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Community - All Hands on Deck

By Councilman Mike Medea

When presented with the question “Why do you live in Califon?” the resounding answer is often, “.....because of the strong sense of community”. To be fully vested in our community is to make yourself available and to lend a helping hand. The direct result of this can be a heightened sense of pride and respect for our small town. We are surrounded by opportunities to volunteer both big and small. Many of us already devote countless hours to the fire company, township committees, the school, town events, local fundraisers, local charities, and so on. Volunteerism can be invaluable to a small town such as Califon.

Furthermore, it is imperative that we all chip in however possible and that we teach our town’s younger generation the importance of volunteerism and how it strengthens our bond as a community. Two groups of young students at Califon School are indeed taking the idea of community service to heart and are spearheading noteworthy programs and endeavors. Both groups are participating in Destination Imagination, a worldwide group activity where students learn new skills and how to solve challenges. Each group has chosen to do the community service challenge called Brand Aid and they can use our help. Please read their messages below.

Message from the Califon Elementary School DI Team

We are a group of Califon School students in grades 3 through 5 and we have decided to make a reading area for the students at Califon School who would like to read during indoor recess. The reading area is going to be called The Cougar Cave.

In The Cougar Cave, we imagine that there will be cozy chairs and beanbags to sit on while students read. This is where you can help! Since The Cougar Cave is on the stage we thought there should be a soft rug. There will be a teacher lunch table in the corner for the teacher that will be watching the children. For people who like to draw or want to do something besides reading, there will be simple art supplies. The curtains of the stage will be closed and hopefully that will block out the recess noise, but if it doesn’t we will put a white noise machine in The Cougar Cave. We are going to use crates, baskets and bins that we can carry off stage for plays and other stage activities. That is what we imagine The Cougar Cave will look like. We will also be holding a book drive to collect books.

We are in need of the following items:

- Beanbag chairs (no couches or big items please)
- Small rugs
- Comfy chairs (no couches or big items please)
- Books
- Baskets and/or bins
- Pillows and/or blankets

Please deliver all furniture to the white barn behind Rambo’s house. PLEASE DO NOT drop off at Rambo’s Country Store in Califon. We would prefer foldable items that are new or gently used. We will happily accept all donations by the end of February. We will also gladly accept Walmart and Target gift cards. Please drop off or mail to Califon School, 6 School Street, Califon New Jersey 07830. If you need any additional information, please contact Maryjane Medea, team co-manager, at mmedea@califonschool.org. Thank you very much.

Message from the Califon Middle School DI Team

Greetings from the Califon Middle School Destination Imagination team, consisting of 6th graders Sylvia Papathomas and Grace Medea, and 7th graders Grace Andersen, Alexis Judd, Emma Zande, and Benji Beard! Destination Imagination is a program where students use the creative thought process to complete a series of challenges. Our challenge this year is to identify a community need and give back to our community by helping to resolve it. Our team is focusing on vandalism in our town, and part of our goal is to educate the younger generation to help them understand that vandalism is a crime and negatively impacts our community. In addition, we want to encourage all citizens to “see something and say something” to help keep our community free of vandalism. The team will be conducting educational programs in the school and will also be holding a graffiti cleanup in Califon Island Park on Saturday March 7th at 1:00pm. All are invited to join us and participate. Our team is striving to clean up the graffiti in our park, educate citizens on the problem of vandalism, and give back to our community. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please call Benji Beard at 1+ [\(908\)-399-1960](tel:9083991960).

Califon Book Shop Has a New Look

Califon Book Shop will welcome spring with a new look and new items! Watch for updates on our gift shop located upstairs in our store. We are currently stocking up on unique and high quality gifts for all occasions. We will also be adding a reading room adjacent to the children’s playroom for our customers to chat, read, sip coffee and tea or browse our bargain book selection. Last but not least keep an eye out for our Little Free Library, making its debut in our garden in early April. As always, we welcome your special orders and group events. Hope to see you soon!

**New Planning Board/ Historic Preservation
Commission Secretary**

Califon is pleased to announce that Barbara Margolese has been hired as our new Planning /Zoning Board and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Secretary. Barbara has been hired to replace Linda Beers, who has moved on to new opportunities. Linda has been with us for 12 years and we all wish her the very best in her new endeavors. Barbara has many years of experience in Planning and Zoning and we welcome her to our Municipal offices. Barbara's hours at the Municipal Building will be Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Barbara's contact information at the office is as follows: bmargolese@califonboro.net and or (908) 832-7850 ext. 203. Barbara is here to assist you with any planning/zoning business or with any historic preservation business. We are sure you will join us in welcoming Barbara to the Califon community!

2015 Dog Licenses Are Now Due- Avoid Late Fees!

If you haven't yet licensed your dog, there is still time. An application must be completed for all new dogs along with a copy of the rabies certificate and spay/neuter certificate if applicable. If your dog was licensed last year, you do not need to fill out another application. Just drop the check off at the Municipal Offices or mail them to Karen Mastro's attention. Licenses are \$11.00 for spayed/neutered \$14.00 for non spayed/neutered.

