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The More Things Change, The More Things Stay The Same...

By Councilman Steven Stanaback

As to quote from a French critic from the 1800s. And while it may seem true more often than not, as always, we will have to see.

Some Things Do Seem to Change –

Just look at the wild weather that has occurred this year. Three major hurricanes almost one after another have hit the US in the past two months. The US Weather Service had to add a new color to their maps to designate the amount of rainfall that fell during Harvey, as some parts of Houston saw over 60 inches of rain. Major devastation from Texas to Puerto Rico has occurred and as I write, we still have a month and a half of hurricane season to go. Move to the other side of the country and Californians were skiing in some mountain resorts up until August, as a record 510 inches of snow fell this season. But a dry summer and strong winds have created wildfires that stretch almost the entire length of California. Over 100,000 acres have burned and continue to grow. Believe what you will on climate change, but something is going on and we can only hope things will calm down going forward.

And Some Things Don't -

Having lived in Califon for nearly 30 years, 12 of which were on Academy Street, I'm sensitive to the issue of speeding in town. Two little kids and a dog on a busy street will do that. As a council member we have heard a number of requests this year from residents on Academy Street and Main Street asking for our assistance in getting motor vehicles to slow down coming through town. While it doesn't help that the center of town is at the bottom of a hill of these two streets, Council and Police Chief Almer from Washington Township have had discussions to figure out a way to get people to obey the speed limit. Although it may seem I'm preaching to the choir, it's just a gentle reminder that Main Street from the top of Route 512 to Route 513 is 25 MPH. Academy Street heading north is 30 MPH until you get to the train station where it drops to 25 MPH until it meets with Main Street. Maybe it isn't residents of Califon, but please keep in mind of our neighbors who live on these two streets. While this problem seems to have continued throughout the years, I'm hopeful we can find a way to make a change in the future.

But Some Things Change That We Wish Didn't -

Finally, some things change and unfortunately don't stay the same. After almost 18 years, Councilman Gill Smith will be leaving Borough Council. I speak for the Borough Council, the staff and professionals as well as members of our community in thanking him for his dedication and desire of making Califon a better place. During his time as a council member, Gill was Council President for as long as I can remember and oversaw various committees such as Recreation, Streets and Roads, Buildings and Grounds and was instrumental from the very beginning in putting together our annual Memorial Parade. And while he dedicated himself to Califon as a councilman, he also was a devoted leader of the local Boy Scout troop. As someone who I greatly truly respect both as a person and professionally as a councilman, willing to do what needed to be done unselfishly, he will be greatly missed on council and to the Borough of Califon. And while we all wish him well, I'm sure he will continue to be a part of the fabric of Califon one way or another.

Califon Firefighters Dominate a Local Challenge!

By Mayor Charles Daniel

Recently, I participated in a local firefighter's training exercise. Actually, it was more of a 'friendly and fun' challenge put forth by Mayor Bill Roehrich of Washington Township (Morris County), stating that Washington Township's volunteer fire company, along with Mayor Roehrich's participation, could defeat Califon's volunteer fire company, joined by me, in a 'barrel' competition.

The 'barrel fight', as it is known, is a rigorous training exercise and friendly competition between local volunteer fire companies. It involves the 'hosing' of an empty aluminum barrel tethered on a cable fastened between two telephone poles, approximately 25 feet in the air and 30 yards apart. The firefighters (in teams of 3) compete by pushing the barrel in opposing directions with the force of the water coming from the hose. The team that moves the barrel to the opposing team's telephone pole wins.

A few observations:

- The hose is heavy – the length of the hose, the water moving through it and the force at which the water leaves the hose can exhaust a person very quickly.
- It's dark and you can't see anything – the spray of the water into the air coming from both teams obstructs the view of the barrel, such that one has to rely on the sound of water hitting the empty barrel in order to aim correctly.
- It's dangerous – remember those movies where the firefighters lose their grip on the hose and the hose acts like an uncontrollable whip? It's true. The hose can seriously injure anyone in its path.

Califon's participating firefighters – Rich Bergmann, Mike Pennucci, Jack Murray, and A.J. Ader – destroyed the competition, winning every event. Congratulations!

