



An Important Message from Emergency Management

By Beth Wolfmayer, Califon Emergency Management Coordinator

Based on the last 2 years of fall weather, it's probably pretty safe to say "BE PREPARED"

2 years ago our area was hit with Hurricane Irene, followed by an early fall snow storm less than 2 weeks later. Three to four days prior to Irene, I was in daily contact with the State of NJ Emergency Management, Governor Christie's Office, NOAA weather and JCP&L., planning for the hurricane. Fortunately we had the time to plan, stock up on supplies and be prepared for the unexpected.

The unexpected left our town with major flooding, downed trees & wires and no power for 2 weeks.

One year later we experienced it all over again with Hurricane Sandy. Luckily, this time, we did not get the flooding that was anticipated. However power outages were longer. Once again, we had plenty of warning for the unknown.

Listed below are a couple of things that you can do to keep your family, neighbors and community safe.

1)-PLEASE LISTEN TO THE WARNINGS! THEY ARE PUT OUT FOR THE SAFETY OF YOU AND OUR VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDERS.

2) - IN THE EVENT OF EVACUATION OF STREETS BY THE RIVER, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE DOING THIS FOR YOUR SAFETY. IF THE RIVER DOES FLOOD, GET OUT! IF YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED WE CAN NOT JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE/RESCUE TO HELP YOU EVACUATE IF THE WATER LEVEL IS TOO HIGH. PLEASE TAKE ANIMALS, MEDICATIONS AND ANY PERSONAL BELONGINGS WITH YOU. SHUT YOUR MAIN POWER SWITCH OFF IN YOUR HOME.

3) - THERE MAY BE SEVERAL METHODS USED FOR NOTIFICATION OF EVACUATION:

A) THE SIREN IN TOWN WILL GO OFF FOR 1 MINUTE CONTINUOUSLY .THIS WILL OCCUR EVERY ½ HOUR UNTIL WE KNOW WE HAVE EVERYONE EVACUATED. CURRENTLY THE SIREN GOES OFF 1 SHORT TONE FOR RESCUE AND 3 TONES FOR FIRE.

B) REVERSE 911. WE NOW HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF PUTTING MESSAGES OUT THROUGH THE COUNTY DISPATCH TO CONTACT HOMES IN THE AFFECTED AREAS.

C) SIGN UP AT WWW.NIXLE.COM AND ADD YOUR CELL PHONE/LANDLINE/EMAIL AND ZIP CODE TO RECEIVE MESSAGES FROM LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

D) UPDATES ARE POSTED ON THE Califon Borough website, www.califonboro.net, Califon Borough Face book page and Twitter.

E) LOG ON TO WWW.NJ.GOV TO BE PREPARED! *If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me, Beth Wolfmayer, Califon's Emergency Management Coordinator at -908-398-7351 or bwolfmayer@califonboro.net*

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Deadline for November/December submissions: Friday, October 18.

ELECTION NEWS - IMPORTANT DATES

SPECIAL U.S. SENATE GENERAL ELECTION to be held on **WEDNESDAY**, October 16, 2013. This special election will be held to fill the vacancy left in the State Senate by the passing of the late Senator Frank Lautenberg. The polls, located at the Municipal Building, 39 Academy St., Califon, N.J. will open at 6:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH – Last day to register to vote in the November General Election

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH - Last day to apply by **mail** for a Mail-in Ballot for the General Election

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST – Hunterdon County Clerk's Office is open until 7:00 p.m. to vote in person by Mail-In ballot for General Election. Please call (908) 788-1214 for additional hours when open for Mail-in ballot voting in person.

GENERAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH – The polls, located at the Municipal Bldg., 39 Academy St., Califon, N.J. will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mail-in ballot applications; voter registration forms; change of party affiliation forms, etc. available at Califon Municipal Bldg. offices, Hunterdon County Clerk's office in Flemington or online at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk/htm.

Questions????? Please call the Municipal Offices at (908) 832-7850 ext. 201 or ext. 204 or e-mail at leidsvaag@califonboro.net or kmastro@califonboro.net.

NATIONAL FIELD HOCKEY DAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

The Voorhees High School Girls Field Hockey program and Booster Club will be celebrating National Field Hockey Day on Saturday, September 14th at Voorhees HS. All youth players and teams are invited; there will be raffles and free prizes! Festivities start at 9:00 with a free clinic for all elementary and middle schoolers with the VHS Varsity Team! Our Senior Day honors will follow then a 10:00 Varsity game and an 11:30 JV game. Food and drink will be sold, all proceeds to benefit the team's favorite charity "Save the Cherubs". Please email voorheeshsfh@gmail.com with any questions. We hope to see you on National Field Hockey Day! GO VIKES!

