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Make Califon Great Again...No Need, We've Always Been Great

By Councilman Steven Stanaback

30 years is a long length of time for just about anything. In 1988, a cell phone was the size of a small brick. The World Wide Web would not exist for another two years. And 30 years ago, we bought our first house on Academy Street. Things generally haven't changed much since then, with the exception I didn't have a neighbor like Mrs. Tiger who would share her refrigerator pickles with me. But like many before us, we outgrew our house and moved to another in town. We weren't interested in moving away as our first child had just started school, we were happy and wanted to stay in town. And now after 30 years, it seems it's time to move on, although with deep regret.

If you have lived in Califon for any period of time and frequently read the Crier, you'll see articles every once in a while, describing what makes Califon great. Whether it is our volunteer Fire Department and First Aid squad who answer the call day or night in all kinds of weather, our municipal volunteer town committee members, or maybe it's the various groups who put together the Memorial Day parade, Fall Harvest Festival and this year, the Califon Centennial. I could not agree more, as this is what makes Califon great.

But there are additional facets that make Califon not just great, but somewhat unique. Califon is fortunate that we share a border with Lebanon Township where their businesses compliment ours. Between both sides of Route 513 and downtown Califon, there are multiple banks, pizzerias, a butcher, grocery store, florist, and jeweler. It's almost like you don't have to leave town to get what you need. This list of businesses is endless, but the one common thread is that local people own many of these businesses. They survive because of others and us in the area that shop here. Without them though, Califon as a whole isn't the same. Shopping local is not just a slogan, everyone benefits.

Yet all this doesn't mean having everything at your disposal is completely fulfilling. The difference is as many have said, "it's the people". My wife Leslie recently remarked that we have made the best friends here that we could ever have and it will be difficult to duplicate it. She's right. Whether it's a neighbor or someone you know in town, you could always count on them to help or offer support when you needed it and reciprocate in kind if they needed it.

So after 30 years, the volunteers, the businesses and the residents are really what make Califon great. Each one plays an important part in keeping this town the way it is and was in 1988 when we first moved in. My advice, to quote Ron Burgundy the famous news anchor from San Diego, "You stay classy Califon".

PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



Chief Jeff Almer, Washington Township Police Department, Califon Borough, and HART TMA, the local non-profit dedicated to promoting sustainable transportation, are partnering to increase pedestrian safety in the Borough of Califon. We're looking for the community's feedback on walking and driving in town.

We invite you to take a few minutes to complete a short survey. To thank you for your time, at the end of the survey, you may choose to enter into a drawing for a \$100 VISA gift card, courtesy of HART.

TAKE THE SURVEY ONLINE: www.harttma.com/survey Hard copies of the survey will be available in the Clerk's office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ABOUT THE FLU

Califon resident and nurse, Lisa Waseleski has submitted this article to help inform Califon residents of the importance of protecting yourself and loved ones from this dangerous virus. Lisa has worked in the nursing field for 39 years and holds a bachelor of nursing degree. Lisa will be providing articles on various health topics in future editions of the Crier for our residents.

The flu is currently one of the most serious health issues for our population. It is a highly contagious virus and if you are not protected you are very susceptible to getting sick with the flu. Infants, the elderly and the immunocompromised have a greater chance of getting the flu.

There are many misconceptions about the influenza vaccine. One of them is that you will get the flu from the flu vaccination. This is not true; the influenza vaccine is a dead virus and it increases your bodies immunity against the flu. This takes about two weeks after immunization. If you are exposed to the virus within this two-week window from someone who is sick with the virus, there is a very good chance you will become sick also; however, you will have a milder case. (CDC, 2017)

The best defense against the virus is to get vaccinated, practice frequent handwashing and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The flu virus changes every year due to mutation. Each year the CDC performs extensive research to design the immunization for the upcoming flu season. Approximately 130 million doses of the Influenza vaccine have been dispersed in anticipation for the 2017-18 flu season. (CDC, 2017).

The CDC (2017) has reported an extensive epidemic of flu activity throughout the United States this 2017/2018 flu season. There have been thousands hospitalized and too many deaths directly from the flu virus.

Please get your flu shot and practice good handwashing techniques, which means wash for at least 15-30 seconds using soap, friction and hot water. If you think you may have been exposed to the flu, call your doctor, drink plenty of fluids and take anti- fever medication recommended by your doctor.

A LETTER FROM POLICE CHIEF ALMER

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support of our police department. Washington Township Police has been serving Califon for nearly 12 years, and we have enjoyed every moment of it. Califon is a wonderful community and

my officers and I have gotten to know many of you personally and have worked with you closely on many different incidents through the years.