I take away from this exercise a deeper respect and admiration for the dedication and hard work our volunteer firefighters put forth to serve Califon. It is your commitment that keeps our community safe.

And, because of their victory, Califon has earned local 'bragging' rights! Thanks guys!

2017 Street Fair A Big Success!

On October 8, the Borough of Califon hosted its fifth annual Autumn Street Fair, in conjunction with the Jon Slusher Memorial 5K. The day was a great success with beautiful weather and over 1,000 patrons in attendance. By all estimates it was the largest Fair turnout to-date and a great day to showcase our unique and special Califon community.

The Fair featured over 30 local businesses, area vendors, community organizations, and first responders, as well as games, family attractions, and entertainment from two bands and an "open mic" stage of local performers. It was also the second year for the Califon Fire Company Beer Garden, which was a big hit.

This year we also had four local business sponsors whose support helped to make this the best Street Fair yet: Staiano's Furniture, Peapack-Gladstone Bank, Groendyke Insurance, and the Hunterdon Review.

To see all of the vendors and organizations that participated in this year's Fair, please be sure to visit our event Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/CalifonStreetFair>. Please support your local businesses!

An event like this requires extensive planning and coordination, which began in May 2017. 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 2017 Street Fair Planning Committee whose many hours of volunteer work made this event possible. Please take time to recognize your friends and neighbors and thank them for their efforts!

Committee

- Amanda Altavilla
- Jason Beard
- Kim Belsky
- Dave Bolles
- Brian Goad
- Diane Haversang
- Ed Haversang
- Susan Kibler
- Joe Riccio

Event Day Volunteers

- Chris Keiser
- Mike Medea
- Voorhees High School Key Club (including Borough residents Matt Glaudel, Ellie Hauptly, and Emma Zande!)
- Califon Mayor Charlie Daniel

The Street Fair Committee would also like to offer a very special thank you to Califon Borough Clerk Laura Eidsvaag and Deputy Clerk Karen Mastro for their administrative support of the Fair "above and beyond" their day jobs.

Special thanks, as well, to those who donated time, property, goods, and support to help make the Fair a success: Mayor Charlie Daniel, Califon Borough Council, The Slusher Family, Stan & Jackie Zajac, Dave and Amanda Rambo, Gil & Cathy Smith, the

Califon Fire Company, Califon Borough Office of Emergency Management, Califon Frame Shop, Rambo's Country Store, Shannon's Fly & Tackle, Aegis Building Company, Mountainview Development, The Acropolis Spa, Califon United Methodist Church, Coughlan Funeral Home, Bourbon Street Wine & Liquors, Califon Rescue Squad, Washington Township Police, residents of Main Street, and all of the Califon community leaders, organizations, and businesses who helped to make the day a success.

Finally, many thanks to local resident Drew Flagler for lending his artistic talents in the creation of the 2017 Califon Street Fair T-shirt design.

If you are interested in being part of the Recreation Committee to assist with this and other events, including Califon's Centennial Celebration in 2018, please contact Jason Beard at jasonbeard@yahoo.com.

Jason Beard
Califon Recreation Committee Chair

Used Bike & Sewing Machine Drive

When: Saturday November 11, 2017 9:00am to 12:00pm

Where: Bunnvale Assembly of God, 285 County Rd 513, Glen Gardner.

Sponsored By: North Hunterdon Rotary Club
We are collecting adult and kids bikes to send to Nicaragua, Ghana, Albania, Costa Rica and Guatemala. Do your part to put unused bikes to good use in the developing world.

Bikes should be rust free. No trikes, but bikes with flat tires in need of some repair are accepted.

We are also collecting portable sewing machines in working condition, which are destined for our partner charity in Ghana.

\$10.00 minimum donation with each bike or sewing machine is requested for shipping. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided on site.

