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## **2016 - A Major Accomplishment Year**

*By Mayor Charles J. Daniel*

What a year it was! The completion of the Main Street Stormwater Construction Project, Califon's largest infrastructure improvement project in its approaching 100 year history, has been completed. The inconvenience of the project - traffic delays, business disruptions, construction noise - was temporary, but the improvements - an updated and efficient stormwater discharge system that can be expanded, as well as a new road surface to the downtown area - is permanent. I thank you for your patience and understanding during this project. Special thanks to Borough Clerk Laura Eidsvaag, Councilman Mike Medea, and Engineer Kelly Kimiecik. It's taken over seven years to complete. Your perseverance is exemplary!

Many people, groups and committees have contributed to the 2016 Califon experience, and for them I am truly grateful. Just a few of the outstanding contributions, as well as events held, have been:

- Another incredibly successful Main Street, Street Fair, led by Jason Beard and the Recreation Committee. This event continues to expand in size and grow in attendance! I am looking forward to next year's Fair!
- Even though the Memorial Day Celebration was hindered by the threat of rain, it was still held at the Califon Fire Company's Hall. (Califon was one of the few municipalities in the region who did not cancel their celebration.) Special thanks to the Califon Fire Company for supporting a memorable celebration, as well as Ed Latus for planning and coordinating the events.
- The front office - Borough Clerk Laura Eidsvaag, Deputy Clerk Karen Mastro, Tax Collector Amy Monahan, CFO Kevin Lifer, Tax Assessor Eloise Hagaman, and Planning Board Secretary Teri Lyons - for running the 'day to day' activities of the Borough. Sometimes a 'thankless' job that goes unduly noticed.
- Our public safety team - the Califon Fire Company, the Califon First Aid Squad, Chief Jeff Almer and the Washington Township Police Department, and Beth Wolfmayer, our Emergency Management Coordinator - for providing a close watch over our borough. Excellent service!
- Our school crossing guards - Marlene Dudek and Clayton Huff - for keeping our children safe through all kinds of weather. Especially, for caring.
- The Califon Borough Council - Kathy Diblasio, Meg Riccio, Gill Smith, Mike Medea, Tony Forrester and Leo Janas - for your commitment and perseverance throughout the year. I am very fortunate to have a Council that respects each other and works cohesively together. Special thanks to both Kathy and Tony, who are leaving the Council, and a wholehearted welcome to Joe Riccio and Steven Stanaback, our newest Council members.

Yes, there are others, such as the participants and organizers of the River Clean Up Day, as well the Carolers and musicians of the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. Because of the volunteerism, dedication and perseverance of the people and groups mentioned above, as well as those not mentioned because of my faulty memory, Califon is truly a wonderful place to live. My sincerest thanks to all of you.

Best wishes to you for a safe and happy holiday season!

### **CALIFON CRIER**

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***Deadline for March/April submissions: Friday, February 10.***

**SNOW MAY SOON BE FALLING.....**

According to Borough ordinance the following rules will go into effect in the event of snow:

Owner(s) and/or tenant(s) of any property abutting public roads of the Borough shall remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks within 12 hours of daylight after the snow has fallen and accumulated.



Placing snow and or ice in the Borough or County roadways, whether paved or unpaved, is strictly prohibited. Whenever snow has covered Borough streets and an emergency exists, no vehicles can park on the streets until they have been plowed sufficiently. At that time, parking on the streets will resume so long as it does not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Violators of these rules may be subject to their cars being towed at the owner's expense.

Please make sure your house number and mailbox are clearly visible from the road to make it easier for first responders to find you in an emergency.

Thank you for your cooperation with these rules for the safety of all residents in the Borough.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP 2017-18**

Califon Public School will be holding its annual Kindergarten "Round Up" on Friday, March 24, 2017 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Any child living in Califon Borough who will be five years old on or before October 1, 2017 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.

**HISTORICAL HOUSE TOUR A BIG SUCCESS!**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2017 would like to thank the Califon homeowners who generously opened their homes for the first ever Califon Historical House Tour. In addition to the participating homeowners the class of 2017 would like to thank; Don Friebergs , owner of Rambo's and the President of Califon Historical Society for co sponsoring this event; Patti from Flowers By The River, Pastor Kyle from the United Methodist Church and to all the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents. This event truly showed what a wonderful community we have in Califon. Karen Greico, Chairman and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent.

**CALIFON VETERANS MEMORIAL**

The Califon Veterans Memorial is located on the Califon Island Park. It is to honor our service men and women that have been in any branch of the military service.