Last year, we generated nearly 7000 activity entries in Califon, ranging from property checks, to car stops, to community policing, and every other kind of call you can imagine. Our presence has increased dramatically and we have dedicated more time and resources to the community.

Our department also offers many kinds of training for the community, from CPR, First Aid, Cyber Crime, Social Media Awareness, Defensive Tactics, Active Shooter, as well as many other programs. We are also going to start the Safe Stop program this year. So if you would like to learn more about what we have to offer, please contact me and we can set something up. If there is something you don't see, let me know and we can put a program together.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/wtpdmorris?fref=ts>) which will also announce programs we are putting on as well as other departmental and community information. You can also visit us at wtpdmorris.org.

Thank you again, and we look forward to continuing our commitment to Califon and keeping the area safe for all of you. Please feel free to contact me anytime or email me (jalmer@wtpdmorris.org) if there is anything I can do for you.

Respectfully,
Chief Jeffrey Almer

NEW STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS

The Hunterdon County Veteran Services Department recently notified the municipal offices that there is a new State Income Tax Exemption of \$3000.00 for Veterans for the 2017 tax year. All veterans with an Honorable discharge should contact Caitlin Koether, Veteran Service Officer at 908-806-4179 or ckoether@co.hunterdon.nj.us for details. Forms are also available at the Califon Municipal Building.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Teri Lyons, who faithfully served as our Planning/Zoning & Historical Commission Secretary for the last year. Teri has taken a new position in the County government and we wish her well in her new endeavors.

Our new Planning / Zoning & Historical Commission Secretary is Kerry Brown. Kerry comes to Califon with years of experience in both Municipal Planning and Zoning and Historical Preservation. We welcome

Kerry to our staff and our town! Kerry's office hours will be Mondays from 4pm to 8pm. She can be reached at 908-832-7850 ext. 203 or kbrown@califonboro.net.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Fire Marshall, Bill Heerwagen. Bill is a retired Fire Chief with many years of experience in the fire safety field. We are excited to have him join our municipal staff and Bill is looking forward to serving the interests of our local businesses and residents. Bill can be reached at 908-832-7850 ext. 212 or bheerwagen@califonboro.net

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT CALIFON SCHOOL TREP\$ MARKETPLACE

Kids and adults with a sweet tooth will be drawn to the bakery treats and beef jerky. Scented candles and beauty supplies are a few of the items that will appeal to adults. Everyone will love the carnival games. All of these items will be available for purchase to all cash-carrying members of the public attending the TREP\$ Marketplace at Califon School, in Califon, NJ on Friday, March 9th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM (snow date of Saturday, March 10th).

The TREP\$ Marketplace is a unique flea-market style event in that all of the vendors are children grades four to eight. During the past six weeks, over 20 children from the Califon School have been participating in the award-winning TREP\$ program (www.trepsed.com) where they have learned the basics of entrepreneurship. On Friday, March 9th, they will put all that they have learned to the test as they launch their own businesses for the night.

The initiative is designed to serve as an inspiration for young people to think creatively and to put their ideas into action by creating a new business.

"Educating our young people about entrepreneurship and reinforcing the value that entrepreneurs and innovators bring to our economy is critical to America's long-term prosperity – more so now than ever before," said Wendy Guillies, president and CEO of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

According to Kauffman Foundation research, 41 percent of children ages 9 -12 say they would like to start their own business. "Young people have a natural desire for the independence and control that comes with owning a business and being their own boss," Guillies said. TREP\$ co-founder, Hayley Romano, added, "TREP\$ takes that desire and turns it into a concrete learning experience from which the kids benefit in so many ways." Pamela deWaal, Romano's partner, agreed. "Entrepreneurship education through TREP\$ is an empowering self-esteem builder that gives kids a greater sense of control over their lives

and futures," deWaal said. "With the support of the community, the young participants of TREP\$ will learn the value of creativity, motivation, and hard work."

We hope to see you on Friday, March 9th, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at Califon School to support young entrepreneurs in the Califon community! More information about the program can be found at www.califonschool.org or by contacting Matt Zimmerman at mzimmerman@califonschool.org.

LINDA PATTERSON 3RD PLACE KIDSBRIDGE AND ESS/SOURCE4TEACHERS CHARACTER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR NEW JERSEY FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Congratulations to Mrs. Linda Patterson RN, CSN for her third-place award for the state of New Jersey's Kidsbridge and ESS/Source4Teachers Character Education Leadership Award - 2017! There were many nominees throughout the state for this very important award. Mrs. Patterson goes above and beyond the call of duty and to that end we are grateful she is on the Califon team! Her work on character education topics with Califon's students is priceless and shows in our students' commitment to kindness and service on a daily basis.

