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“SUMMER FUN IN CALIFON”

By Councilman Jason Beard

With summer once again upon us, our thoughts turn generally to visions of fun in the sun and relaxing time spent with family and friends. Recreation is indeed a focus of the warm weather months, and the Califon Recreation Committee has a great lineup of activities planned. Mark your calendars:

- **Week of July 8 – 12 Califon Fun Days!** This inaugural event will feature a week of different children’s activities for the Pre-K-5th grade set each morning in Califon Island Park, starting at 9 AM and concluding with a BYO picnic lunch hangout in the park each day. Monday will be “Music Day”, with sing-alongs, percussion circle, and more. Tuesday we get creative with “Make a Craft” day. On Wednesday, we’ll beat the heat with a “Water” day featuring water balloon games, sno-cones, and more. Thursday will be a chance to get sporty with “Throw and Catch” games like kickball and whiffle ball. On Friday, we’ll host a “Fishing Derby” where you bring your favorite rod and bait and we’ll supply the prizes! To cap the week of fun, we’ll culminate with an all-ages “Just Dance” party in the evening where kids and grown-ups can come out and boogie along to the popular Just Dance karaoke game under the stars. These events are all free of charge and parents are expected to attend with their children. No registration is required, but please respond to our event page on www.facebook.com/califonboro or email Recreation Committee Chairperson Alison Ramarge at a.ramarge@hotmail.com so we have an idea of planned attendance.
- **August 23 – Movie Under the Stars.** The Califon Recreation Committee will be sponsoring a movie night on the big screen in Califon Island Park. Bring a lawn chair and snacks and enjoy an evening out with your neighbors. More details to be announced soon.

The Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers! We have a great team, led by Chairperson Alison Ramarge, but are in need of additional help. We have adults and students serving on the Rec Committee, as well as junior members looking to perform community service and have some fun. We meet once per month and organize fun events such as those listed above, as well as the Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, Christmas Tree lighting, and more. We are planning for a Street Fair this Fall that will feature live music, great food, and local vendors. We need help to make these events a success! Please contact Alison Ramarge at a.ramarge@hotmail.com or Jason Beard at jbeard@califonboro.net if you are interested in volunteering.

As a reminder, information about Recreation Committee events can be found at any time on www.califonboro.net, or on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/califonboro. Friend us!

As a closing note, please remember to help us keep our park and streets safe and clean this summer. Parents, please remind your children to care for our park and playground and to use it respectfully for the benefit and enjoyment of all. If you witness dangerous activity or vandalism in progress, please contact Washington Township Police immediately at 908-876-3232. Have a great summer!

CALIFON BOROUGH RESIDENTS

Please take note that the Califon Mayor and Council have decided to close the Califon Municipal Offices on Fridays during the summer months of July and August, in an effort to save on utilities. Municipal offices will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Municipal offices will be closed on FRIDAYS beginning July 5th through and including Friday, August 30th. The Mayor and Council thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT ELECTION NEWS – SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED!!

The Governor, Chris Christie, has ordered that two special elections take place to fill the vacancy left in the State Senate by the passing of Senator Frank Lautenberg.

The Special U.S. Senate Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. The polls, located at the Municipal Bldg., 39 Academy St., Califon, N.J., will open at 6:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote in this special election is Tuesday, July 23rd. You can register to vote at the Califon Municipal Bldg. or at the Hunterdon County Board of Elections in Flemington. The Board of Elections will be open until 9:00 p.m. on the evening of July 23rd for anyone who wishes to register to vote there.

The Special U.S. Senate General Election will be held on Wednesday, October 16th. The polls will be open at 6:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. More on this special election in the September-October edition of the Califon Crier.

Questions??? Please call the Municipal Offices at (908) 832-7850 ext. 201.

CALIFON SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday, June 20th Califon School held its 8th grade graduation and are proudly announcing the graduating class: Stevielyn Ader, Zachary Becker, Benjamin Brandner, Kayla Breitkopf, Aydan Flowers, Meridith Folsom, Eleanor Gensch, Grace Gilbert, Taylor Hubiak, Jack Mastro, Kelly McLaughlin, Aiden Nodoro, Collin Nodoro, Cassandra Oeckinghaus, Timothy Parente, Jacques Pereira, Emma Riley, Sydney Stoter, Elizabeth Turello and Grace Zarrillo.

Kathy Brown would like to say thank you to: The Historical Society, Gary Deckhut, The Tigers, Mrs. McVicker, CAMPA, for all of their support of the Califon School and the generosity to the 8th grade students at graduation.

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CALIFON SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Califon School Board is aware how many changes our community has undergone in the last two years, and as a Board we felt it important to let you know of some of the changes taking place now and for the fall of 2013 at Califon School.

The Califon School Board of Education is happy to welcome our new Interim Superintendent, Dr. James Gamble. Dr. Gamble comes to us from Tewksbury Township, where he served very successfully as their Interim Superintendent for the last two years and will begin here in Califon July 1, 2013. We believe Dr. Gamble has the right mix of experience, leadership skills and sense of community to lead Califon School into the future, and we hope you'll want to participate in welcoming him to Califon.