For more information contact: Jim (908) 310-6877
(908) 832- 5273

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2017 LEAF COLLECTION

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

November 17th, November 24th, December 1st and December 8th

The contracted vendor for leaf pickup is Peter Rubineti 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 Clean-up Day

When: Saturday, November 18, 2017 9:00am to 1:00 pm & March 10, 2018

Where: Hunterdon County Rt. 12 Complex – 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington

For further information call (908) 788-1351 or email: swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us

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

Rain or Shine

Questions please call (908) 788-1351 or email swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Small Business Saturday- November 25th

Join us in welcoming winter by coming out to enjoy Small Business Saturday in your community! The Califon Book Shop will be serving treats and offering giveaways with your purchase on Saturday November 25 from 10 AM to 4 PM. From 11 AM until 1 PM we are hosting Tewksbury native and California resident Karolyn Szot who will be signing copies of her book Breakfast Buddies and the Wild Waffle West. Come in and see this picture book with a healthy message about the importance of breakfast and exercise.

David Watts returns on November 11 from 1 until 3 PM to sign copies of his new book Loose Ends. His previous novel, Accidental PI, was published in 2016. Watts is a licensed private investigator who specializes in fraud and business investigations.

“Community Energy Aggregation”

Over the past few months, Borough Council has been considering establishing a Community Energy Aggregation (CEA) Program for Califon residents. The CEA Program is designed to offer you and your neighbors reduced rates on your electric bills.

Back in September of this year, Council members listened to a presentation on the savings opportunity offered to residents through participation in a CEA program by aggregating the buying power of individual residential customers within a municipality (or several municipalities) to secure reduced-rate energy supply contracts on a community-wide basis. We learned that several towns in nearby counties have joined together to form energy cooperatives: the Morris Area Energy Cooperative (comprised of 10

towns), the Sussex-Warren Cooperative (also comprised of 10 towns) and the Burlington County Energy Aggregation Program (also comprised of 10 towns). These cooperatives function very similarly to other shared services arrangements. In this case, by combining all of our residents' energy usage, we can shop for a reduced "bulk" electricity supply rate rather than each resident paying the rate set by the State for an individual account.

Basically, this program allows us – at the local level – to offer a more cost-effective alternative to our residents. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities was in attendance for the presentation and provided information about the consumer protections offered through CEA programs versus individual third-party supply contracts. One of the primary safeguards under a CEA program is that the rate charged under the program **MUST** be lower than the State's default rate. This "default rate" is the rate that all of us not already in a third-party supply contract pay now for our electricity supply.

Another consumer protection with a CEA program is that the program rate is a flat, non-variable rate that is set for the term of the contract with the program's supplier. There are also no fees, fines, or penalties associated with a resident's participation – or non-participation – in the program. Residents can come and go in the program as they see fit. Initially all residents not currently in a contract with a third-party supplier or with solar panels will be included in the program, but this does not mean that a resident has to stay in the program. Residents will have several methods by which they can change their participation status in the program at any time and at no cost.

A very important point made during the presentation is that ALL current services provided by JCP&L such as delivery, meter readings, billing, payments, emergency services, etc., don't change because we join a CEA program or cooperative. Essentially, not much changes at all other than our residents receiving a smaller monthly electricity bill.

Based on what we learned during the presentation and in our discussions with other towns currently participating in a CEA program or cooperative, Borough Council decided to establish a community energy aggregation cooperative for Hunterdon County – called the Hunterdon Area Energy Cooperative – with Califon as the Lead Agent for the cooperative. As Lead Agent, the Borough of Califon will be the unified voice for all towns that decide to participate in the cooperative. Currently, Clinton and Bethlehem are in the process of considering CEA programs for their residents as well, and it is highly likely that others will follow as word spreads about the savings

opportunities.

We will keep you updated on our progress in bringing these savings to you and our neighbors in other towns in Hunterdon County.

15th Annual Giving Fair

The Lower Valley Presbyterian Church is celebrating 15 years of giving! We have raised over \$160,000 thus far and want the giving to continue. The Giving Fair will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the church's Parish Hall, 445 County 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. Twenty 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 that are fun for kids! 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. There will also be raffle baskets with all proceeds benefiting the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton. Visit all the organizations and get your passport stamped and receive free raffle basket tickets! Food available for purchase. If you are unable to attend, visit www.lowervalley.org for an order form or contact the church at 908-832-2933.