GET READY FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL TOWN WIDE TAG SALE

Saturday September 21st – 8 AM to 4PM

BENEFIT CALIFON FIRST AID SQUAD

SET-UP YOUR OWN SALE AT HOME OR AT THE TRAIN STATION FLEA MARKET AREA.

Now is a great time to organize all your stuff, make some money and support your local First Aid Squad!!

\$25 DONATION TO THE SQUAD WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN, PUT YOU ON THE MAP &

PROVIDES ALL PRINT & INTERNET ADVERTISING.

SIGN UP FORMS IN THE MAIL DUE BY SEPT 21ST.

COME SHOP THE LOCAL TOWN TREASURES & SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND.

CATCH UP WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS & HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL RESCUE SQUAD.

BE A PART OF THIS ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENT

RAIN DATE SUN. SEPT 22ND.

CALIFON FIRST AID SQUAD POB 253
(CALIFON, NJ 07830?)

908-509-8190 OR 908-500-0105

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD/METAL GOODS COLLECTION DAY

Curbside collection of household/metal/white goods will take place on Monday, September 23, 2013, following the annual First Aid Squad sponsored Tag Sale on September 21st.

Please have all items placed at the curb for pickup by 6:00 a.m. Please note: Freon need not be removed from refrigerators, freezers or air conditioners. The following items will not be picked up if left at the curb: construction debris, hazardous waste, dirt/rock/concrete, tree limbs, vegetation, or brush. (Stay tuned to the next issue of the Crier for dates regarding leaf pickup in November!)

NEW ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FOR CALIFON

Califon would like to welcome Kim Bennett as our new Animal Control Officer. Below is some information about Kim. Kim can be contacted directly at 908-625-0106.

My Name is Kim Bennett. I have been doing animal rescue for almost 5years. I recently became certified with the NJ Department of health as an animal control officer. I am on call 24/7 to assist the public with stray, injured, nuisance domestic and wildlife animals. I am also law enforcement for animal issues such as; bites, licensing, cruelty etc. I am happy to educate Califon residents and school district with any questions they may have. My favorite animals are my 4 Great Dane dogs.

If your beloved dog is lost, the easiest way for me to get him back home if found, is by his current license tag displayed on the collar. If your dog has no identification he will immediately be brought to a NO KILL shelter in Stewartville NJ called Common sense for animals. If a dog remains unclaimed after 7 days the animal will be put up for adoption

2ND ANNUAL JON SLUSHER MEMORIAL 5K RUN

Mark your calendars for Oct. 6, 2013. Join your family, friends and colleagues and come to the second annual Jon Slusher Memorial 5K Run/Walk and Kids' Fun Run scheduled as an event within the Califon Fall Street Fair on Oct. 6. The Race begins promptly at 1 PM at the Califon Bridge. Registration forms can be found at www.jonhslusher.org or register online at <http://www.runrace.net/findarace.php?id=13279NJ&tab=a3>. Checks can be made payable to the Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation and mailed to 79 Guinea Hollow Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833. Before Sept 15, fees are \$25, after Sept. \$30 while families of four are \$45 and kids under the age of 10 are \$5.

The Jon Slusher Scholarship Foundation in 2013, awarded six \$1,000 scholarships to area seniors as Voorhees, North Hunterdon, Hunterdon Central, Mendham, West Morris and Mt. Olive. The Foundation is a 501-c-3 charitable organization and all contributions are tax exempt.

Jon was editor of the Hunterdon Review until he passed away from brain cancer in 2010. Come, have fun and join Jon's parents, brother, sister and friends to honor a beautiful and beloved young man.

COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS COLLECTION DAY

When:

Saturday, October 12, 2013 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where:

Hunterdon County Route 12 (Library Complex)
314 State Route 12 East, Flemington

HALLOWEEN PARADE SPONSORED BY THE CALIFON FIRE CO.

The Califon Fire Company sponsored Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The Parade will assemble at the Califon School on School Street and make its way down Main Street to the Firehouse, where there will be a contest with prizes for best costume, as well as cider and donuts. Come be part of this fun annual tradition for children and adults alike!!