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LET IT GLOW!

Written by Councilwoman Kathleen DeBlasio

Well once again it's my turn to write an article in our Crier. Actually, I should say it is "my honor" to contribute to our hometown newsletter.

First of all I'd like to thank the crew that put together the annual Fall Festival/ Street Fair.

It was so darn good! We were all worried about iffy weather, but it turned out fine. The food, drinks, kids area, were great, the music was awesome; such talented young people and professionals, how could you not have a great time.

Right now the town looks so festive all dressed up in mums, pumpkins, corn stalks, etc. and it puts us in the mood for the upcoming best time of the year; Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sure on one side of the coin, there's a lot of work, stress, but on the other is the reward of reaching out to one another, there's sort of a warm glow we all have and share.

I see and hear all the negativity that is broadcast on all the media sources. I say let's find the positive spirit we all have and focus on that. Our Community is very special, we have so many caring people and families, let's focus on that and welcome our season with an open heart.

Love to all.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

Polling place for the General Election is the Califon Municipal Building at 39 Academy St., Califon, NJ 07830.

Polls open at 6:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

STREET FAIR A BIG SUCCESS

On October 9, the Borough of Califon hosted its fourth annual Autumn Street Fair, in conjunction with the Jon Slusher Memorial 5K. The day was a great success with beautiful weather and hundreds of patrons in attendance. The Fair featured over 25 vendors, community organizations, first responders, and local businesses, as well as games, family attractions, and entertainment from two bands and an "open mic" stage of local performers. It was also the first year for the Califon Fire Company Beer Garden, which was a big hit. This year we also had several paid sponsors whose support helped to make this the best Street Fair yet: Staiano's Furniture, Peapack-Gladstone Bank, Groendyke Insurance, and the Hunterdon Review. Please support your local businesses! Overall, it was a great day to showcase our unique and special Califon community.

An event like this requires extensive planning and coordination, which began in May 2016. One of the best parts about our Califon community is the dedication of volunteers who step up to support their town. I'd like to recognize and thank the following members of the 2016 Street Fair Planning Committee whose many hours of work made this event possible:

Committee

- **Jason Beard (chair)**
- **Kim Belsky (day-of vendor management)**

- **Dave Bolles (bands and open mic stage)**
- **Karen Cubberly (Kids Zone entertainment)**
- **Diane Haversang (logistics and setup)**
- **Ed Haversang (logistics and setup)**
- **Susan Kibler (sponsorship, vendors, and advertising)**
- **Chris Keiser (logistics and setup)**
- **Ed Latus (logistics and setup)**

Event Day Volunteers

- **Amanda Altavilla**
- **Brian Goad**
- **Mike Medea**

The Street Fair Committee would like to offer a very special thank you to Califon Borough Clerk and Deputy Clerk Laura Eidsvaag and Karen Mastro for all of their support "above and beyond" their day jobs.

Special thanks, as well, to Mayor Charlie Daniel, Califon Borough Council, The Slusher Family, the Califon Fire Company, The Zajac Family (trailer donations), Califon Borough Office of Emergency Management, The Smith Family (popcorn donations), Califon Frame shop (electricity), Rambos (electricity and porch), Aegis Building Company (space), Mountainview Development (space), Acropolis (parking), Califon United Methodist Church (parking), Coughlan Funeral Home (parking), Bourbon Street Liquors (beverage donation), Califon Rescue Squad, Washington Township Police, residents of Main Street, and all of the local community leaders, organizations, and businesses who helped to make the day a success.

If you are interested in being part of the Recreation Committee to assist with this and other events, please contact Jason Beard at jasonbeard@yahoo.com.

CALIFON PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Great things continue at Califon Public School! This is my fourth year as principal and the community support is so overwhelmingly positive! Where else can a child attend a non-private school where the average class size is approximately nine students? Teachers can really differentiate their instruction and focus on each child. This focus truly makes Califon School a special place to be!