Califon Board of Health

Welcomes two new resident volunteers; Barbara Baggstrom and Joanne McClees. Barbara and Joanne were appointed as members of the Califon Board of Health on October 2nd. Welcome Barb and Joanne and thank you for giving back to your community!

If you are thinking about giving back and getting involved, how about joining the Environmental Commission? We meet about 4 times a year and sponsor the annual Stream Clean Up at the Califon Park. We currently have two vacant seats that need to be filled. Call Karen at 908-832-7850 ext. 204 if you have any questions.

Substitute Crossing Guard

The Municipal Office is accepting applications for substitute crossing guards. If you think you may be interested in applying for this position please contact Municipal Clerk/Administrator, Laura Eidsvaag at 908-832-7850 ext. 201 or leidsvaag@califonboro.net.

Christmas at the Station

"Christmas at the Station" returns on Sunday, November 19th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Train Station. The display will feature childhood toys from Califon resident's past and present, working antique trains, a Christmas tree, holiday décor & music. We have a number of holiday gifts to choose from including "Califon" pottery, "The Califon Story" book, holiday card sets, "Califon" wooden whistles & mini train sets in a tin. Additional open dates include Sunday, Dec. 3rd from noon to 4:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 10th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. (If you have an antique toy you'd be willing to loan us for the display, please contact Don at 832-2012.)

Shopping on Amazon this season? Please place your order through <http://smile.amazon.com> and select the Califon Historical Society as your charitable organization. No fee for you and the Historical Society receives 5% of eligible purchases! Questions, call 832-6098.

Holiday Craft & Vendor Event

The annual A-Maze of Crafters & Vendors will be held December 2nd at the Califon Fire Co Hall 9:00- 3:00 Free Admission also Food & Beverages will be served.

Mrs. Claus will make her annual Visit from 2:00pm - 3:00pm. Great gift opportunity. All our proceeds will benefit the Dan Handy Memorial foundation a 501 C3 registered fund. Contact Info. Wendy 908-310-3111

Califon School PTA Holiday Luncheon, Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 11:30am.

Seniors, mark your calendars for Califon School PTA's Annual Holiday Luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 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.

Environmental Commission

The Califon Environmental Commission needs membership! We offer an opportunity to get involved in local environmental issues such as stream monitoring, our annual stream clean up, household water testing, and alternative waste water treatment just to name a few. The commission usually meets quarterly. Contact Karen Mastro: kmastro@califonboro.net if you want more information or are interested.

2018 Free Rabies Clinic for Dogs and Cats

The Califon Board of Health will be sponsoring a FREE Rabies Clinic on Saturday January 13th 2018 from 1pm to 3pm at the Califon Municipal garage bays, 39 Academy St, Califon.

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.

For a list of other Free Rabies Clinics, please go to the Hunterdon County Division of Public Health website. Here is their link: <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/health/rabiesclinics.html>

Volunteers Needed!

The Califon Board of Health is looking for volunteers for the Annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday January 13th from 12:30 to 3pm, at the Califon Municipal Building. Volunteers assist in completing the Rabies Vaccination Certificates for the pet owners. This is a great opportunity for teenagers to earn community service hours and have fun at the same time! Please contact Karen Mastro at 908-832-7850 ext. 204 or kmastro@califonboro.net if you can lend a helping hand.



CALIFON FIRE COMPANY ANNUAL SANTA VISIT

GIFTS FOR SANTA TO DELIVER TO CHILDREN AT THEIR HOMES CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT CALIFON FIREHOUSE, 41 MAIN STREET ON DECEMBER 6TH BETWEEN 5:00-7:00PM.

THE CHILDS NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELED ON EACH GIFT.

ALL GIFTS MUST BE PRE-WRAPPED. (LIMIT 1 GIFT PER CHILD)

DELIVERY DATE WILL BE DECEMBER 10TH STARTING AT 12:00 (WE WILL CALL AHEAD OF TIME WITH YOUR DELIVERY DATE & TIME)

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ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____

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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.

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Deadline for January/February 2018 submissions: Friday, December 8.