Kidsbridge is a nonprofit organization and hosts the only youth-focused tolerance center in the United States. They offer developmentally appropriate programs for students from preschool to middle school. Empathy, empowerment, social-emotional skills and diversity education programs are offered. ESS/Source4Teachers is a leading provider of managed solutions in the K-12 education space.

LOWER VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Lower Valley Presbyterian Church will be opening up their community garden to residents for the sixth year this spring! If you are interested in renting a plot to grow organic vegetables and assist in the gardens designated for the Open Cupboard Food Pantry, please contact Claudia at the LVPC at Lowervalleyipc@embarqmail.com or 908-832-2933. Rental is \$25.00 for one 4'X8' bed.

2018 ANNUAL STREAM CLEAN UP

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 14th Califon will once again be participating in this valuable yearly event sponsored by the Raritan

Headwaters Association. This is a rain or shine event. If you only have one hour to spare 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 if they register ahead of time. To reserve your spot register at: <https://production.gobigriver.com/store/Item.seam?commerceCampaignFormId=3667&categoryId=360&orderableItemId=33601&clear=&cid=18611> Or contact Karen above.

CALIFON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Califon Through the Years" is the theme of the Historical Society's annual display, which will open on Sunday, May 6th from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. This unique display will feature photos, keepsakes & memorabilia depicting Califon's past as the town celebrates its 100th year Anniversary. As part of the Open House, the Society will host two guided walking tours of downtown Califon leaving the train station at 12:00 and 2:00 pm. Questions, call Don at 832-2012.

SPRING HAPPENINGS AT THE CALIFON BOOK SHOP

Help us welcome Spring at the Califon Book Shop! Our story time continues on the second Tuesday of the month at 11 am as well as our book lovers evening every fourth Thursday at 5 pm. As the weather warms up we will be expanding our outdoor events beside the shop. Please stop by often and bring your community minded ideas. We love sharing our space with you!

Our youngest readers still delight in titles children have enjoyed for years; Goosebumps, the Box Car Children and Mercy Watson. Many are crazy for the Dog Man series and anxiously await # 5 coming in August; "Dogman: Lord of the Fleas". The slightly older crowd is reading "A Wrinkle in Time" to coincide with the movie release on March 9th. John Green fans are enjoying his newest, "Turtles All the Way Down".

When looking for a gift for a child and you're not sure what they have already read, consider a classic. They have stood the test of time for good reason! And speaking of gift giving, when shopping for all the spring showers and other life events this season, remember The Market at the Califon Book Shop has locally made items in all price ranges. Soap and

beautiful dish towels are a lovely small token, while our pottery, baby items and stationery make wonderful presents. See you at the shop!

2018 DOG LICENSES ARE NOW DUE- AVOID LATE FEES!

If you haven't yet licensed your dog, there is still time. 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 (we have a drop box by the back door) 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.

If you are new to Califon or have a new pup then I will need a completed application, rabies certification and spay/neuter certification.

CALIFON'S RABIES CLINIC A BIG SUCCESS

On Saturday January 13th, 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 100 dogs and cats! Dr. Salatiello and assistant Robin Dietz from the Califon Animal Hospital provided their services to administer the vaccination. I would like to thank the following Community residents and students for showing up to help make this important service happen:

Board of Health Members: Janice Genetti, Barbara Baggstrom, Joanne McClees, The following youth volunteers: Nora Cubberly, Clare Janas, Cassidy Sieber, Will & Matt Bell, Caitlin Busela, Rose Weber, & Eliza Zande.

And last but not least the following members of the Califon Fire Company and / or the Califon First Aid Squad: Dennis Spry, AJ Ader, Liam Morris, Kenny Burke and Jeff Burke.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE DAN HANDY MEMORIAL FUND

The Dan Handy Memorial Fund will be holding its annual all you can eat Corned Beef dinner Saturday March 17, 2018 from 5-8 at the Califon Fire House. Prices are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Bring the entire family down and enjoy a great dinner for a great cause! BYOB, soft beverages will also be served as well as alternate food for children. All proceeds benefit the Dan Handy Memorial Fund Inc. Follow us on Facebook for more info!

The Dan Handy Memorial Fund will be hosting its second annual Cornhole Tournament on Saturday

April 21, 2018 Rain or Shine at the Califon Fire House. Cost will be \$50 per team (32 teams) and \$10 for walk ins. Spots can be reserved starting March 19, 2018. Food and beverages will be on sale. This is a 21 and older event! For more info contact Mike 908-303-9162 or Rich 908-328-5063

**HUNTERDON COUNTY RESIDENTS AND
SMALL BUSINESSES ONLY
COMPUTER, COMPUTER MONITOR & TV
COLLECTION DAY**

SATURDAY APRIL 14TH 9 AM TO 1 PM

WHERE: Hunterdon County Rt. 12 Complex-
314 State Rt 12 East, Flemington.

