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Califon Island Park

There are few things that are synonymous with summers as a kid growing up. Getting ice cream from the ice cream truck, catching lightning bugs and spending countless hours playing at your local park. We are lucky enough that kids growing up in Califon have access to beautiful Califon Island Park where they can enjoy their summer days.

For newer residents to Califon, myself included, Califon Island Park has always been there but for life-time residents of Califon, they can not only remember a time when it was just empty land but the transformation it took to the park we all know and love today.

Preparing the land for the park appeared to be no easy task and several residents, including Richard Hoernlen, a former Park Supervisor, even helped clear the land for the park. Through all their hard-work, the park officially opened to the public in the mid 1960's. Shortly after that in July of 1968, the Borough had the old wooden bridge converted to steel to make it safer for people accessing the park.

In 1980, the Little League Field was dedicated to resident, Kenneth Beam. Ken played an integral role in starting the towns Little League program, which at first only had four team: Mets, Yankees, Dodgers & Tigers.

In 2020, the road leading into the park was named "CPL. Edward Morrow Lane" after resident Edward "Eddie" Morrow who lost his life defending our freedoms in the Vietnam War. His brother Bruce, with help from Friends of Califon Park, installed a new Veterans Memorial by the Pavillon this past spring. This beautiful memorial now serves as the backdrop for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony.

Next time you take a stroll through the park, watch kids play on the playground or fish by the river, think of all the memories that were made there and the many more that will be made for generations to come. We should all be grateful to have an amazing park in our town.



First Aid Squad

The Tag Sale is returning this year and will be held Saturday, September 9th. They have also updated their website.

[Click here](#) for more info

Classic Car Show

The 9th Annual Classic Car Show will be taking place on September 9th.

[Click here](#) for more info

Property Taxes

The deadline to pay your 3rd Quarter Property Taxes without penalty is August 17th. If you did not receive your bill please call 908-832-7850 ext. 201 or 204

[Click here](#) for more info

Street Fair

Vendor registration is now open for the 10th Annual Street Fair which will take place on Sunday October 8th.

[Click here](#) for more info

Pie Eating Contest

The Pie Eating contest will be back for it's third year at the 10th Annual Califon Street Fair. There are still spots opened to compete in the adult and kid contests.

Email Jay Ruggiero at jasonruggiero@mac.com if you would like to compete.

Senior Tax Freeze

Eligible Senior's can now apply for the Senior Freeze (Tax Reimbursement Program through the state. The Deadline to apply is October 31st.

[Click here](#) for more info

Household Pick Up

Household pick up will be on Monday, September 11th. Please have your household items at the curb by 7AM on Monday, September 11th.

[Click here](#) for more info

Leaf Pick Up

There will be two leaf pick ups this year. The dates will be November 8th and December 6th.

[Click here](#) for more info

August 2023 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

August 17th

Environmental Commission

August 8th

Parks and Rec Committee

August 9th

Historical Society

August 15th

Planning and Zoning Board

August 16th

September 2023 Meeting Dates

Borough Council

September 7th & 21st

Environmental Commission

September 12th

Parks and Rec Committee

September 13th

Historical Society

September 19th

Planning and Zoning Board

September 20th

Historical Society

The Hoffman House and Cabin by the River will be open for visitors on the following Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM:

August 20th and September 3rd and 17th.

Fall 5K

Envision Fitness will be running an inaugural Fall 5K at this years Street Fair.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register

Crier Submission

Have important information that Califon Residents should be aware of?

If you want to submit something for the next issue of The Crier please email your announcement to Jay Ruggiero at jruggiero@califonboro.net no later than September 25th for the October/November issue.

Town Subscription

Califon Borough will no longer be sending out notifications in the mail. All residents should subscribe to the borough website to receive future related notifications as well as important alerts of events happening in Califon.

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