Students participate in awesome activities throughout the year such as Destination Imagination, Reading Olympics, and our TREPS Marketplace to name a few. Recently, we have been able to offer after school clubs such as Model Building, Robotics, and 3D Printing. Over the next three months, we will be offering an after school Science Club for our students through Science Explorers®. These are just a few of the activities that make our school a great place at which to learn.

Some upcoming events include our annual student Fall Parade, which will start around 1:45pm on Monday, October 31st. Come check out the awesome costumes as students parade around the school and the courtyard! You can check out the winners of our annual poster contest as well. On Tuesday, December 6th, we will have our Winter Concert at 7pm, and on Tuesday, December 13th at 11:30am we will hold our annual Holiday Luncheon. We also expect to have our visitor from the north on hand!

I want to finish by thanking everybody again for their support and if you have any issues, concerns, or questions, feel free to contact us at the school at 832-2828. Have a great day!

Mr. Patton
Principal

COLLECT BOX TOPS FOR CALIFON SCHOOL

Did you know that Califon School participates in Box Tops for Education? **Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our little school earn BIG cash!** Simply clip your pink Box Tops from products such as Progresso soup labels, Kleenex tissue boxes, Ziploc storage bag boxes and hundreds of other products, and drop them off at the Califon Municipal Building.

A collection box is in the lobby. Please ensure that the Box Tops you submit have been neatly trimmed, have a visible expiration date and that it is not expired. Each Box Top submitted is worth 10 cents and all money earned goes directly to our PTA. **Last year we raised \$643.50 and this school year, our school's goal is to clip 7,500 Box Tops which will earn the school \$750.**

For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, visit www.BTFE.com. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl.Suydam@gmail.com, Califon School's Box Tops coordinator. Thanks for your help in making this program a huge success!

CALIFON SCHOOL PTA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2016, 11:30AM.

Seniors, mark your calendars for Califon School PTA's Annual Holiday Luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, starting at 11:30am in the Califon School All-Purpose room. Califon Seniors are invited to join students and staff (and maybe even a special guest from the North Pole) for a buffet-style hot luncheon featuring spiral-cut ham and hot side dishes, dessert, and coffee, courtesy of the Califon School PTA. This is a wonderful Califon School tradition which brings the school and community together to share in some holiday cheer. If you

are or know of a Califon Senior and would like to be added to our distribution list, please e-mail or call Maureen Bruton at maureen.bruton@gmail.com or 908-528-7802 by November 20. We look forward to seeing you there!

14TH ANNUAL GIVING FAIR

The Lower Valley Presbyterian Church is celebrating 14 years of giving! The Giving Fair (previously know as Alternative Gift Fair) will be held on Saturday, November 12th from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the church's Parish Hall, 445 Country Road 513, Califon. Get an early start on your holiday shopping and find unique gifts that make a real difference in the lives of people in need. At the Giving Fair you make donations to non-profit organizations in honor of someone. With each donation, you receive a free custom gift card to present to the person you are honoring. Honor gifts are wonderful for teachers, relatives, business associates or people who "have everything." These "alternative" gifts are tax deductible, too. Twenty different local, national and international aid organizations are featured, with at least one representative from each who can tell you amazing stories about how donations are used. Displays will include interactive exhibits. **RAFFLE BASKETS to benefit Open Cupboard Food Pantry. Bring a canned good and get a free raffle ticket!** If you prefer to give tangible gifts, there will be beautiful beaded jewelry from Bead for Life, aiding the Ugandan women who make the items. Food available. If you are unable to attend, visit www.lowervalley.org for an order form or contact the church at 908-832-2933.

CHRISTMAS AT THE STATION

The Historical Society's annual "Christmas at the Station" display begins Sunday, November 20th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Come see antique trains and toys from local families past and present, enjoy holiday music and view our unique holiday gifts. Choose from "Califon" pottery and wooden train whistles, mini train sets in a tin, holiday card sets and framed prints of historic buildings. Additional open dates include: Sunday, Dec. 4th from noon until 4:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 11th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Shopping on Amazon this season? Please place your order through <http://smile.amazon.com> and select the Califon Historical Society as your charitable organization. No fee for you and the historical society receives 5% of eligible purchases! Questions, call 832-6098.

