.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable paper bags only!

Residents can purchase paper bags at our local hardware store, Califon Lumber, or at any major hardware store. Please place bagged leaves on or near the curb, **NOT IN THE STREET**. We do encourage residents to compost their leaves, if there is space available to do so. Composted leaves make rich soil for use on next year's garden and on the beds around your property.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP DAY

When: Saturday, November 14, 2015 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Where: Hunterdon County Rt. 12 Complex – 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington

For further information call (908) 788-1110 or email: swsr@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Flyers available at Municipal Building 39 Academy St., Califon, N.J. 07830

DOG LICENSE DUE JANUARY!

All licenses need to be renewed every year in January. Applications are available on our website: www.califonboro.net, at the Municipal Offices and the Jan/ Feb Crier will also have a "cut-out" license application. Any questions please contact Karen Mastro @ 832-7850 ext. 204.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Polling place for the General Election is the Califon Municipal Building at 39 Academy St., Califon, NJ 07830. Polls open at 6:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

Vote by Mail is an option for those who cannot make it to the polling place on the 3rd. Applications for a Mail-in ballot are available at the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office and the County Board of Elections in Flemington and at the Califon Municipal Building.

Please note the following important election dates:
Saturday, October 31, 2015: County Clerk's Office is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to vote in person by Mail-In Ballot for General Election

Monday, November 2, 2015: 3:00 pm deadline to apply at the County Clerk's Office in person for a Mail-In Ballot for the General Election.

Both the Hunterdon County Clerk's Office and the Hunterdon County Board of Elections are located at 71 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822.

www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm
www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/depts/elect/electbd.htm

For questions regarding voting, mail-in ballots, etc., please call the Municipal Offices at (908) 832-7850 ext. 201 or 204; the County Clerk's office at (908) 788-1214 or the County Board of Elections at (908) 788-1190.

PLEASE VOTE! YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!

2016 RABIES CLINIC

The Califon Board of Health will be sponsoring a FREE Rabies Clinic on Saturday January 9th 2016 from 1pm to 3pm at the Califon Municipal garage bays, 39 Academy St, Califon. Snow day will be Saturday January 16th.

For rabies control purposes the NJ Dept of Health and Senior Services recognizes the following durations of immunity for dogs and cats vaccinated with three year rabies vaccine.

If your dog or cat is receiving its first vaccination then the rabies vaccine is good for one year.

Please note your animal is not fully immunized against rabies until 28 days after the rabies vaccine has been administered.

Please keep your pet indoors until this 28 day period has expired.

After your pet has received the initial rabies vaccine, then next vaccination is good for three years.

** Your dog must have a current rabies vaccination in order to be licensed in ANY municipality in NJ.

CALIFON CRIER

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Deadline for January/February submissions: Wednesday, December 9.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Join your neighbors on Saturday Dec 5 at 3 PM at the Califon Train Station to welcome the Christmas holidays at our annual Christmas Tree lighting and festivities. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand starting at 3 PM to greet the children, followed by caroling up Main Street at 4:30, and culminating with refreshments and cheer at Califon Lumber. Many Main Street businesses will be open to kick off the holiday shopping season. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served at the Train Station during Santa's visit, and we'll also have ornament-making activities for the kids. Come out and enjoy a great evening with your friends and neighbors and celebrate this great Califon tradition.

If you miss Santa on Saturday, come on down to the Fireman's breakfast on Sunday December 6th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and have your picture taken with him!

CALIFON SCHOOL PTA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015, 11:30AM.

Seniors, mark your calendars for Califon School PTA's Annual Holiday Luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, starting at 11:30am in the Califon School All-Purpose room. Califon Seniors are invited to join students and staff (and maybe even a special guest from the North Pole) for a buffet-style hot luncheon featuring spiral-cut ham and hot side dishes, dessert, and coffee, courtesy of the Califon School PTA. This is a wonderful Califon School tradition which brings the school and community together to share in some holiday cheer. If you are or know of a Califon Senior and would like to be added to our distribution list, please e-mail or call Rita Lemley at c.lemley61@comcast.net or [908-832-7903](tel:908-832-7903) by November 20. We look forward to seeing you there!

SANTA TO DELIVER GIFTS TO CALIFON CHILDREN!

The Califon Fire Company will be working with Santa Claus again this year to deliver gifts to children on December 15th and 22nd. For a \$25.00 donation, Santa Claus will arrive at your doorstep on a fire truck to deliver a Christmas gift to your child. Sign up forms are available at the Municipal offices and on the town website: www.califonboro.net. Any questions, please call Beth @ 908-398-7351.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CALIFON TRAIN STATION!

Please join the Califon Historical Society for our Christmas at the Station display featuring antique toys and trains from local families past and present beginning Sunday, November 15th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. We will also hold a special twilight opening on Sunday, November 22nd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Come enjoy the festivities, holiday music and baked goodies! We have Califon Pottery, Christmas Cards and cut out Wooden Blocks of historical buildings available for your holiday shopping. Additional open dates include: Sunday, Dec. 6th from noon until 4:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 13th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Califon Fire Company will be picking up Christmas trees to use in their Winterfest Bonfire.

