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Canines and Cats of Califon — Care, Caution, and Courtesy

By Rich Bagstrom

With the arrival of spring and summer, we see an increase of people and pets out enjoying the good weather and a walk around this beautiful area. The good weather also brings a time of unexpected or unwanted encounters with our four-legged friends.

A few reminders to all pet owners — you have the responsibility to control your pet at all times. Don't count on your pet to show good judgment or restraint. This is not high on their priority list, but it needs to be high on yours. Your pets are yours and belong in your yard or with you, not wandering about on their own. Dogs must be on a leash or secured on your property. When passing others, whether they have pets or not, it is best to keep a safe distance to avoid a territorial conflict. Be quick to caution strangers if your pet is not friendly to strangers. If you wish to pet or say hi, it is best to ask the owner rather than assume a passing canine will welcome the attention. Once permission is granted, offer your hand (palm up) for the dog to smell. Reaching toward the animal with your palm down can be perceived as a threat. On the issue of courtesy, keeping your pets under control includes cleaning up after them, being aware of excessive noise, and being mindful of how your pet affects your neighbors.

There are a growing number of feral (wild) cats in our area. Some steps are being considered to address this, but we all can do our part to help. Please do not feed these cats, and don't befriend them. These cats are not your usual family cat so don't let your cats mingle or "run" with the feral cats.

These simple steps and common sense will provide a pleasant experience for all during this great time of year. Enjoy your summer!

Carnival Time!

Join your neighbors for some food, fireworks, and fun! Califon will be hosting its annual carnival from Monday, July 4 through Saturday, July 9 at the carnival grounds located behind the Municipal Building on Academy Street.

Monday is the always-popular clam night and fireworks are scheduled for Wednesday (10 pm) and Friday (11 pm). (In the event of rain, fireworks will go off Saturday at 11pm.) This year, wristband nights are Tuesday and Thursday. Purchase wristbands in advance (until July 2) and ride all night for \$20/person. For tickets, contact Jenn Ader at (908) 216-3907 or (908) 832-2503.

The carnival grounds will open each evening starting at 6pm and close at 10pm, open later on Friday and Saturday until 11 pm. Come out and support your

local fire department at this signature Califon event!

First Aid Squad Blood Drive

On Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 am until 2 pm, the annual summer blood drive will be held at the Califon First Aid Squad on Bank Street (off Main Street). Working together with the Blood Center of New Jersey, local donors are being asked to come out and help ease the blood shortage.

To qualify to give blood, donors must show signed and/or photo ID, be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 120 pounds, and be free of sore throat or fever. For more information about blood donation visit www.bloodnj.org or call 1-800-NJBLOOD. For details or directions, contact Clare Cutri-French at ccutrifrench@aol.com or (908) 832-5182.

Going, Going...Gone?

You might recall that updated playground safety regulations require that our beloved playground at the Califon Island Park be torn down no later than October 2014. The Friends of Califon Island Park need your ideas and energy so that we can build an even better replacement! We will be coming back strong in September, but encourage you to visit the park over the summer and consider joining with us! Please watch for the September issue of the Crier for more details. Contact Carolyn Murin at (908) 832-9682 or cermurin@gmail.com for more information.

An Important Fire Safety Reminder

Attention property owners! Are you aware that the sale of your home requires an inspection of your existing smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detector, and a portable fire extinguisher? Prior to the sale closing, an on-site inspection of the home's fire safety components are required by The New Jersey State Uniform Fire Code. You can obtain an application and certificate of inspection at the Municipal Building on Academy Street. An appointment should be set up with the fire marshal to complete the inspection two weeks prior to the home closing.

A property owner who rents to a tenant(s) must comply with the same inspection process for smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detector, and a portable fire extinguisher when there is a change of occupancy. Each time there is a change in tenant(s) the law requires you to obtain an application and certificate of inspection and have the fire safety components inspected prior to the tenant(s) occupying the apartment space.

If you do not have an certified inspection of your fire safety components, you could be subject to a fine and lawsuit if a fire or a release of toxic gases injures the tenant(s) who are occupying your property. Protect your tenant(s) and yourself by ensuring you have had an inspection. Contact Fire Marshal Allan Layton at (908) 255-2424 for more information or with any questions.

Califon School News

The following list is of straight A students for Califon School for the 4th marking period.

Grade 6: StevieLynn Ader, Benjamin Brandner, Meredith Folsom, Eleanor Gensch, Grace Gilbert, Taylor Hubiak, Kelly McLaughlin, Isaiah Meade, Cassandra Oeckinghaus, Timothy Parente, Sydney

Stoter, Elizabeth Turello

Grade 7: Helen Avery, Jonathan Baker, Evan Kozak, Charlie Rodenberger

Grade 8: Marisa Bohm, Abigail Flagler, Mary Jolly, Erin McLaughlin

The following is a list of 8th graders who graduated from Califon School on Thursday, June 16:

Kyra Baumstark, Marisa Bohm, Kayla Cavaluzzo, Abigail Flagler, John Folsom, Tyler Gibson, Erin Haus, Nathanael Henderson, Mary Jolly, Erin McLaughlin, Gianna Nitti, Joseph Riccio, Henry Sickels, Zachary Waseleski, and Chelsea Zarrillo. Congrats to all the graduates and good luck in high school!