DOG LICENSE DUE JANUARY 1, 2017

All licenses need to be renewed every year in January. Applications are available on our website: www.califonboro.net, at the Municipal Offices **and the Jan/ Feb Crier will also have a "cut-out" license application.**

Any questions please contact Karen Mastro @ 832-7850 ext. 204.

2017 FREE RABIES CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS

The Califon Board of Health will be sponsoring a FREE Rabies Clinic on Saturday **January 14th 2017 from 1pm to 3pm** at the Califon Municipal garage bays, 39 Academy St, Califon. For rabies control purposes the NJ Dept of Health and Senior Services recognizes the following duration of immunity for dogs and cats vaccinated with three year rabies vaccine.

If your dog or cat is receiving its first vaccination then the rabies vaccine is good for one year. Please note your animal is not fully immunized against rabies until 28 days after the rabies vaccine has been administered. Please keep your pet indoors until this 28 day period.



CALIFON FIRE COMPANY

5th ANNUAL SANTA VISIT
GIFTS FOR SANTA TO DELIVER TO CHILDREN AT THEIR HOMES CAN
BE DROPPED OFF AT
CALIFON FIREHOUSE, 41 MAIN STREET
ON DECEMBER 13th&15th BETWEEN 6:00-8:00 PM.

THE CHILDS NAME , ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERSHOULD BE
CLEARLY LABLED ON EACH GIFT.
ALL GIFTS MUST BE PRE-WRAPPED.
(LIMIT 1 GIFT PER CHILD)

DELIVERY DATE WILL BE DECEMBER 18th STARTING AT 12:00
(WE WILL CALL AHEAD OF TIME WITH YOUR DELIVERY DATE & TIME)

\$25.00 DONATION PER HOUSEHOLD

*DON'T LIVE IN CALIFON BOROUGH? PLEASE CALL 908-398-7351 TO SEE
IF DELIVERY WILL BE AVAILABALE IN YOUR AREA*

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL BETH @ 908-398-7351

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PARENT'S NAME _____ CHILD'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____

PHONE # _____ CELL # _____

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEANUP DAY

When: Saturday, November 12, 2016 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Hunterdon County Rt. 12 Complex – 314 State Route 12 East, Flemington

For further information call (908) 788-1110 or email: swrs@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Flyers are available at the Municipal Building, 39 Academy St., Califon, N.J. 07830

2016 LEAF COLLECTION

Califon will, once again, be sponsoring a Boro-wide curbside pickup of leaves on the following **FRIDAYS:**

**November 18th, November 25th,
December 2nd and December 9th**

The contracted vendor for leaf pickup is Peter Rubinetti Private Disposal, LLC.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable paper bags only!

Residents can purchase paper bags at our local hardware store, Califon Lumber, or at any major hardware store. Please place bagged leaves on or near the curb, **NOT IN THE STREET**. We do encourage residents to compost their leaves, if there is space available to do so. Composted leaves make rich soil for use on next year's garden and on the beds around your property.

HAPPENINGS AT THE CALIFON BOOK SHOP

It's another busy month for the Califon Book Shop. In addition to the special events we have planned, we will be celebrating Small Business Saturday on November 26, 2016. Plan to walk off your Thanksgiving feast while visiting your local small businesses! This is always a festive day at the shop with friends and neighbors stopping in. We'd love for you to come and browse or just stop in to say hello.

On November 5th we will be hosting a stationary event. Along with our in house designed note cards and note paper, we have invited other local designers to share their wares. Local resident Maria will be selling handmade greeting cards as well as kits to assemble your own creations. Leslie of Sweet Meadow Studio will be showcasing her extensive line of paper including note cards and enclosures.