As well, we are thrilled to be welcoming our new full-time principal, Daniel Patton, whose appointment will mark a sea change in the climate of our school environment. His successful track record, his energy and his commitment to developing positive relationships with students, teachers, and parents resulted in two unanimous votes -- first by a committee of parents, teachers, an administrator and a Board member -- and secondly by the full Board of Education. We are looking forward to reaping the benefits of his presence here beginning July 1, 2013.

Next fall we will be bringing back the Rutgers Literacy Initiative in order to build on the strong foundation of this year's successful experience in raising the bar for our staff and students in promoting literacy across all disciplines. This investment reflects the Board's continuing commitment to the individual abilities of our students to succeed not only here in Califon School but in their preparation for the rigors of high school and beyond.

The Board is committed to ensuring that Califon School provides a rich environment for learning and fostering the individual talents of our students. We are embarking on a new and exciting time in the life of our school under the direction of our new administration. I hope you'll welcome the positive momentum we have set in motion and want to be a part of it.

We congratulate the Class of 2013 on their graduation with pride in their many talents and skills that have brought them to this special day. We wish them all the best as they take on the new challenges before them in this new chapter of their life.

Have a wonderful summer, and see you in the fall!

With best wishes,
Al Turello, Board President
Califon School Board of Education

MANY THANKS FOR OUR NEW PLAYGROUND

After many years of planning and discussion the community has come together to make a new playground come to life at Califon Island Park.

The Borough would like to thank the many people who shared their time and talent to help make the installation a reality

- The fundraising efforts of our **F.O.C.I.P** members, especially its founder, Jodi Sergeant.
- Drew Hubiak of Califon Lumber for graciously storing the equipment after Hurricane Sandy postponed our installation plans
- A dedicated and hardworking **Parks Committee** consisting of, Tom Murin, Joe Tramutola, Christopher Keiser and Mike Bruton
- Mike Laurano of **Wicklow & Laurano Landscape Contractors** for donating complete removal of the old structure.
- Engineering & Land Planning for help with the field layout
- **Tobin Barkman, Clark Kuhar and Stan Zajac** for help with the site work and grading.
- Joe Tramutola with **J. Tramutola Construction** for donating hours upon hours of installation services by his crew.
- Tim Weiler with **Aegis Building Systems** for donating the time of his staff to help with the equipment installation
- Wayne Lisa for providing the boulders free of charge
- Fred Hensler with **Green Piece Landscaping** for installing the boulders at no cost
- And finally for the strong support of our local community.

And last but not least, the Mayor and Council would like to thank Councilman, **Mike Medea** for the years of hard work in making this new playground a reality.

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH AT CALIFON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Califon United Methodist Church will be offering a **free community lunch** on **Saturday, July 13th, 2013**, and again on **Saturday, August 10th, 2013**, both from **12:30 to 2:00 pm**. We will offer a simple meal along with our hospitality and friendship. Our hearts, minds and doors are open to all people, so please feel free to come and join us. **All people are welcome!** Califon United Methodist is located at **15 River Road, Califon, NJ, 07830** and our phone number is **908-832-2318**. Thank you and God bless you!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN UP DAY

The County of Hunterdon will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at the Hunterdon County Route 12 (Library) Complex, 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine).

For information on acceptable items and drop off quantities, please go to the County website at recycle@co.hunterdon.nj.us or pick up a flyer at the Municipal Building., 39 Academy St.

FIRST AID/RESCUE SQUAD ANNUAL TAG SALE

The Califon First Aid/Rescue Squad is busy planning their annual "Tag Sale" to be held this year on Saturday, September 21, 2013. The town will, once again, be hosting the Household/Metal/White Goods Clean Up Day, following the annual tag sale, during the week of September 23rd. Keep a look out for the September-October edition of the Califon Crier, for more specific details on both events.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCOUTING FOR FOOD!

Cub and Boy Scouts of Troop 192 (Califon) recently asked the Califon community to help them in their efforts to collect food for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry located in Clinton. The boys collected the bags you filled, sorted the items and a delivery was made to the food pantry. The volunteers at Open Cupboard were amazed by the bounty of food and goods donated by the residents of Califon...1,200 pounds!! Troop 192 would like to thank you for your generosity which made our annual "Scouting for Food" a huge success. Open Cupboard Food Pantry is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) agency serving northern Hunterdon County, dependent entirely on donations. Again, many thanks for assisting Troop 192 in their efforts to help our neighbors in need.

CALIFON FUN DAYS

Register Now for Califon Fun Days, sponsored by the Califon Recreation Committee. July 8-12, 9am-11am at Califon Island Park. Join us for an activity each day! Please register by emailing alison@califonbookshop.com

RAILROAD AVENUE/MAIN STREET STORM WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Over the past few weeks you may have noticed surveyors and other workers roaming the tract of land surrounded by Main Street, Railroad Avenue and Academy Street. It's all part of the work necessary for developing the engineering specifications for the Storm Water Improvement project.

