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“SUMMER’S HERE, BUT FALL IS NEAR: STREET FAIR!”

By Councilman Jason Beard

Summer in Califon is sublime, with idyllic scenes of revelry at the annual Fireman’s Carnival, watching the world go by while savoring a treat on the porch at one of our local eateries, rope-swinging into the river, fishing along the river banks, playing in Califon Island Park, or just hanging out with friends at a BBQ. Yes, Califon embodies small-town life at its finest. Yet another example of this is the upcoming second annual “Califon Fun Days”, a week-long series of activities for children sponsored by the Califon Recreation Committee during the week of July 7-11 (see separate item in this issue of the Crier for more details).

Even as we enjoy the summer, our thoughts are already turning to autumn, and the second annual Califon Street Fair, scheduled for Sunday October 5, 1-5 PM. We will once again close down Main Street and throw a party with live music, food and vendors, community organizations, games, activities, and fun. The Street Fair coincides with the Fireman’s breakfast in the morning and the Jon Slusher Memorial 5K in the afternoon, so it is a full day of great Califon activities. Our event last year was well-attended, and we are planning for even more this year. Planning for this event has already started, and we are in need of volunteers to help make the day a success. We have roles large and small in the areas of Communications & PR, Entertainment, Food & Vendors, and Logistics & Security. There is a lot to do and WE NEED HELP! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Jason Beard at jbeard@califonboro.net or call 201-725-7362. If you are a vendor or community organization who would like to set up a table at the event, please contact Mike Medea at mmedea@califonboro.net or 908-328-4531.

On a closing note, you may have noticed some recent improvements in Califon Island Park, as the Snack Shack was completely refurbished after years of faithful service. Many thanks are due to the Califon Parks Committee for completing this project. This summer, please do your part to help keep our park fresh and clean by tossing your trash and recyclables, promoting responsible Park use, and being vigilant for vandalism and illicit behavior. Washington Township Police can be contacted at 908-876-8300. If you see something, say something!

Please enjoy a safe and relaxing summer.

HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

Ever notice how nice our little island in front of the post office looks? This little patch of land is the first thing people see when they cross over our bridge. For years it has been planted, watered and weeded by Patty, the owner of Flowers by the River even though this area is not owned or leased by Patty.

If anyone has a few minutes to spare this summer, please stop in the Flower shop and ask Patty what you could do to help keep this island beautiful. Usually just a few minutes of pulling weeds is all it takes to keep it maintained.

CALIFON BOARD OF HEALTH NEEDS YOU!

The Califon Board of Health is actively looking for an interested resident to join our board. The commitment is minimal; we meet approximately 6 times a year. Our members are responsible for reviewing any septic plans / repairs which require local waivers. We also act as the liaison with the Hunterdon County Division of Health Services. Please contact Karen Mastro at kmas-tro@califonboro.net or 832-7850 ext. 204 if you are interested in finding out more information.

SUPPORT UNITED WAY OF HUNTERDON COUNTY’S ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

United Way of Hunterdon County needs your help to ensure all Hunterdon County students are prepared for school this fall. The goal is to provide 1500 school supply kits and/or backpacks so all our children can start the first day of school ready to learn.

Donations will be accepted through August 8, 2014.

Please visit <http://www.yougivegoods.com/Tools4School2014> to find out more information.

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Deadline for September/October submissions: Friday, August 15.

**CALIFON RECREATION COMMITTEE
PRESENTS CALIFON FUN DAYS!**

Join us for our second annual Califon Fun Days from July 7-11 at Califon Island Park from 9:30-11am. Come for one day or all the days. While we welcome all ages, Califon Fun Days are geared toward ages 3-9.

Monday: Music Day

Tuesday: Make your own tee shirt

Wednesday: Scavenger hunt on the Columbia Trail

Thursday: Paint the River

Friday: Fishing Day-Bring your own gear and a parent to help!

For more information or to register your children please contact Alison Ramarge at a.ramarge@hotmail.com or (908) 268-2077.

**JONATHAN SLUSHER MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

The Jonathan Slusher Memorial Scholarship Foundation announces 2014 Journalism/Communications awards. Winners are Devany Burke from Hunterdon Central; Kelly Fleming from North Hunterdon; Sean Gallagher from Mt. Olive; Kirsten Eversen from Mendham; and Reid Riccordella from West Morris Central. All awards are for \$1,000 and are made possible by the annual Jon Slusher 5K Run/Walk and by the generosity of donors from many parts of the country. The Foundation is a 501-c-3 charity and all contributions are tax exempt.

The 2014 Jon Slusher 5K Race/Walk will once again take place in Califon as an event within the Califon Street Festival. Beginning at 1PM, Oct 5, runners gather at the bridge, proceed down River Road, loop left at Hoffman's Crossing and proceed down the Columbia trail to the Califon Train Station. This year, the Jon Slusher 5K Race has been added to the USATF-NJ Grand Prix. This means that runners belonging to USA Track and Field, New Jersey, receive a reduced application fee, earn 500 points for running the race and are eligible for USATF cash prizes.

Jon Slusher's parents and siblings combined Jon's love of Journalism and Racing to set up a Foundation to remember him through scholarships. He succumbed to brain cancer in 2010 while he was Editor of the Hunterdon Review.

