



Califon Crier

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“PAST ECHOES, CURRENT CHANGES AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?”

By Councilman Leo Janas

Several months ago, our Deputy Clerk, Karen Mastro, sent out copies of proclamations from the town archives with echoes of what we were then experiencing with COVID-19. The first, dated September 13, 1945, less than two weeks after World War II ended, closed all public gatherings, including public schools, to children under 16 due to the “nearness of Polio (Infantile Paralysis) to the Borough.” This order, signed by Mayor Harry G. Geist, was then lifted by a notice from Marc C. Waldron, President of the Board of Health, on September 24, 1945.

Thirty or so years later, the fear of polio was something not even mentioned in my childhood. You learned about it in history class, maybe, eventually studying how it had felled Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he was young but did not prevent him from becoming President. The essay on my final exam at school this year was asking students to tell me what three things they thought would be most important for their children to know about going to high school during this time. As doctors and scientists discover even better treatments and vaccines, we can only hope that COVID-19 will also be consigned to history.

And there are great signs that things are improving. Not being sure what public places still require a mask can be confusing, but it is a good problem to have. The intersection of Routes 512 and 513 is once again not easy to enter or cross at certain times during the day- I’m sure I will tire of traffic again soon, but it is a sign of life. Perhaps that traffic means our businesses are seeing more traffic as well.

There also have been some changes to town government in the last few months. The borough reconstituted two boards into the Parks & Recreation Committee Board and the responsibilities of the Historic Preservation Commission were refolded into the Planning Board. By August, Califon, like all municipalities in New Jersey, must decide whether to allow businesses related to the cultivation, processing, and sale of pot in the community. The borough can opt to allow all, some or none of the uses related to pot retail sales. Opting in allows those uses for five years; opting out can be revisited at any time. Retail sales would probably be the most likely business in the community. Like any major change to state law there are many questions on how it will affect municipalities, but the borough must make a decision by mid-August, or it will automatically be opting in for all allowed uses.

As is often the case, this article ends with a request to be involved. One way to end the isolation is to consider joining a town board or committee that needs volunteers. Coming out of the pandemic, the Parks and Recreation Committee is already planning community activities for which they need help. And while Califon is largely a built-out community, the Planning Board could use more members as we update several important planning documents for the future. Other opportunities abound.

A well-known quote, considered by some a curse, reads, “May you live in interesting times.” I am hoping for some uninteresting normalcy over the next few months as we continue cautiously to return to our routines during what I hope is a great summer for all of us.

CALIFON RECREATION

For upcoming recreation events and news please check the Califon website at www.califonboro.net and the Califon Recreation Facebook page!

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

All residents are required to license their dogs by January 1st of every year. By now, if you have not licensed your dog you should have received a reminder letter with the current amount due. Please avoid further late fees by mailing in your fee with the current Rabies Vaccination Certification. If your dog was previously licensed, we have your pet's information on our licensing program, we just need the current expiration date of the Rabies Vaccination.

Please understand that the State of New Jersey requires ALL residents to license their dogs. You cannot obtain a license until you have had your dog vaccinated against rabies.

By licensing your dog, you are protecting your pet and family against this deadly disease.

THE GRAND FINALE!

The Califon School Class of 2021 celebrated their 8th grade graduation on June 17, 2021 with family and friends in the school courtyard. We were so pleased to see everyone for this in person event after a challenging but successful school year. This year's graduates are: Emilia Beard, Finley Bruton, Fiona Cusack, Paige Euler, Kate Firko, Aidan Fitzpatrick-O'Neill, Ava Keiser, Zackary Mahon, Cody Meredith, Hannah Rosenthal, Landon Sacro, Winston Sisa, Kyle Tansug, Daniel Van Elkan, and Kyle Zuffanti.

Our Kindergarten and Preschool students also celebrated their graduation with family and friends in the school courtyard on June 17, 2021. The kindergarten students traveled home in style on the Califon Fire Truck. (Thank you to Chief Bergman and the entire Califon Fire Department!!!)

The 2021 Field Day in June was a huge success. Students and staff enjoyed the day of activities and games followed by a visit from the Kona Ice Truck. A big thank you goes out to the Califon Fire Department for providing the "Wet Down" at the end of field day. Students and staff enjoyed cooling off and parents enjoyed watching the students!

Big thank you's go out to-

~ our entire community for their support during the school year.

~ Califon School PTA

~ Mayor Daniel who presented awards to our graduates

~ Graduation awards sponsors

- Califon Historical Society
- Califon PTA
- The Borough of Califon, Mayor and Town Council
- Coughlin Funeral Home
- The Handy Family
- The Califon Education Association

~ Chief Bergman and the entire Califon Fire Department for the fire truck rides for K and grade 1 (since last year's Kindergarten did not ride last year due to the pandemic) and for the field day wet down.

~ the middle school staff, kindergarten and preschool staff for organizing the graduation celebrations

~ the parents of 8th grade students who organized and pulled off a terrific end of year dinner and dance for the students.

~ the entire staff of the Califon School for a successful school year during one of the most unusual times for all of us. You did it all with grace and comradery.

~Dr. Michele Cone, Chief School Administrator, Califon School

CALIFON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Califon Train Station will be open from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on July 11th & July 18th,

August 1st & 15th and September 5th & 19th. Come on down and learn some interesting facts about Califon.

Also, if you are interested in possibly becoming a member of the Historical Society, please stop in at one of their meetings at the Train Station on the following dates:

7:30 pm on July 20th, August 17th and September 21st at 7:30 pm.

Any questions, just let me know.

Thank you!

CALIFON FIRE COMPANY

Here is an easy, great way to give back to our Volunteer Fire Company- If you shop at Amazon.com consider adding The Califon Fire Company as your charitable organization of choice on Amazon Smile.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible smile.amazon.com purchases.