If your dog's rabies vaccination expired since your last licensing, I will need a copy of the new rabies certificate. Applications are available on our website; www.califonboro.net. At the very bottom, click on documents and there will be an application for dog license. Or you can stop by the Municipal Offices and pick one up. Any questions please email Karen at kmastro@califonboro.net or call me Mon-Thurs 908-832-7850 ext. 204.

Get it now to avoid accumulating late fees! (\$5.00 a month, per dog, starting in March)

Hunterdon County Historical Society Presents:

Sunday, March 15, 2:00pm - The Hunterdon County Historical Society annual spring meeting at Flemington Presbyterian Church, 10 East Main Street. Prize-winning photographer and public speaker Walter Choroszewski talks about ABCs of DNA: Introduction to Genetic Genealogy and Genomics. The public is invited. Refreshments served. Admission is free. Call 908.782.1091 or email hunterdonhistory@embarqmail.com with questions.

The LTAA recreation baseball program runs from April through June and is comprised of 4 Divisions:

Div 1 Rookie (Co-Ed): Grades K-1 (tee/machine pitch)

Div 2 Minor Division: Grades 2-3 (machine/kid pitch)

Div 3 Major Division: Grades 4-6

Div 4 Babe Ruth: Grades 7-8

For questions on the upcoming season, please contact Jon Olson at Jon_olsen@comcast.net; (973) 270- 8935. Baseball and Softball registration is now open at ltaa.sportsoffice.com. Registration will complete at the beginning of March so please register today! Note: Softball has a different registration page on the site.

Califon's Kindergarten Round Up

Califon Public School will be holding its annual Kindergarten "Round Up" on Tuesday, March 25, 2015 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Any child living in Califon Borough who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2015 is eligible for Kindergarten this September.

Please call the school as soon as possible to obtain the necessary registration and medical forms which are required to be completed

for submission when you attend Kindergarten registration on the above date.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Dyer, Executive Secretary at 908- 832-2828 ext. 211 or Mrs. Patterson, School Nurse at 908-832-2828 ext. 212

The Califon School PTA

Wants your

Junk in the Trunk

Any time during the week of **March 7th thru the 14th**
Please place your soft goods in front of the garage bays at the **Municipal Building in black garbage bags**
Your donation raises \$ for the **Califon PTA** and **Helps others** in need!

Califon School PTA Tricky Tray

Thank you Califon!

Thank you to all who came out Friday night, January 30, in the freezing cold to support the Califon Public School PTA Tricky Tray and Silent Auction. Thank you to all our very generous donors for their awesome prizes. Thank you to all the volunteers and organizers who made this event happen. Thank you to Califon and all the surrounding local communities for their support. Thank you to the home room parents and Califon School faculty and staff.

Thanks to you all, the event was a great success! We could not have done it without any of you!

**Come on Down to the Park for the
Spring Stream Clean Up!**

Many hands make light work! Please mark your calendars and come on down to the park to help clean up the River banks of Califon. On Saturday April 18th Califon will once again be participating in this valuable yearly event sponsored by the Raritan Headwaters Association. Last year volunteers removed 6 tons of trash throughout Morris, Somerset and Hunterdon on the clean-up day. This is a rain or shine event. If you only have one hour to spare between games, that is fine! Clean up starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm.

This is a great event for Cub Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Groups, Families, Neighbors, everyone!

If you know you will be able to help out in any way, email or call Karen Mastro at kmastro@califonboro.net or 908-832-7850 ext. 204. All reserved volunteers will get a free t shirt!

Household Hazardous Waste Clean Up day

Saturday March 14, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington.

This is open to all Hunterdon County residents, small businesses and Farmers.

For a detailed list contact the County Solid Waste and Recycling Services at 908-788-1110.

They will be accepting up to 10 gallons or 80 pounds of the following (at no charge), Quantities in excess of this will be charged.

Spring Brush Pick Up Cancelled

Califon Residents: Please note that, due to budgetary constraints, the Borough Council has determined that there will be **no spring brush pickup** in May of this year. Council is looking into an alternate program for brush pickup/chipping for spring of 2016. Information will be in next year's March/ April edition of the Crier.

Califon's Rabies Clinic a Big Success

On Saturday January 10th the Califon Board of Health sponsored their annual rabies clinic. With the help of volunteers from our community we were able to provide FREE rabies vaccinations to over 150 dogs and cats! Dr. Mary Beth Hamorski and assistant Robin Dietz from the Califon Animal Hospital provided their services to administer the vaccination. I would like to thank the following Community students for bundling up and making this service happen:

Abigail Flagler, Gillian Panreck, Sara Andersen, Grace Andersen, Emma Natale & Grayson Sieber.

A special thanks to Jeff Burke for arranging the Califon Fire Police and Jr. Fireman for once again doing a fantastic job in managing the flow of traffic and making sure the area was safe. Thank you Christian Meyer, Sean Morris, Dennis Spry, Carsten Janes John Folsom and Zach Waseleski!