Please have your retired trees curbside by Saturday January 16th. Make sure everything is cleaned off of your tree please!

WINTERFEST BONFIRE

The Califon Fire Company will once again be hosting a Winterfest Bonfire on Saturday January 30th at the Fire Company fair grounds.

CALIFON ALUMNI WALL OF FAME

I am pleased to announce that we will be recognizing outstanding Califon Alumni who are currently attending Voorhees High School! We have set aside an area in the hallway to display various students who were promoted from Califon Public School to Voorhees High School. These particular students have proven their success by their demonstration of hard work, perseverance, and positive character. If you would like to nominate a student, please visit the Califon

School's website, www.califonschool.org, for the nomination form and return to Mrs. Dyer at the Califon School main office. You can also contact her at 908-832-2828 ext. 211 or sdyer@califonschool.org. IF the nominated student is chosen, we will reach out to the student's family in order to secure a picture for display.

Sincerely,
Daniel Patton
Principal

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Did you know that Califon School participates in Box Tops for Education? Clipping box tops is an easy way for you to help our little school earn Big Cash!



Simply clip your pink box tops from products such as Progresso Soup labels, Kleenex tissue boxes, Ziploc storage bags and hundreds of other products, and drop them off at the Califon Municipal Building. A Collection Box is in the lobby. Please ensure that the Box Tops you submit have been neatly trimmed have a visible expiration date and that it is not expired. Each Box Top submitted is worth 10 cents and all money earned goes directly to our PTA. Since Califon School began the Box Top program, we have raised over \$8,500.00 which has helped fund assemblies, fun activities, and other PTA sponsored programs and events. This school year our school's goal is to clip 10,000 Box Tops which will earn the school \$1,000.

For more information visit www.BTFE.com. Become a member and receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and learn about extra ways for our school to earn. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl.Suydam@gmail.com, Califon School's Box Tops Coordinator.

Thanks for your help in making this program a huge success!

ANDERSON HOUSE THROWS A PARTY AT THE RYLAND INN

Whitehouse Station – Anderson House is having a party! Enjoy the unmatched cuisine and setting of the Ryland Inn and the cool sounds of the Riverside Jazz and Dance Band featuring vocalist Emmitt Harris on November 5, 2015 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm. On this special evening, Anderson House will honor steadfast supporter, longtime friend and Califon resident, John Martineau.

Mr. Martineau has served as a member of the Anderson House golf committee and major sponsor through his company, Insurance Compliance Agency, for all 17 years the fundraiser has been held. The Anderson House Golf Outing has raised over half a million dollars for Anderson House, a halfway house for women recovering from alcohol and drug addiction and their co-occurring disorders. Mr. Martineau has inspired others to support the work of Anderson House, including his son, Michael, also a member of the golf outing committee.

The evening will also feature live music, a fabulous auction, cigar lounge, wine pull, and cash bar. Tickets are \$150 per person. Sponsorship packages are available and offer some party perks like reserved seating, guest tickets, pre-event publicity, signage, and recognition at the event. For registration details go to www.andersonhouse.org, call 908-534-5818 ext.210 or email events@andersonhouse.org.

Anderson House is a nonprofit halfway house for women recovering from alcoholism and drug addiction located in the Whitehouse Station section of Readington Township. Since opening its doors 20 years ago, Anderson House has given over 800 New Jersey women in early recovery, the time, care and guidance they need to restore meaningful relationships with their families, become self-sufficient, contributing members of our communities and loving mothers to their children. On July 1, 2014, Anderson House merged with Turning Point, Inc. Together, the organizations provide a full continuum of care for recovering New Jersey residents,

including detox, residential treatment, and outpatient counseling. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Anderson House program.

CALIFON'S STREET FAIR A BIG SUCCESS

On October 4, the Borough of Califon hosted its third annual Autumn Street Fair, in conjunction with the Jon Slusher Memorial 5K and Califon Fire Company pancake breakfast. The day was a great success with beautiful weather and hundreds of patrons in attendance. The Fair featured over 20 community organizations, first responders, and local businesses, as well as games, family attractions, and entertainment from two bands and an "open mic" stage of local performers. It was a great day to showcase our unique and special Califon community.