November 19th will be a busy day at the shop. From 11 AM to 1 PM Kimberly Ann Borin, Ed.D. will be signing her previously published titles in the Laughter Salad series as well as her newest release, *Gravy, Not Soup*. The book includes 52 stories of inspiration and peace. Don't miss this opportunity to meet and chat with Kimberly.

Immediately following the signing we will be hosting *Reading to Dogs* from 1 PM-3 PM. Come in and pick a book, choose a dog and curl up for a story!

Call or email the shop with any questions. califonbookshop282@gmail.com; 908-832-6686 In the spirit of the Thanksgiving season we would like to send a warm thank you to all of you for all you do to make our community special.

WINTER FESTIVAL FEATURES CRAFTERS, MUSIC, GAMES, FOOD AND FUN!

Do some holiday shopping, have some fun, and support the Voorhees Music Programs at the 7th annual **Voorhees High School Music Association Winter Festival on Saturday, November 19, 9 am – 3 pm**. Admission is FREE.

The festival, held indoors at the high school, features more than 100 crafters and vendors offering everything from knitwear to soaps to jewelry to baked goods to fine crafted woods and dozens of other unique items perfect for holiday gift giving or for enriching your own home. Many of the vendors and crafters are from Hunterdon, Morris and Warren counties, so it's a great way to support local small business people.

This year, Winter Festival will also include live performances from the hardworking vocal and instrumental music students at Voorhees High School.

The festival will also have plenty to keep the kids busy so they won't get bored while you shop. There will be carnival-style games, face-painting, sand art and prizes for the kids. And no one needs to worry about getting hungry, as there will be a variety of foods for lunching or snacking.

The first 1000 adults to attend will get a free chance to win gift cards to local businesses!

Proceeds from the festival benefit the Voorhees High School Music Association, which supports the school's talented teen musicians and vocalists, by providing instruments, enrichment opportunities and scholarships for Voorhees students.

Voorhees High School is located at 256 County Route 513 in Glen Gardner. For more information, visit www.vikesmusic.com and click on "Winter Festival 2016" or email info@vikesmusic.com.

FIRST ANNUAL HISTORIC HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

The 2016-2017 Califon School 8th Grade invites you to join us on the First Annual Historic Holiday House Tour!

This is an 8th Grade Project Graduation fundraiser sponsored by the Califon Historical Society. The proceeds will help our 8th Graders get to Washington D.C. next May.

The tour will take place on December 3rd from 1-3:30 p.m. This is a walking tour of Califon and your maps and tickets can be picked up at Borough Hall on December 3rd.

Tickets are \$20 each or \$35 for a couple. Come join us as we celebrate the beauty of Califon at the Christmas season! Santa will also be in town that day and our yearly Christmas Tree lighting will be happening as well.

Please send checks to:

Califon Historical Society
PO Box
Califon, NJ 07830

Please also note in the memo line, "house tour".

Tickets are also available at Rambo's Country Store.

* Part of the proceeds will go to the Califon Historical Society.

We look forward to seeing you! Happy Holidays to all!
Questions? Call Karen Greico @ 908-391-2815

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Join your neighbors on Saturday Dec 3 at 3 PM at the Califon Train Station to welcome the Christmas holidays at our annual Christmas Tree lighting and festivities. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand starting at 3 PM to greet the children, followed by caroling up Main Street at 4:30. Many Main Street businesses will be open to kick off the holiday shopping season. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served at the Train Station during Santa's visit, and we'll also have ornament-making activities for the kids. Come out and enjoy a great evening with your friends and neighbors and celebrate this great Califon tradition!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

The Califon Fire Company will be picking up Christmas trees again this year.

Please have your retired trees curbside with the final pick up date being by Saturday January 21st. Make sure everything is cleaned off of your tree please!

Please note, the Fire Company has advised that they will NOT be hosting a Winterfest this year.

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Deadline for January/February submissions: Tuesday, December 6.