Tens of millions of products are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages at smile.amazon.com or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app.

Already have an Amazon account? Go to settings> Amazon Smile> Select Califon Fire Company as your charitable entity.

ANNUAL TOWNWIDE TAG SALE

The Tag Sale will take place on Saturday September 18th from 9am to 4pm
Rain Date Is Sunday September 19th.

Please consider signing up for this important fundraiser for our Califon First Aid Squad. A \$40.00 donation will provide you with a Tag Sale Sign for your lawn and your location will be marked on the map provided to the shoppers. If you prefer, you can choose to set up your wares at the Califon Train Station Flea Market Area. This is on a First Come First Serve basis for spots- Sign up Today!

Forms are located on the First Aid Squad's website: Califonems.org or they can also be found at the Municipal Building.

Forms are due by Tuesday September 14th.
Mail the forms with your check to: CFAS, PO 253, Califon, NJ 07830.

Maps- Snacks- Drinks and Totes will be available the day of the sale at the Flea Market Area.

The EMT's will be at the top of Main Street by Walgreens participating in our annual Coin Toss.

Any questions, or anyone who is interested in joining the squad please call Jay Klein, President, 908-500-0105.

Cadets can join at age 14 & you can take the EMT class at age 16. Ambulance drivers age 21. We provide paid training, all uniforms, and a rewarding

sense of community and helping others in times of need.

The squad gets together at our building every Thursday of the month at 7 pm. First Thursdays are Cadet Drills.

Second Thursdays are Squad Drills. Third Thursday is Monthly meeting.

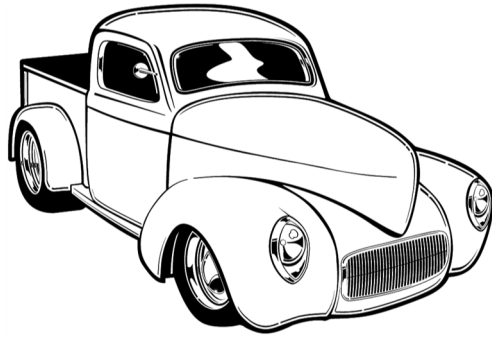
Fourth Thursdays are social/work detail.

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD/ METAL COLLECTION

The Municipal Offices were just advised that the company we use for our annual Household/Metal Collection has been sold. We are currently obtaining estimates for this service but as of press time we have not secured a contract. Please check the Califon website at www.califonboro.net for updates concerning the status of this service. Or you may contact our office at 908-832-7850 ext. 201 or ext. 204.

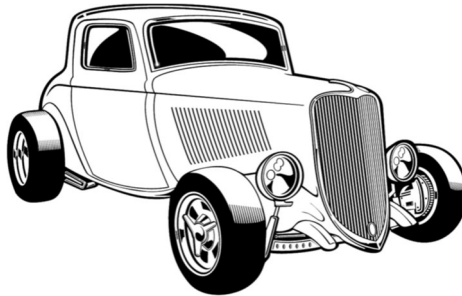
CALIFON CAR SHOWS COMING UP!

To Benefit the Califon Veterans Memorial



7TH ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Saturday, September 11, 2021 ♦ 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Rain Date Sunday, September 12, 2021
Califon Island Park, Bank Street, Califon, NJ
Music by DJ DUG ♦ Food Trucks



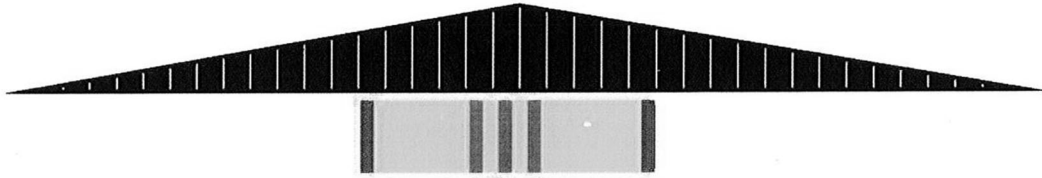
CALIFON CRUISERS

Wednesday Cruise Night
June 17th to September 30th, 2021 - 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Victorian Square Mall Parking Lot (438 Rt 513)
Music by D.J. Dug - \$10.00 Annual Registration Fee

Contact: Bruce Morrow - 47 Academy St., Califon NJ, 07830 or
Call 862-219-2911 or 908-832-0418

www.califoncarshow.org

califoncarshow@gmail.com



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®

Coming to Califon, New Jersey

October 15 through October 17, 2021

Donations Appreciated

Volunteers needed for setup & take down

Califon Island Park – 130 Bank Street

*Presented by The Califon Car Show
Committee*

Contact: Bruce Morrow 862-219-2911 califoncarshow@gmail.com

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

The Borough of Califon Council has determined that the Califon Municipal Offices will be closed on Friday's for the summer months of June, July and August. Friday hours will resume September 7th. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Please note there is a drop box by the back-entrance door of the Municipal Building for dropping off any paperwork; ie: checks, applications ect.

The Mayor and Council thank you for your cooperation.

The Council will have meetings on the following days this summer:

July 19th @ 7:30 pm and August 16th at 7:30 pm

All meetings are now in person.

CALIFON CRIER ***www.califonboro.net***

The Califon Crier is published on a quarterly basis. If you have news, comments, or feedback, please contact the borough with "Califon Crier" in the subject line at kmastro@califonboro.net or leidsvaag@califonboro.net; phone (908) 832-7850; or fax (908) 832-6085.

***Deadline for the Summer Quarterly Newsletter -
October/November/December 2021 submissions: Wednesday, September 15.***