The following students received awards upon graduating:

Califon Historical Society Award: Tyler Gibson; President's Achievement awards: Marisa Bohm, Abby Flagler, Nate Henderson, Mary Jolly, and Erin McLaughlin; Booster Club Awards for Sports: John Folsom, Mary Jolly; PTA Art Award: Erin McLaughlin; PTA Music Award: Erin Haus; PTA Rudie Award: Abby Flagler; CAMPA Award: Nathanael Henderson; James Ball Citizenship Award: Gianna Nitti; Communications Award Sponsored by Edna and Gary Deckhut: Marisa Bohm; Daniel Handy Memorial Award: Zach Waseleski; Califon Education Association Awards for highest GPA all through middle school (3 way tie): Marisa Bohm, Abby Flagler, Mary Jolly; Walter J. Miller Award for most academically improved: Abby Flagler; Distinguished Student Award: Abby Flagler; Safety Patrolter of the Year: Kayla Cavaluzzo.

Program for Seniors

Hunterdon County residents age 60 and older with low income are invited to participate in New Jersey Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program sponsored by the NJ Dept of Health and Senior Services.

Participants will receive four \$5 checks to be redeemed at participating farm stands. Cash change cannot be given, so each check must be used in its entirety. Checks must be picked up in person at one of the following locations: Division of Senior, Disabilities & Veteran's Services, North Hunterdon Senior Center, Readington Township Administration Building, or Fisherman's Mark Food Bank.

For more information, call (908) 788-1361.

PTA News

The PTA's biggest fundraiser this year was a \$25 ticket sale with a chance to win a round of golf and lunch for four at Trump National in Bedminster. Congratulations to the winner, Jason Beard, of Califon! The PTA thanks Trump National for the generous donation in support of PTA sponsored school events. The fundraiser earned a whopping \$27,00!

The new PTA executive board for the 2011-2013 school year was sworn in June 9. Board members include Jennifer Meade, Roesmarie Loescher, Sharon Glass, Shannon Ayers, and Kristen Perry. Please come out in September to support our school and welcome the newest PTA executive board!

Happy Face Nursery School Open Registration

Happy Face Nursery School of Califon is still accepting all new applications for the 2011-2012 school year. Happy Face has preschool classes for children 2 1/2 to 5 years old. Unique to our area are Happy Face's 2 1/2 year old program, for the youngest preschoolers (who do not even have to be potty-trained!), and Happy Face's Fabulous 5's program, for children needing an extra year before Kindergarten or for Kindergarten enrichment. For more information, call the school at (908) 832-7510, e-mail info@happyfacenurseryschool.com, or visit www.happyfacenurseryschool.com.

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Hunterdon County Utilities Authority is conducting a household hazardous waste collection day for all Hunterdon County residents and small businesses on Saturday, July 9, from 9 am until 1 pm (rain or shine). Items should be dropped off at the Hunterdon County Complex located at 314 State Route 12 East in Flemington.

For a list of items that will/will not be accepted, visit www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/solidwaste/cleanup.htm. Call (908) 788-1110 between 8 am and 4:30 pm or email ajohnson@co.hunterdon.nj.us with questions.

Califon Connection

Reminisce old memories and browse old photos of your hometown by connecting with fellow "Califonians" and long-lost friends and neighbors via the new Califon Memories Facebook page! Visit www.facebook.com and search "Califon Memories." Click "Ask to Join Group" and begin reliving the good ol' days!

JULY 2011

3 & 17	Historical Museum Open	MUS	2-4pm
4 & 18	Borough Council mtg	MB	8 pm
4-9	Fire Co. Annual Carnival	Carnival Grounds	6 pm
5	Sustainable NJ Committee mtg	MB	8 pm
5	Parks Committee mtg	MB	8 pm
6	Board of Health	MB	8 pm
9	First Aid Squad Blood Drive	CFAS	9am-2pm
11	Board of Education	Califon School	7:30 pm
12	Environmental Commission	MB	8 pm
12	Recycling Committee	MB	8 pm
19	Historical Society mtg	MB	8 pm
26	Police and Finance	MB	8 pm
27	Planning Board mtg	MB	8 pm

AUGUST 2011

1 & 15	Borough Council mtg	MB	8 pm
2	Sustainable NJ Committee mtg	MB	8 pm
2	Parks Committee mtg	MB	8 pm
3	Board of Health	MB	8 pm
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8	Board of Education	CPS	7:30 pm
9	Environmental Commission	MB	8 pm
9	Recycling Committee	MB	8 pm
9	Recreation Committee	MB	8 pm
16	Historical Society	MB	8 pm
23	Police and Finance mtg	MB	8 pm
24	Planning Board mtg	MB	8 pm

MB = Municipal Bldg, Academy St.
MUS=Museum, Academy St.
CPS = Califon School, School St.
CIP = Califon Island Park, Bank St.
UMC = United Methodist Church, 15 River Rd.
LVPC = Lower Valley Presbyterian Church, Rt. 513
CFAS = Califon First Aid Squad, Bank St.

New Pastor at Califon Church

Califon United Methodist Church is excited to welcome a new pastor, Rev. James Elliott who comes to Califon with his wife, Meredith, and his 3-year-old daughter, Sonja. All are invited to join in worship Sunday mornings at 11 am.

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