Califon's United Methodist Church News

Fisherman's Breakfast! Our annual **Fisherman's Breakfast** for all our hungry fisherman and fisher-ladies on **Saturday, April 4, 2015, from 6:00 am to 12:30 pm!** All food is fresh and made to order. We'll have eggs and omelets, bacon, sausage, pancakes, and more! Come and catch a great breakfast and then catch some fish! Thank you for your support.

Neighborhood Lunch: Please come out and be our guest at our Free Neighborhood Lunch. Join us for good food and company! March Neighborhood Lunch: March 7, 2015; 12:30 to 2:30 pm. April Neighborhood Lunch: April 11, 2015; 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Youth Bible Study: We're offering a weekly Youth Bible on **Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 7:45 pm.** We meet at Califon United Methodist Church, 15 River Road, Califon, NJ. Please call 908-975-3016 or 9080832-2318 for more information. All are welcome.

Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Good Friday Service (April 3, 2015, 7 pm): We will gather for a Good Friday (Tenebrae) worship service. We worship at **7:00 pm**; all are welcome.

Easter Sunrise Service (April 5, 2015): We will gather in our front courtyard (weather-permitting) to worship the Risen Son at the rising of the sun. We gather at **6:30 am for worship.** All are welcome. **Easter Sunday Service (April 5, 2015):** We will gather at **11:00 am** for a traditional Easter worship service. All are welcome.

St. John's in Califon

Thank goodness we are near the end of this winter. Wait didn't we say the same thing last year? As you start to thaw out come see how you can be a part of at St. Johns.

Thanks to an Eagle Scout project our **Project Earth Garden** has a greenhouse to get a jump on our plantings. So if you like gardens and can't wait for spring come help us start seedlings to grow fresh vegetable for local soup kitchens.

Our **Holiday Food Pack Up** for families in need will take place on Friday March 27 at 7:00pm. We pack up donations to our food pantry for delivery on Saturday morning, March 28.

Enjoy an entertaining night on April 17 with the **Willie Lynch Band.** Contact the church office for ticket information – 908.832.2513.

Stations of the Cross on Friday nights at 7pm during Lent. April 3, Good Friday we hold **Living Stations** outside on the Church Grounds at 1pm.

We will have a **Community Reconciliation Service** is on Wednesday March 25 at 7pm followed by Individual Reconciliation for any who wish.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week – This year Palm Sunday is March 29 and Easter Sunday April 5. **Palm Sunday Masses** are at our regular weekend Mass times at 5:30pm Saturday and at 8 and 10:30am on Sunday.

Holy Week Services are at 8pm on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Saturday Vigil. Easter morning Masses are at 8am and 10:30am. We welcome you to celebrate Easter joy with us.

On Saturday June 6, St. John's holds its annual **Grand Auction Dinner Dance.** If you are an area business that would like to donate or someone who enjoys dancing, dining and winning contact us to join the fun.

Founded in 1982, The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann (CCSJN) is a Roman Catholic parish located at 398 CR 513 Califon, NJ. For more information, visit www.ccsjn.org or join us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/pages/St-John-Neumann-RC-Church-Califon-NJ/182725931874252. Parish phone: 908.832.2513.

Recreation Committee Needs You !

Do you enjoy the Califon Memorial Day Parade? The Autumn Street Fair? Spring Easter Egg hunt? Christmas visit from Santa at the Train station? Califon Fun Days in the park?

Do you love small town life in Califon and desire to keep these events going strong, as well as finding new ways to bring neighbors together in celebration of our unique community?

Then the Califon Recreation Committee needs you!

We are actively seeking members to help plan and execute these events. No prior experience is needed, just a positive attitude. The time commitment is minimal and flexible – we have one meeting per month and organize small teams to manage each event. If you are only able to help with certain events, that is fine. In addition to adult volunteers, we also have junior members (age 12-18) and Recreation Committee participation can be used to fulfill High School Community Service requirements.

Please consider volunteering on the Califon Recreation Committee to ensure that our great traditions can continue this upcoming year. For more information, please contact Jason Beard, Recreation Committee Chairman, at JasonTBeard@yahoo.com or 201-725-7362.

Local Boys "Scouting for Food"

Boys in Califon Cub Scout Pack 192 and Califon Boy Scout Troop 192 will once again be "Scouting for Food". Here's how it works. On Saturday, April 18th a scout will leave an empty shopping bag with instructions at your front door or in your mailbox. During the week, you fill the bag with groceries. At the end of the week, leave it out on your porch or by your door. The scout will come back to your house on Saturday, April 25th to pick up the filled bag.

All the items collected will go the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton, which serves families in need in Northern Hunterdon County.

Please support our young people as they do their bit to combat hunger in our communities. For more information, contact Jessica Hickman-Beard at 520-0109 (jjcb20@comcast.net) or Lynne Parente at 832-6381.

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Califon Recreation Committee Easter Egg Hunt

Join the Califon Recreation Committee for
our annual egg hunt at Califon Island Park on **Sunday March 29.**

Hunt will begin promptly at 1:15. Please plan to arrive at 1pm to greet the Easter Bunny
and allow time to organize the kids. Bring along a bag or basket.

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Deadline for May/June submissions: Friday, April 17.