INTERNATIONAL SPY ACADEMY

Califon United Methodist Church will be hosting an evening vacation bible school the week of July 28 – August 1st from 6-8 p.m. The theme is International Spy Academy and children ages 3rd grade to 5th grade are all welcome to attend. Please contact the church office at 908-832-2318 to register.

**SUMMER HAPPENINGS AT
CALIFON BOOK SHOP**

Califon Book Shop is offering 2 great ways to keep your kids reading and writing this summer. Please join our second year of the Ice Cream Summer Reading Club. Come in to sign up and decorate your ice cream cone. As you complete books, you can add scoops of ice cream to your cone. We will celebrate our success at the end of the summer with an ice cream social! Open to all ages.

We are also excited to announce WRITESHOP, a non-competitive writing opportunity for students ages 9-12. Join Califon native Anneliese Furnald for one or all of three writing workshops. Anneliese will help you put your ideas to paper or work on an existing piece of writing. We will celebrate with a live reading of our students' writing on July 12. Workshops are June 28, July 9, and July 12. There is no fee for this wonderful program but we do appreciate advanced registration. You can register at the shop or contact Anneliese at afurnald@gmail.com.

We look forward to reading with you this summer!

**WATERSHED – WIDE ANNUAL
STREAM CLEAN UP**

On Saturday April 26th some residents came down to the Califon Island Park to help out with the Annual Stream Clean Up. We want to thank you for taking the time for this very important event. Thanks to everyone that helped, many bags of garbage and recycling were collected along the river banks and roads along the river, not excluding tires, a hockey goal and many more interesting objects!

A special shout out goes to all of our local Scouts that always show up to lend us a hand!

Califon was one of 21 cleanup sites participating in this annual clean up day sponsored by The Raritan Headwaters Association and the Califon Environmental Commission.

Our River is a treasure and it is nice to see residents want to keep it that way.

If you could not make it this year, please mark your calendars for next year.

The more volunteers we have the more impact we can make as a community.

**SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO
TO PROTECT OUR WATER**

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. Here are 6 easy things you can do as a resident or business owner to help keep our storm water clean:

- **Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides-** Does your lawn really need fertilizer? Do a soil test first to see and then consider using organic fertilizer.

Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted. Remember that pesticides not only contaminate our storm water but they are toxic to many living things especially bees!

- **Properly use and dispose of hazardous products-** Cleaning products, motor oil and paints are just some products that need to be used and disposed of properly. Participate in the **County's Free Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day-** Saturday July 12th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Route 12 County Complex (Library), 312 State Route 12 East, Flemington.
- **Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.**
- **Clean Up After Your Pet -** Never discard pet waste in a storm drain!
- **Do Not Feed Ducks and Geese -** Feeding ducks and geese and other waterfowl causes them to concentrate in small areas resulting in concentrated animal waste, causing the same problems as pet waste.
- **Please do not litter -** Recycle, Recycle, Recycle. Place litter in trash receptacles. Litter on the ground gets swept into drains and then into our River.

This information was taken from the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection. Please visit their website for many more interesting and useful facts. www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
CLEANUP DAY**

Saturday July 12th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Rt. 12, Flemington
The County will accept up to 10 gallons or 80 pounds of the following at no charge:

Latex Paint *	Oil based paint*
Varnish/Stains	Insecticides
Herbicides	Pool Chemicals
Gas/Oil Mix	Photographic Chemicals
Mercury	Fire Extinguishers
Paint Thinner	Gasoline
Aerosol Cans	Kerosene
Diesel Fuel	Drain Cleaner
Thermostats	Fluorescent tubes**
Asbestos pipe wrap	Pesticides

Quantities in excess will be charged.
*consolidate latex paints and oil based paints, keeping them type separated, to make full cans.
**wrap fluorescent tubes in newspaper or put back in original sleeve.

Please contact Hunterdon County Solid Waste & Recycling for more details @ 908-788-1110.

**COMPUTER & ELECTRONICS
COLLECTION DAY**

Save the date- Saturday October 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Computers, Monitors and T.V.'s will be collected at the Hunterdon County Complex, 314 State Rt. 12, Flemington.

**LEBANON TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC
ASSOCIATION 6TH-7TH & 8TH GRADE CO – ED
SUMMER SOCCER CAMP
JULY 21ST THROUGH JULY 25TH
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

New York Red Bulls Academy Staff Coach, 2009 U20 National Champion/USDA National Coach of the year, 2012 USDA U16 National Champion/National Coach of the Year, HS/College All – American

Camp Objective: To prepare players for upcoming middle school season. Camp will address the four main categories of player development: Technical, Tactical, Physical, and Mental. Focus will be on the individual development of the players.

Register on line at: <http://ltaa.sportsoffice.com>
Camp Director: Rob Elliott

Registration for LTAA Fall Soccer is Due by July 31st-
Register on line at: <http://ltaa.sportsoffice.com>

VOORHEES Jr. VIKING FOOTBALL PROGRAM

**Currently Holding Open Registration for the
2014 Season**

When: Now
Where: Online @ www.jrvikes.com
Who: Flag: grades K – 2
Tackle: grades 3 – 8

Questions: Contact Bob Edmund at 908-591-4714 or rsedmund@aol.com

PLAY SAFER

- **Implemented a concussion protocol with St. Luke's Concussion Center**
- **Coaches received USA Football "Heads Up" training.**
- **For more information visit: <http://usafootball.com/headsup>**