The current phase of the project focuses on meeting the requirements set forth by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and SHPO (State Historical Preservation Office). The tasks under way to meet these requirements include:

- An Environmental Assessment that demonstrates the proposed limits of ground disturbance within the area, as well as investigating the potential impact to endangered species, such as the Indiana Bat and Small Whorled Pegonia.
- A Cultural Resources Survey which documents the current stone masonry channel and culvert system, as well as archaeological fieldwork including shovel test pits in the areas of anticipated ground disturbances.
- A Drainage System Improvement Field Survey which establishes a baseline and proposed relief piping plan.

The next phase will focus on the engineering aspects of the new storm water system, with the goal of reducing the amount of storm water into the storm water system and, during intense storms, spilling onto Main Street and Railroad Avenue.

Any questions about this project can be addressed to Mayor Daniel at 832-7850, ext. 207.

GNOME HOME REFURBISHMENT PROJECT!

Calling all community members to help us spruce up the gnome trail between Califon and High Bridge. We will be hosting a gnome home building and rebuilding event at Califon Book Shop the week of July 8. Please stay tuned for more a firm date and time and start thinking of a home to build! For more information or to volunteer time, goods, or money please email alison@califonbookshop.com or call (908) 832-6686.

POLICE REPORT: ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SPEEDING AND VANDALISM TO CONTINUE

The results from the Zero Tolerance for Speeding effort that was held last month clearly showed that, because of these efforts, speeding has been reduced significantly in town. Because of the success of this program, the Washington Township Police will be continuing their efforts throughout the summer months. "We're hoping to reduce the numbers even more," said Chief Bailey.

In addition, the Zero Tolerance policy for any type of unacceptable activity or vandalism in the Califon Island Park will continue.

A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIRE MARSHALL

The summer months are here and school recess is just days away. In the next two months we have lots of days and evenings filled with recreational joy and happiness to spend with our family and friends. FIREWORKS DISPLAYS are in the spirit of the coming July 4th holiday. When done by the professionals we minimize the chance of an accident that can result in serious injury or death to an adult or child. Every year the New Jersey State Division of Fire Safety receives statistics of those injured or resulting in death of those individuals who attempt to set off fireworks at gatherings for the enjoyment of others. Maybe you set them off last year everything went all right. This year can you be sure? Maybe just maybe this year when you light off the fuse it burns quicker or is shorter to the charge. Maybe you move away slower or get distracted. The end result may not be pretty to see. Letting amateurs handle and detonate fireworks is dangerous and deadly to everyone involved including those there just to watch.

We have another serious fire safety hazard concern this summer. It's the marketing of SKY LANTERNS throughout the Country. Recently I saw one in the night's sky over our camping site at Dover, Delaware's NASCAR race. We watched it until it went out of our sight. Where it ended up is anyone's guess! Hopefully it did not create a serious fire on the ground. These airborne paper lanterns are constructed of oiled rice paper on a bamboo frame with either a small candle or fuel cell of waxy flammable materials. When it's lit the lantern can travel significant distances from point of release. The flame heats the air inside the lantern causing it to rise into the air, when the unburned fuel source comes in contact with flammable or combustible materials it can result in unintentional fires on or off the property of the initial release. These lanterns or similar airborne devices that use open flame to propel them are prohibited.

So I will leave you with this. Leave the FIREWORKS to the professionals. There are numerous shows around the area including two nights at the Califon Firemen's Carnival. The SKY LANTERNS create a fire and safety hazard to life and property when released into the air.

You can call the Fire Marshal at 908 255-2424 I am available to help answer any of your question(s).

MEALS ON WHEELS IN HUNTERDON COUNTY

Meals on Wheels desperately needs volunteer drivers in the Califon area. Please consider serving your homebound senior neighbors a hot noontime meal. The commitment to drive is only **once** a month. It will take only an hour or two once a month to get that good feeling of giving. Please **Call (908) 284-0735** to offer your time or for more information. Help us help others! **Thank You !**

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CALIFON'S ANNUAL FIREMEN'S CARNIVAL

The Annual Firemen's Carnival runs from Monday July 1st through and including Saturday, July 6th.
The time: 6:00PM to 12:00 midnight. Bracelet nights are Monday July 1st and Wednesday July 3rd ;
one price bracelets gives you unlimited rides.

Spectacular fireworks displays are scheduled for Wednesday, July 3 and Friday, July 5 (with a rain date of
Saturday, July 6) Fireworks are set off late, 10:30 PM to 11:00 PM

The Carnival is held at the Carnival Grounds behind the Municipal Building, 39 Academy Street, Califon N.J.
There will be rides, wheels & games, food, fireworks, so come one, come all, and join in the festivities.
Tickets will be sold at the Carnival grounds and prior to the event at all local stores in town.
The carnival helps support your local volunteer fire company.

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Deadline for September/October submissions: Friday, August 16.