An event like this requires extensive planning and coordination, which began in May 2015. One of the best parts about our Califon community is the dedication of volunteers who step up to support their town. I'd like to recognize and thank the following members of the 2015 Street Fair Planning Committee whose many hours of work made this event possible:

Leaders

Nina Tramutola (food and vendors guru)
Ed Latus (logistics, security, and hay!)
Susan Kibler (communications and PR mastermind)
Chris Keiser (logistics, security, signs, and good times)
Karen Cubberly (organizer of bands, games, and all-around fun stuff)

Supporting Cast

Mike Medea (Main St. construction liaison, logistics, and sage wisdom)
Gwenyth Medea (Rec committee junior volunteer organizer)
Kara Keiser (food, vendors, and general helpfulness)
Ed & Diane Haversang (vendor setup and helpful contacts)
Benji Beard (Rec committee junior volunteer)
Kim Belsky (the lady with the clipboard!)
Dave Bolles ("Mr. Open Mic")

Special thanks, as well, to Mayor Charlie Daniel, Laura Eidsvaag, Karen Mastro, Califon Borough Council, The Slusher Family, the Califon Fire Company, Stan Zajac (trailer donations), The Smith Family (popcorn donations), Califon Frame shop (electricity), Ram-bos (electricity and porch), Aegis Building Company (space), Mountainview Development (space), Acropolis (parking), Califon United Methodist Church (parking), Coughlin Funeral Home (parking), Melicks (haybale donation), Bourbon Street Liquors (beverage donation), Califon Rescue Squad, Washington Township Police, residents of Main Street, and all of the local community leaders, organizations, and businesses who helped to make the day a success.

If you are interested in being part of the Street Fair team for 2016, please contact Jason Beard at jasonbeard@yahoo.com.

Jason Beard, 2015 Street Fair Planning Chair

13TH ANNUAL GIVING FAIR

The Lower Valley Presbyterian Church is celebrating 13 years of giving! The Giving Fair (previously know as Alternative Gift Fair) will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the church's Parish Hall, 445 Country Road 513, Califon. Get an early start on your holiday shopping and find unique gifts that make a real difference in the lives of people in need. At the Giving Fair you make donations to non-profit organizations in honor of someone. With each donation, you receive a free custom gift card to present to the person you are honoring. Honor gifts are wonderful for teachers, relatives, business associates or people who "have everything." These "alternative" gifts are tax deductible, too. Eighteen different local, national and international aid organizations are featured, with at least one representative from each who can tell you

amazing stories about how donations are used. Displays will include interactive exhibits. **New this year: RAFFLE BASKETS to benefit Open Cupboard Food Pantry. Bring a canned good and get a free raffle ticket!** If you prefer to give tangible gifts, there will be beautiful beaded jewelry from Bead for Life, aiding the Ugandan women who make the items. Food available. If you are unable to attend, visit www.lowervalley.org for an order form or contact the church at 908-832-2933.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CALIFON UMC

Upcoming Sermon Series and Bible Study

Why Church?- Why come to church? What is the point? What makes the church? Whether you have never been to church or have been going to church your whole life, join us Sundays from November 1 till November 22 to discover what makes the church what it is and why it still matters.

LOVE Revealed- This Advent and Christmas season (November 29 -December 27), we discover the love that was shown through the birth of Jesus; a love that redeems, reconciles, transforms, and makes all things new. All are welcomed to journey with us as we look at the deeper meaning of Christmas.

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

Califon UMC offers the opportunity to go deeper into Scripture and into your relationship with God. Adult Bible study is going on weekly, and our Sunday School for youth up till 5th grade takes place during the second half of our 10 a.m. worship service (excluding the first Sunday of the month). Visit our website for more information.

Sunday Night Live Youth Gathering

Youth in grades 5-12 are invited to this event hosted by the Raritan Valley District Ministry with Young People team on Sunday, November 15 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Somerville YMCA. We begin with educational and spiritual devotions, have dinner, and then play dodge ball, volleyball, and basket ball and go swimming with youth from local churches. Bring \$4 for pizza, a drink/snack/dessert/fruit to share, and a bathing suit and towel for swimming. Please RSVP with Pastor Kyle by email califonumc@gmail.com or calling the church office at 908-832-2318. RSVP deadline is November 8th.

Harvest Breakfast: This year's Harvest Breakfast will be on Sunday, November 15th from 8-10 a.m. Join us for some breakfast, then stay and experience our time of worship and Sunday school.

Open Table Lunch: Our next free community lunch will take place on Saturday, December 5 from 12-2 in our fellowship hall. Come shop at Top O' the Barn Thrift Shop during their half-price sale, and stop by some food.

Cookie Walk: Our annual cookie walk will take place on Sunday, December 12 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (or until they're gone!). Stop by to pick up your cookies for the holidays.

Live Nativity: This year's Live Nativity will be taking place on Saturday, December 12 at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Come and see scene from the story of Jesus' birth come alive with music, actors and real animals. If you are interested in taking part in the nativity as an actor of a singer in our choir, please email califonumc@gmail.com or call 908-832-2318. Our next nativity planning meeting is November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in our fellowship hall.

Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons and Carols: Join us on December 24 at 5:30 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons and Carols. Come to this hear the retelling of Jesus' birth through the reading of Scripture, the singing of beloved Christmas carols, and Holy Communion. There will also be a special message for children. Come with your family as we celebrate once again God's love for us.

Visit our website, www.califonumc.org to hear recent sermons and discover everything going on at our church.