Up to 10 items per vehicle will be accepted.

**NO AIR CONDITIONERS, DEHUMIDIFIERS,
REFRIGERATORS, PROPANE TANKS HAZ-
ARDOUS WASTE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC
DEVICES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**HAZARDOUS WASTES WILL BE
ACCEPTED ON SATURDAY MARCH 10TH
AND SATURDAY JULY 18TH**

Contact the Hunterdon County Solid Waste & Recycling Services at 908-788-1351 for specifics.

CALIFON RECREATION COMMITTEE & COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR – 2018

The Califon Recreation Committee is proud to present our 2018 events and activities calendar. Many of our familiar events are represented, as well as the addition of the Califon Centennial Celebration!

Our first event is the annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on Sunday, March 25 at 1 PM in Califon Island Park. The event will feature Easter egg hunting for all children in age groups Pre-K through 6th grade, a jellybean-counting contest, and a visit by the Easter Bunny! Come out and enjoy a great Califon tradition with your neighbors.

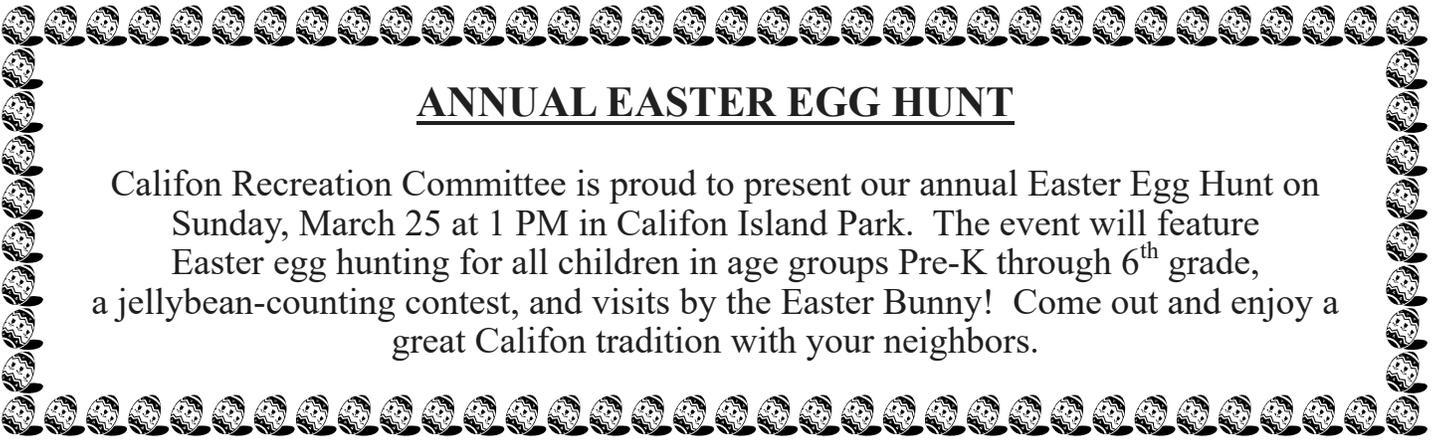
Information for each specific event will become available on the Califon Borough Facebook Page, Califon Borough Website, and crier before the event takes place.

In addition, the Recreation Committee is always looking for volunteers to help plan and run our events. If you want less of a commitment, we are always in need of volunteers to help on the day of the event. This could be perfect if anyone needs to complete service hours! Interested parties should contact the Recreation Chair, Amanda Altavilla at altavillaamanda@yahoo.com or 908-574-9343.

Califon Recreation Committee 2018 Calendar of Events			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 25	1 PM	Easter Egg Hunt	Califon Island Park
Saturday, May 5	8 AM – 4 PM	Spring Troutfest (CAMP A Event)	Califon Island Park
Monday, May 28	11 AM	Memorial Day Parade	Main Street and Califon Island Park
Monday-Friday July 30- August 3	9:30-11:30 AM	Califon Summer Fun Days	Califon Island Park
Friday, October 12-14	Coming Soon!	Califon Centennial Celebration	Coming Soon!
Sunday, October 14	12-5 PM	Califon Street Fair	Main Street
Sunday, December 2	3-5 PM	Christmas in Califon	Train Station & Main Street

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Lisa Waseleski & Matt Zimmerman.

Deadline for May/June 2018 submissions: Friday, April 13.