There are few ways to support the Califon Veterans Memorial. If you were or a member of your family was in a war, a brick can be purchased with their name, branch of service and year in service. We also have something new we are offering, a sponsorship brick either as an individual or a family. They will be located in the walkway between the pavilion to the memorial circle.

We have also scheduled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Califon Classic Car Show to be held this year at the Califon Island Park centered around the memorial on September 9, 2017.

All proceeds from the bricks and car show are going to install a flag pole for each branch of the service.

For a brick application or car show entry, please call 908-832-0418 or 862-219-2911, or email at [califoncarshow@gmail.com](mailto:califoncarshow@gmail.com)

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED?**

How about starting the New Year off with getting involved with one of your local Boards or Committees? Califon has many different committees that could use your help! From the Califon Board of Health to the Parks Committee, there is something available for everyone to lend a hand. Right now the Board of Health and Environmental Commission is under staffed and in need of members. Many of these committees do not meet every month and they will not require a huge commitment on your schedule. Please contact Karen Mastro if you would like more information about opportunities to get involved.

[Kmastro@califonboro.net](mailto:Kmastro@califonboro.net). Or 908-832-7850 ext. 204.

**BREAKFAST CHURCH RETURNS IN JANUARY**

When there is a fifth Sunday in a month, Califon UMC holds breakfast church. We join together for an experience that brings breakfast into our time of worship, along with singing discussion, and Holy Communion. Our next breakfast church experience will be Sunday, January 29 at 10 a.m. Visit the church website for more information.

Visit [califonumc.org](http://califonumc.org) for more information.

**A LITTLE MUSIC MOMMY AND ME PROGRAM BEGINS IN JANUARY AT CALIFON UMC**

Join us on January 9, 2017 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for our first meeting of *A Little Music*. Bring your child (ages 6 months to 4 years) for a monthly time of music and singing, lunch (provided), social time with other children and parents, and discussion and parenting tips. Call 908-832-2318 or email [califonumc@gmail.com](mailto:califonumc@gmail.com) for more information and to register by January 7, 2017. This FREE program is sponsored by the Hunterdon County Family Success Center (brought to you by a Unifying Families grant from the Department of Human Services, Hunterdon County).

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP**

The Califon Fire Company will once again be picking up retired Christmas trees for Califon Borough residents. If you would like to have your tree picked up, please place it curbside by Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> as they plan on picking up on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>.



PLEASE make sure to double check your tree for any ornaments or lights that you may have forgotten!!

**CALIFON'S ANNUAL FREE RABIES CLINIC**



**January 14, 2017  
1:00 pm to 3 pm  
39 Academy St, Califon**

39 Academy St, Califon Please follow the directions of the Jr. Fireman upon arriving at the clinic.

All dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a transport cage

**\*\*\* At the time of this publication we are still looking for a few volunteers to assist at the clinic. It is a great way for teens to complete community service hours and have fun at the same time!**

**Please call Karen at 908-832-7850 ext. 204 if you are interested.**

**NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS**

Dog Licenses must be obtained by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please complete the application upon receipt of this mailing to avoid accruing late fees!

N.J. Fees as scheduled should be enclosed with your application along with a certificate of your dog's current rabies inoculation. Rabies inoculation must not expire during this year of licensing.

Two surcharge fees have been imposed by the State of N.J.- (1) N.J. Pilot Clinic Fund Surcharge of \$0.20; (2) N.J. Animal Control Population Fund Surcharge- \$3.00. Along with a copy of the rabies certificate we will also need a veterinarian's certificate, or and affidavit stating the animal has been altered. The proof of alteration only needs to be submitted the first time you are licensing your dog with Califon after the alteration takes place. Our system will store this information for future reference.

Fee: Spayed or Neutered dogs.....\$11.00  
Unaltered Dogs.....\$14.00

**Checks should be made payable to "Borough of Califon"**

It would be appreciated if you could enclose a self addressed stamped envelope for the return of your license.

**\*\*\*\* Please note a DELINQUENT FINE OF \$5.00 PER MONTH PER DOG WILL BE ASSESSED AFTER JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

Please avoid this late fee and get your applications in early!  
\*\*Note they can be dropped off in our drop box by the back door.

**LICENSE APPLICATION FOR DOG OWNERS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Road or Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Male ( ) Female ( ) Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Hair: Short ( ) Medium ( ) Long ( ) Colors: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Is Dog Neutered or Spayed? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Date Current Rabies Vaccination Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* There will be a free Rabies Clinic held on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Califon Borough Hall- 39 Academy St. Please follow directions of the Califon Jr. Firemen when entering the clinic site. \*\* If it is snowing or we had a storm the night before, call 832-7850 and listen for a message advising cancellation.